



KNOX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service

15 February 2026



THE HEART REVEALED

a service on the Day of Transfiguration

WELCOME TO KNOX

Knox Church is a congregation within the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand. We aim to create Christian community in which people of all ages, sexual orientations, cultural backgrounds and socio-economic situations are included as equally valued participants in our congregational life. We cherish our diversity, offering a safe place of belonging to any who wish to explore their beliefs in an atmosphere promoting discussion, the development of healthy relationships and spiritual growth. We strive to be open to dialogue and shared experiences with people of other faiths. We enjoy worshipping the God made known in Jesus, endeavouring to do so in ways that are relevant to our daily lives, respect the integrity of creation, and make a positive difference to our wider world.

A loop system for hearing aids operates at Knox.

Toilets are available through the door on the city side of the sanctuary.

The sermon and prayers in this service were written by Matthew with no styling assistance by Artificial Intelligence.

We take care to use inclusive language in our services. References to God in traditional prayers and hymns may sometimes be gender-specific. As we pray and sing together, you're invited to adapt the words we've chosen.

When we pray the Lord's Prayer, you are welcome to use the language that is most natural to you.

While Jeremy is away, we welcome Russell Kent to the organ bench.

Thanks so much, Russell, for playing today.

The Call to Worship:

We light a candle in the name of Jesus Christ, a light in the world.

**JESUS, TRANSFIGURED BEFORE THE DISCIPLES;
JESUS, REVEALED AS THE MUCH LOVED SON OF GOD;
JESUS, SHARING HIS LOVE AND GLORY WITH THE WORLD.**

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Carlisle

Charles Lockhart (1745-1815)



1. How good, Lord, to be here!
your glory fills the night;
your face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.
2. How good, Lord, to be here,
your beauty to behold,
where Moses and Elijah stand,
your messengers of old.
3. Fulfiller of the past,
promise of things to be:
we hail your body glorified,
and our redemption see.
4. Before we taste of death,
we see your Kingdom come;
we still would hold the vision bright,
and make this hill our home.
5. How good, Lord, to be here!
yet we may not remain;
but since you bid us leave the mount
come with us to the plain.

Joseph Armitage Robinson (1858-1933), alt.

Prayer of Approach

How good, God, to be here -
to be alive,
to be on this journey of faith, discovery and wonder.
**HOW GOOD, O GOD,
TO BE HERE.**

How good, God, to be here -
to be drawn into this story of Christ,
and of his turning ordinary into wonderful,
empty into full,
plain into extraordinary.
**HOW VERY GOOD, O GOD,
TO BE HERE.**

How very good, God, to be here -
to have this moment
to reflect on who you are,
who we are,
how we fit together in Christ.

How very good
to go with Peter and James and John
up to Olivet
to see the light that shines.

**HOW GOOD, O GOD,
HOW VERY GOOD,
HOW MOST EXCELLENTLY GOOD
IT IS TO BE HERE.**

We will note, as the story is told,
that Peter's response to the glory he sees,
is to say something silly.

It will be for us something of a confession
that with holy things
we quickly are out of our depth.

For peace and service,
for love and hope,
and many of things that might make a difference,
we say silly things and do silly things.

It grieves us.

So we say

Lord have mercy.

CHRIST HAVE MERCY.

Lord have mercy.

Assurance and Response

. . . In the name of Christ, I say to you:

You are forgiven and you are free.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

The Theme Prayer:

You invited a small selection of your people, O Christ,
to walk with you up the mountain,
to witness the revealing of who you are.

**THEY SAW CLOUD AND BRIGHTNESS,
LAW AND PROPHETS.**

IT WAS FOR THEM

A RISING OF THE MORNING STAR IN THEIR HEARTS.

Bless us, also, to perceive you,

**THAT WE MIGHT SEE OURSELVES ARIGHT,
AND BE PART OF YOUR TRANSFORMING THE WORLD,**

for we pray this in the name of the transfigured One,

who taught us to pray,
together saying

**OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN
HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME,
YOUR KINGDOM COME,
YOUR WILL BE DONE,
ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN.
GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD.
FORGIVE US OUR SINS
AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US.
SAVE US FROM THE TIME OF TRIAL
AND DELIVER US FROM EVIL.
FOR THE KINGDOM, THE POWER AND THE GLORY ARE YOURS
NOW AND FOR EVER. AMEN.**

The Passing of the Peace

Kia tau tonu te rangimarie o te Ariki ki a koutou.
The peace of Christ be with you all.

**A KI A KOE ANO HOKI;
AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

We exchange a sign of peace with one another.

A Series of Readings, Reflections and Hymn Gobbets for Transfiguration Sunday

A Reflection: A forensic investigation

Generally, sermons are posted on the sermon page of our website shortly after the service. Hard copies of the sermons are available before and after the service – ask the person at the door. A video of this sermon being practised is available from 10:00am today: <https://youtu.be/C6YqkZ3tUgQ>

We remain seated for

Hymn:

Bishopthorpe

Jeremiah Clarke (c.1674-1707)



1. Immortal love for ever full,
for ever flowing free,
for ever shared, for ever whole,
a never-ebbing sea.
2. Our outward lips confess the name
all other names above;
Love only knows from where it came
and comprehends God's love.
3. We may not climb the heavenly steeps
to bring the Lord Christ down;
in vain we search the lowest deeps
for him no depths can drown.
4. And not for signs in heaven above
or earth below, they look,
who know with John his smile of love,
with Peter his rebuke.
5. So warm, sweet, tender, even yet
a present help is he;
and faith has still its Olivet,
and love its Galilee.

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

The First Lesson:

Matthew 17: 1-9

This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

A Reflection:

Six days before

We remain seated for

Hymn:

Be Still

David J. Evans (b. 1957)



1. Be still for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here.
Come bow before Him now,
with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.
Be still for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here.
2. Be still for the glory of the Lord,
is shining all around.
He burns with holy fire,
with splendour He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of light!
Be still for the glory of the Lord,
is shining all around.

David J. Evans (b. 1957)

The Second Lesson: 2 Peter 1: 16-19

In this is the Word of God
THANKS BE TO GOD.

A Reflection:

A lamp shining in the darkness

We remain seated for

Hymn:

Liebster Jesu

Later form of melody by Johann Rodolph Ahle (1625-1673)



1. Blessèd Jesus, at your word
we are gathered all to hear you;

let our hearts and minds be stirred
now to seek and love and fear you;
by your gospel pure and holy
teach us, Lord, to love you solely.

2. All our knowledge, sense and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till your Spirit breaks our night
with your beams of truth unclouded;
you alone to God can win us,
you must work all good within us.
3. Glorious Lord, yourself impart,
light of light from God proceeding;
open lips and ears and heart,
help us by your Spirit's leading;
hear the cry your Church now raises;
Lord, accept our prayers and praises.

Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684)
tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

A Conclusion: Parts of the picture

Music for Reflection: A meditation on "Leibster Jesu"
Richard Henry Coleman (1888-1965)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Murray Winn

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

We would love it, God of glory,
if a light were to shine in the darkness.

WE OFFER OUR CAPACITY TO SHINE YOUR LIGHT.

We would love it, God of sharing of self,
if hearts were open
and lives were understood.

WE OFFER OUR OPENNESS TO OTHERS.

We bring this money and food
as a token of our desire
to serve your transfiguring of the world.

WILL YOU BLESS WHAT WE BRING,

**AND ALLOW US TO SERVE
YOUR NEW CREATION,**

for we pray it in the name of the transfigured, transfiguring Jesus.
AMEN.

Notices

Hymn:

Laast Uns Erfreuen

from Geistliche Kirchengesäng 1623



1. From all who dwell below the skies,
let the Creator's praise arise;
Hallelujah!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung,
through every land, by every tongue.
Hallelujah!
2. Eternal are your mercies, God,
eternal truth attends your word:
Hallelujah!
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore,
till suns shall rise and set no more.
Hallelujah!

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Toccata on "Amazing Grace"
Christopher Padini (b. 1973)

Following the service, morning tea and coffee are served in the church.

Music printed in this order of service is covered
under a music copyright licence agreement: LicenSing #604802.



NOTICES

This Week: 15 February – 21 February
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
12.00pm Lunch at Urban Eatery
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: 22 February – 28 February
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
11.30am Shalom
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Shalom: Meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 11.30am in the Knox Lounge. Len will begin a Lent series leading up to Easter beginning on Sunday 22 February on the topic “What is Spirituality?” All welcome.

Knox Life – Last chance to send your material asap to the office for inclusion in the next edition.

Sunday 1 March: 5pm in the Chapel: Mao's Last Dancer. The true story of Li Cunxin, one of the world's greatest classical dancers. Starting in Communist China, he was taken from his childhood home and trained as a dancer. Eventually he escaped to the West where he gained international fame.

Knox Church values the support of all who are involved in our community's life. Knox Church is a charity. All charitable donations are eligible for a tax rebate of 33%. Bank account - 03 1705 0029641 00. Put your name in the reference field and email your contact details to the office. For further information or options contact:
office@knoxchurch.co.nz ph: 379 2456.

EVERYWHERE, EVENTUALLY

MUSICAL THEATRE FUNDRAISING CONCERT

7.00PM

SATURDAY 21ST FEBRUARY

THE PIANO

156 ARMAGH STREET



PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY
THE PIANO'S NEXT GENERATION
FUND

 **THEATREWISE**



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Psalm 40: 1-5
- 1 Corinthians 1: 20-24

Knox Directory

28 Bealey Ave,
Ōtautahi Christchurch 8013

Secretary: Lynda Gerken,
ph. (03) 379 2456,
office@knoxchurch.co.nz

Office hours:
Monday - Friday, 9.00am-noon

Visit our website

<http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/>



Minister: Rev. Dr Matthew Jack
minister@knoxchurch.co.nz
voicemail at home (03) 3570 111

Church Council Clerk: Jean Brouwer
jean.brouwer@knoxchurch.co.nz

Director of Music: Jeremy Woodside
jeremy.woodside89@gmail.com

Pastoral Visitors:
Rev Norman and Linda Wilkins
g8m8zinbayst@gmail.com
+64 272499741 (Linda's mobile)
+64 220667626 (Norman's mobile)



Keeping in Touch

Would you like to give our office your contact details so that we can send you our quarterly magazine and other Knox communications?

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email: