



# KNOX CHURCH

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## Order of Service

19 May 2024



# IS IT YOU?

## A SERVICE FOR THE DAY OF PENTECOST

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## 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 lectern side of the sanctuary.

Please don't leave any items unattended around the church;  
they may cause alarm.

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.

### The Call to Worship:

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

**JESUS, IN WHOM WE SEE THE RISEN POWER OF GOD;  
JESUS, PROMISING THE COMING OF THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH;  
JESUS, BRINGING LIFE AND LOVE TO US WHO WAIT.**

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

**MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.**

### Hymn:

Lauds

John W Wilson (1905-1992)



1. There's a spirit in the air,  
telling Christians everywhere:  
"Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world".
2. Lose your shyness, find your tongue,  
tell the world what God has done:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today.
3. Still the Spirit gives us light,  
seeing wrong and setting right:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today.
4. When a stranger's not alone,  
where the homeless find a home,  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world.
5. May the Spirit fill our praise,  
guide our thoughts and change our ways:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today.
6. There's a Spirit in the air,  
calling people everywhere:  
"Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working in our world."

*Brian Arthur Wren (b. 1936)*

### **Prayer of Approach**

We wonder, O God of Jesus,  
whether on that festival of Pentecost,  
there was a sense of a Spirit being in the air.  
Had the words of Jesus stuck to their ears:  
"stay here and wait for what our God has promised":

**A CLOTHING WITH POWER FROM ON HIGH.**

We wonder, O Spirit of truth,  
whether those gathered  
had expected wind and fire,  
and good news delivered in language that made perfect sense,  
a welcome to the people of many tongues,

**A PERFECT TRUTH EXPRESSED IN A PERFECT WAY.**

We wonder, O Christ,  
whether anyone remembered your tender words to the disciples,  
"when the Spirit comes, he will guide you into all truth",  
and whether that heightened their hope for that day,  
**A DAY ON WHICH YOUR SPIRITED CHURCH WAS BORN.**

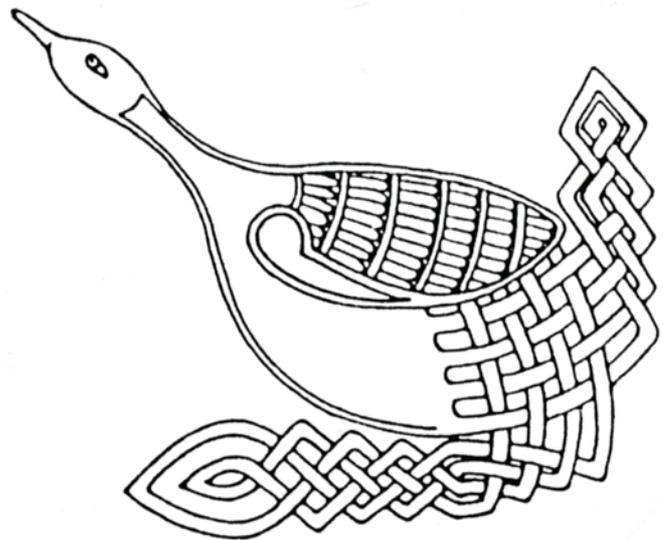
There's a spirit in the air,  
telling Christians everywhere:  
**"PRAISE THE LOVE THAT CHRIST REVEALED,  
LIVING, WORKING IN OUR WORLD".**

In the Spirit,  
**WE WAIT UPON OUR GOD.**

*Silence*

We confess that if there *is* a spirit in the air,  
a menacing hope that God is with us,  
speaking the truth,  
mending the heart,  
dismantling the wrong -  
often we are not cultivators of it.  
Often we choose noise over truth,  
wrong over right,  
judgment over forgiveness.  
We fail to be people of the Spirit who  
lives, loves, restores.  
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:**

Great Spirit of the living God,  
you came upon your infant Church with wind, flame and language renewed.  
The "tender speaking" promised by Jesus  
gave a new confidence for your people  
and a restoring Word for every person assembled.

**SEND YOUR SPIRIT UPON US ALSO,  
THAT WE TOO MIGHT KNOW YOUR HEALING POWER,  
PRAISING WELL, WITH HALLOWED HEARTS,  
THE LOVE THAT MAKES ALL THINGS NEW.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,  
who taught us to pray, together saying:

**E TO MATOU MATUA I TE RANGI,  
KIA TAPU TOU INGOA.  
KIA TAE MAI TOU RANGATIRATANGA.  
KIA MEATIA TAU E PAI AI  
KI RUNGA KI TE WHENUA  
KIA RITE ANO KI TO TE RANGI.  
HOMAI KI A MATOU AIANEI  
HE TARO MA MATOU MO TENEI RA.  
MURUA A MATOU HARA,  
ME MATOU HOKI E MURU NEI  
I O TE HUNGA E HARA ANA KI A MATOU.  
AUA HOKI MATOU E KAWEA KIA WHAKAWAIA;  
ENGARI WHAKAORANGIA MATOU I TE KINO:  
NOU HOKI TE RANGATIRATANGA,  
TE KAHA, ME TE KORORIA,  
AKE AKE AKE.  
AMINE.**

### **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.*

**The First Lesson:** John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

This is the gospel of Christ.  
**PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.**

**The First Reflection:** Gently speaking the truth

We remain seated to sing

**Hymn:**

Yr Hun Gan

Welsh traditional tune



1. Holy Spirit, gift bestower  
breathe into our hearts today;  
flowing water, dove that hovers,  
Holy Spirit, guide our way.  
Love inspirer, joy releaser,  
Spirit, take our fears away.  
Reconciler, peace restorer,  
move among us as we pray.
2. Holy Spirit, Christ proclaimer,  
wisdom bringer, light our way.  
Fire that dances, wind that whispers,  
Holy Spirit, come today.  
Ease disturber, comfort bearer,  
move among us while we pray.  
Truth revealer, faith confirmer,  
rest within our hearts today.

*Author of text unknown*

**The Second Lesson:** Acts 2: 1-21

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

**Knox Singers:** Come down, O Love Divine  
Hilary Tadman-Robbins (b. 1947)

**The Second Reflection:** In my "own language"

Generally, sermons are posted on our website shortly after the service at: <http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/sermons.html>  
Hard copies of the sermons are available before and after the service – ask the person at the door. A video of these reflections being practised is available from 10:00am today: <https://youtu.be/rN4Tzrju6E>



## Hymn:

Spiritus Vitae

Mary Jane Hammond (1878-1964)



1. O breath of life, come sweeping through us,  
revive your church with life and power;  
O breath of life, come cleanse, renew us,  
and fit your church to meet this hour.
2. O wind of God, come bend us, break us,  
till humbly we confess our need;  
then in your tenderness remake us,  
revive, restore: for this we plead.
3. O breath of love, come breathe within us,  
renewing thought and will and heart;  
come, love of Christ, afresh to win us,  
revive your church in every part.
4. Revive us, Lord! Is zeal abating  
while harvest fields are vast and white?  
Revive us, Lord, the world is waiting,  
equip your church to spread the light.

*Elizabeth Ann Porter Head (1850-1936)*

## Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*led by Lesley Hunt*

### The Offering and Dedication

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

In the Spirit of God,

**MAY WE FIND THE RIGHT THINGS TO SAY.**

In the Spirit of God,

**MAY THIS FOOD FIND ITS WAY TO THE RIGHT PLACE.**

In the Spirit of God,

**MAY MONEY TURN INTO LOVING SERVICE.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus.

**AMEN.**

## Notices

### Hymn:

Abbot's Leigh

Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907-1991)



1. Fire of God, titanic Spirit,  
burn within our hearts today;  
fill this place - and may your goodness  
shine through us in every way:  
fan the tiny flame of worship,  
drown our doubting, wake our soul;  
and through Jesus Christ who claims us,  
bless and love us, make us whole.
2. Wind of God, dynamic Spirit,  
breathe upon our hearts today;  
that we may your power inherit  
hear us, Spirit, as we pray:  
fill the vacuum that enslaves us -  
emptiness of heart and soul;  
and, through Jesus Christ who saves us,  
give us life and make us whole.
3. Voice of God, prophetic Spirit,  
speak to every heart today  
to encourage or prohibit,  
urging action or delay:  
clear the vagueness which impedes us -  
come, enlighten mind and soul;  
and, through Jesus Christ who leads us,  
teach the truth that makes us whole.

*Michael Seward (1932-2015)*

### Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Fantasia super 'Komm, heiligen Geist', BWV 651,  
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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



## NOTICES

**This Week: 19 May – 25 May**  
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship  
12.00pm Lunch at Black & White Café  
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

**Next Week: 26 May – 1 June**  
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship  
11.30am Shalom in Committee Room  
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

**Knox Life - June 2024 edition** - It's already time to be thinking about the next edition of Knox Life which is due out in June. Doesn't time fly?! Thank you so much to our regular contributors and also to some new ones. How about giving it a go this time around? Can't think of anything? Well, it might be how you came to be at Knox, it might be a nice recipe, it might be a great trip you've just been on or perhaps your thoughts on the proliferation of road cones. Don't be shy, give it a go and please send your contributions to Lynda in the office [office@knoxchurch.co.nz](mailto:office@knoxchurch.co.nz).

**Monday 3 June (King's Birthday public holiday)**, Town Hall Auditorium 2.30pm annual organ curator's FREE concert with Martin Setchell (organ). Admission FREE. (Koha appreciated). Book direct online at <https://organconcert2024.eventbrite.co.nz>.

**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](mailto:office@knoxchurch.co.nz) ph: 379 2456.**



**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
CARRY  
ON**

## Civil Defence Alarm Test

At some time on Sunday 26 May, Civil Defence will test its Emergency Public alarm system by sending a scary-sounding noise to every mobile phone in Aotearoa New Zealand. No one knows when it will sound (although it is rumoured that it will be between 6:00pm and 7:00pm). Should it happen during worship, we'll note that it's happening, confirm that it's a drill, then keep calm and carry on.



As we head into winter, Tangata Atumotu Trust (TAT) is experiencing a high demand for beds to help Pacific families in Canterbury and Mid Canterbury. If you or someone you know have a bed that is no longer needed, please contact Sina (s.vaele@tat.org.nz) TAT are happy to arrange pick up at a time that is suitable to you.



**LIVING WAGE  
SCHOOLS**

**CHRISTCHURCH  
LAUNCH**

5 JUNE  
4PM - 5PM  
VILLA MARIA  
21 PEER ST  
RICCARTON

A grassroots campaign to secure a Living Wage for all cleaners, caterers, caretakers and groundskeepers at publicly-funded schools.

**Join in. We need your help.**

[livingwageschools.org.nz](http://livingwageschools.org.nz)

*The "Jesus laughing and loving" project was created by the Church of Scotland in 2004. By way of envelope, filing cabinet, and lost shuffled paper, the material came to Matthew, who's releasing the paintings and reflections one by one until the papers run out.*

## **NUMBER THIRTY FIVE OF THIRTY FIVE**

"Jesus Smiling At His Father", by Heather M. Taiwo, California, USA.



One of the goals in my life is to use the talents God has given me. This project is a wonderful idea and a unique opportunity to use my talents.

I came up with the idea for this drawing when I was thinking how much I like to just think about God and smile to myself.

I figure that Jesus sometimes did the same thing and in doing this drawing I thought it would be an excellent way to help people around the world to see a side of Jesus which will help them to relate to him - as I know he wants to have a happy relationship with them.



### The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Romans 8: 12-17
- John 3: 1-17

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