



KNØX CHURCH

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Order of Service

15 June 2025



INVITED TO CLIMB

the second of two services
during which we reflect on artworks by Peter Majendie

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 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.

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**A huge thank you to Pete and Joyce Majendie,
whose love and skill have blessed us this morning.**

We are so pleased this morning to welcome Chris Bowen who will sing a couple of arias from Mendelssohn's Elijah. Welcome Chris.

The Call to Worship:

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

**JESUS, BRINGING COLOUR AND MOVEMENT TO OUR LIFE;
JESUS, SCALING THE HEIGHTS OF PEACE AND JOY;
JESUS, CALLING US TO CLIMB AND DREAM.**

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Rustington

Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)



1. Let creation bless its Maker,
glorify God's name on high.
In God all things have their being,
live and move unceasingly:
Angels and archangels singing,
all the hosts of earth and heaven;
power and might are God's forever
who the Son to us has given.
2. Let creation greet in Jesus
God eternal's promised Christ,
seek and find in him salvation,
Lamb of God once sacrificed;
raised from death, in glory seated
into heav'n received again:
all God's children wait the moment
for the coming of his reign.
3. Let creation bless the Spirit,
present through all time and space
in the work of life's unfolding,
source of order, truth and grace:
all the wealth of words and music,
art and science, quest of faith -
these are signs that God is with us,
that the Spirit fills the earth.
4. Gracious God of threefold wonder,
undivided and supreme;
filling all things, yet descending
to our lives, to dwell within:
through the Church, let every creature
learn to love and not destroy;
let creation, reaching upward,
scale the heights of peace and joy!

David Mowbray (b. 1938)

Prayer of Approach

The gloom merchants, O God
have called life "nasty, brutish and short";
YOU HAVE CALLED US TO SCALE THE HEIGHTS OF JOY.

The cynics have said
"why bother, nothing ever works";
You have called us climb, to rise,
TO SEE THE WORLD FROM ON HIGH,

and to give thanks to God.
THANKS BE TO GOD.

Silence

Last week we celebrated the giving of the Spirit,
the descending of the dove.
**IN OUR STRETCHED AND STRUGGLING LANGUAGE,
WE TALKED ABOUT "COMING DOWN".**

Today we will speak the language of ascent -
the raising up of life, of view,
OF COURAGE AND HOPE.

We will hear of the Word making a home here,
PAINTING JOY ONTO OUR LIVING.

We will hear of Peter, who just for a passing moment
believes that with you, all is possible,
SO THROWS HIMSELF INTO THE IMPOSSIBLE.

We will hear of the Christ,
encouraging his people to go out now into your world in peace -
BEING SURE THAT YOU GO WITH THEM.

If, O God,
we feel a bit "heavy in spirit" to rise with hope,
we seek now to release
the sins from which we long to be free.

Hear our confession,
even as 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:

It is said, O God, that Christ became what we are,
so that we might become what he is.

**AS WE REFLECT ON THIS,
ENABLE US TO GROW IN SPIRIT,
SEEING THE WORLD MORE FROM YOUR POINT OF VIEW,
HOPING MORE,
ATTEMPTING MORE,
RECEIVING MORE FULLY YOUR GIFT OF PEACE.**

For we pray it in the name of Jesus,
using the words he gave us, 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.

A Word from the Artist: Pete Majendie

A series of Readings, Reflections and Musics

Reading: John 1: 1-5, 10-14

This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

All things came into being through him;

HE BRINGS LIFE AND LIGHT TO THE WORLD.



Jesus with the ladder.

*You are here to make a difference
- to be you - and I'll send help.
Paint pot speaks of work to do -
three colours of the trinity too.
Brian Turner quote - find your
place on the planet, dig in, and
take responsibility.*

Pete Majendie

Reflection: He arrives with pot and ladder

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 this sermon being practised is available from 10:00am today:

<https://youtu.be/v9DEfWYvm1k>

Music for Reflection:

"If with all your hearts",

from Elijah,

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847).

Tenor: Chris Bowen

Reading: Matthew 14: 22-32

This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

Peter became afraid and cried out.

DO NOT FEAR, PETER;

DON'T BE AFRAID TO CLIMB.

Reflection: Frightened of falling

We remain seated to sing

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. Blow, winds of God, awake and blow
the mists of earth away;
shine out, O Light divine, and show
how wide and far we stray.
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. In love alone, too great to tell,
his saving name is given;
to turn aside from him is hell,
to walk with him is heaven.

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

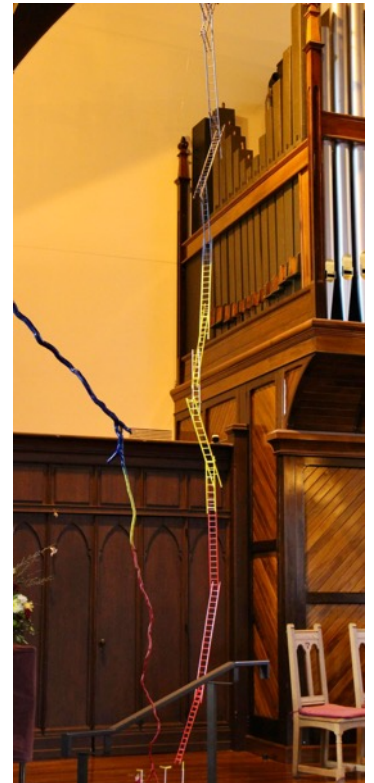
Reading: Luke 10: 1-12

This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

He sent them out in pairs before him;

HE WILL DO THIS AGAIN AND AGAIN.



Reflection: The Gate

Music for Reflection:

"Then shall the righteous shine forth
as the sun",
from Elijah,
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847).
Tenor: Chris Bowen

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Norman Wilkins.

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication

Do we aspire to feed the hungry?
WE OFFER THIS FOOD.

Do we aspire to put colour and life
into the world?
WE OFFER OUR IMAGINATION.

Do we aspire to share the insights of heaven?
WE OFFER OUR WILLINGNESS TO LEARN.

May God bless all that we bring,
TO THE BLESSING OF CREATION,
for we pray it in the name of Jesus,
AMEN.



Notices

Hymn:

Michael

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)



1. All our hope on God is founded:
who else can our hope renew?
Still through change and chance God guides us,
only good and only true.
God unknown, grace alone,
calls our hearts to be God's own.

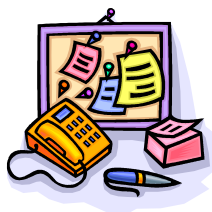
2. Well does the almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow!
With delight our souls are nourished;
pleasure leads us where we go.
At God's hand love does stand;
joy awaits each new command.
3. Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray God's trust;
what with care and toil we're building,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is our temple and our tower.
4. In glad hymns to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the love in Christ made known.
Hear Christ's call, one and all;
you who follow shall not fall.

*Joachim Neander (1650-1680)
tr. Robert Bridges (1844-1930), alt.*

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Toccata from Suite Modale
Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

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



NOTICES

This Week:	15 June – 21 June
Sunday	10.00am Morning Worship 12.00pm Lunch at Black & White Café
Wednesday	10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: 22 June – 28 June
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Sunday lunch today – Join us for lunch and a friendly chat at the **Black and White Café, 45 Merrin St, Avonhead**. Meet at around 12pm.

Shalom – Please note date change. On Sunday 29 June (not the 22nd), Bronwyn Wiltshire will cover the interesting topic 'The Berlin Wall and Me' at 11.30am in the Lounge - all welcome.

Bus Trip to Kaiapoi - Thursday 26 June - Another bus trip is planned for Thursday 26 June, weather permitting. If it's raining, we won't go. We'll catch the #1 bus from Victoria Street, opposite Knox and travel to Kaiapoi for lunch at a cafe and maybe a wander around the town before returning by bus to Victoria Street. You should be able to leave your car in the Knox carpark while you are away. Be at Knox by 10.30am to catch the bus at approximately 10.40am. Arrive at Kaiapoi at about 11.15am. Bring your Gold Card to travel free. No need to notify anyone - just be there on the day. Buses to Christchurch depart from Kaiapoi at 1.10, 1.40, 2.10 and 2.40pm. Janet Wilson, Pastoral Committee

This year's Matariki service

Knox will be observing Matariki on Sunday 22 June this year. One of the conventions at Matariki in te Ao Māori is to speak out, in community, the names of those who have died in the last year. We have done this a few times now, and people find it meaningful. Please spend the next while thinking about whether you have a name that comes to mind.

Winter Sniffs and Snuffles

If you're eligible for a free 'flu vaccination, have you taken advantage of the offer? Are your Covid boosters up to date? Are you taking care, when you have a runny nose or a tendency to sneeze, to keep away from people who are vulnerable? Thanks for taking care of our community.

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.



CONCERT - Christchurch City Choir presents Chilcott Requiem, Saturday 21 June, 3pm, Knox Church. Featuring Nicola and Jared Holt, soloists, Jeremy Woodside, organ, conducted by Dr John Linker. Tickets \$25 available from Humanitix.



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Psalm 8
- Luke 12: 16-21
- Matthew 6: 28-33

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