



# KNØX CHURCH

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## Order of Service

5 October, 2025

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**BE UPROOTED  
AND PLANTED IN THE SEA!**

**A JAZZ-STYLE COMMUNION SERVICE**

## **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.

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This is a communion service. The table at Knox is an open one. Members of any church, as well as any who are seeking God sincerely, are welcome to receive communion here.

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.

**We are grateful to Barry Brinson, who has worked with Jeremy to arrange our hymns in a jazzy style. Thank you, Barry. We are also delighted to welcome Lana Law, on saxophone. Welcome, Lana!**

### **The Call to Worship:**

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

**JESUS, INSPIRING HIS PEOPLE TO ASK FOR GREATER FAITH;  
JESUS, ASSURING THEM THAT EVEN TINY FAITH DOES SUPER THINGS;  
JESUS, THROUGH WHOM WE OFFER OUR DAILY LIFE TO GOD.**

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

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

## Hymn:

Nicaea

John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)



1. Holy, holy, holy, God the almighty!  
Early in the morning we praise your majesty:  
Holy, holy, holy! - merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.
2. Holy, holy, holy! Saints adore you truly,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim bow before you only,  
from the beginning, God eternally.
3. Holy, holy, holy! - though we know but dimly,  
though the eyes of human-kind your glory may not see;  
you alone are holy, you alone are worthy  
perfect in power, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy, God the almighty!  
All your works shall praise your name, in earth and sky and sea,  
Holy, holy, holy! - merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

*Reginald Heber (1783-1826)*

## Prayer of Approach

Jesus said "if you had faith the size of a mustard seed,  
you could say to the mulberry tree  
"be uprooted and planted in the sea",  
and it would obey you.

**THE POWER OF FAITH**

**TO DO SPECTACULAR THINGS IN THE WORLD.**

Jesus maybe also said some things  
to encourage us to consider

that faithfulness in simple tasks,  
the routines of our life,  
are significant -  
**AS SIGNIFICANT AS COMMANDING THE TREE.**

Bless us, O God,  
as we consider these things,  
and even as we confess the lack of faith  
that leaves the world less blessed.

. . . 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:**

Through the words of Jesus,  
you invited us, O God,  
to re-frame our thinking about what faith aims for  
and how to offer our daily tasks  
in ways that are faithful.

**STRENGTHEN US TO SEEK TO COMMAND THE TREES,  
BUT ALSO TO PUT ON THE APRON  
AND SERVE THE DINNER IN FAITH,**  
for we pray it in the name of Jesus,  
**AMEN.**

### **The Notices**

**The Lesson:** Luke 17: 5-10  
This is the gospel of Christ.  
**PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.**

**Knox Singers:** Come Sunday  
Duke Ellington (1899-1974), arr. Barry Brinson

## **Sermon:** That Wānaka tree

*Generally, sermons are posted on our website's sermon page 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/HfDYSTVUuqQ>*

## **Prayers for Others and Ourselves**

To the minister's words "Ordinary people, big challenges",  
you are invited to respond " **KEEPING THE FAITH**".

**. . . 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 Offering and Dedication**

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering.*

Blessed are you, O God of all creation.  
Through your goodness, we bring what we have gathered,  
using the talents that you have given us.  
It will further the work of your kingdom.  
**BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER.**

Blessed are you, O God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
It will become for us the bread of life.  
**BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER.**

Blessed are you, O God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
It will become for us our spiritual drink.  
**BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER,  
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, 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.*

## Communion Hymn:

Lord of the Dance

Original Shaker Melody, Joseph Bracket - 1848



1. I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun;  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth,  
at Bethlehem I had my birth:  
*Dance then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he  
and I'll lead you all wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*
2. I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John -  
they came with me and the dance went on:  
*Dance then . . .*
3. I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:  
the holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,  
and they left me there on a cross to die:  
*Dance then . . .*
4. *Knox Singers only*  
*I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;*

*but I am the dance and I still go on:  
Dance then . . .*

5. They cut me down and I leap up high,  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me:  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
*Refrain*

*Sydney Carter (1915-2004)*

*We sit for*

**The Invitation, Institution and Setting Apart of the Elements**

**The Great Eucharistic Prayer:**

May God be with you.

**AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

Lift up your hearts.

**WE LIFT THEM TO GOD.**

Let us give thanks to the world's creator.

**IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**

It is right indeed . . .

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**Lamb of God:**

Jesus, Bread of Heaven,

**HAVE MERCY ON US.**

Jesus, recreating your people where they stand,

**HAVE MERCY ON US.**

Jesus, foretaste of the new creation,

**GRANT US YOUR PEACE.**

**The Communion**

*For the distribution, please come forward to the table,  
receive some bread, dip it in the cup, and return to your seat. If you prefer  
gluten free bread, some is available on the plinth in front of the bread servers.  
Non-alcoholic grape juice can be taken from the trays held by the glass servers.*



## The Prayer After Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks and praise  
that while we were still far off  
you met us in your Son, and brought us home.

**MAY WE WHO SHARE HIS BREAD  
LIVE HIS RISEN LIFE;  
WE WHO DRINK HIS CUP  
BRING LIFE TO OTHERS;  
WE WHOM THE SPIRIT LIGHTS  
GIVE LIGHT TO THE WORLD,  
THAT ALL YOUR CHILDREN SHALL BE FREE,  
AND THE WHOLE EARTH LIVE TO PRAISE YOUR NAME.  
AMEN.**

### Hymn:

Take Five

Paul Desmond (1924-1977)



1. Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom,  
come to him and bless his name,  
Mercy he has shown us, his love is forever,  
faithful to the end of days.  
*Come then, all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness,  
melodies of praise and thanks to God.  
Ring out the Lord's glory, praise him with your music,  
worship and bless his name.*
2. Power he has wielded, honour is his garment,  
risen from the snares of death,  
His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken,  
new life he now gives to all.  
*Come then, all you nations . . .*
3. Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow,  
Spirit of our God most high,  
Solace for the wary, pardon for the sinner,  
splendour of the living God.  
*Come then all you nations . . .*



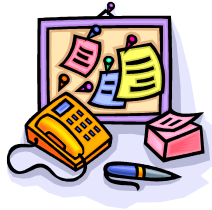
4. Praise him with your singing, praise him with the trumpet,  
praise God with the lute and harp,  
Praise him with the cymbals, praise him with your dancing,  
Praise God till the end of days.  
*Come then, all you nations . . . bless his name (x 5)*

*Ernest Sands (b. 1949)*

**Benediction and Sung Amen**

**Postlude:** Pigeon for alto saxophone and organ  
Jeremy Woodside (b. 1989)

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



**NOTICES**

<b>This Week:</b>	<b>5 October – 11 October</b>
Sunday	10.00am Morning Worship
	11.00am AGM
	5.00pm Film Group
Wednesday	10.00am Bible Study

<b>Next Week:</b>	<b>12 October – 18 October</b>
Sunday	10.00am Morning Worship
	11.30am Shalom
Wednesday	10.00am Bible Study

**AGM** - The Annual General Meeting of Knox Church will be held today immediately following the morning service.

**Film Group** - Our film today at 5pm is Woman in Gold. This film tells the true story of an Austrian heiress and her search after World War II for the painting by Klimt which was stolen by the Nazis. Starring Helen Mirren (2015).

**Shalom** – On Sunday 14 December 2025 we will have a shared, pot-luck lunch in the Lounge to which everyone in the congregation is welcome to attend.

**Sunday lunch - 19 October** – Join us for lunch and a friendly chat at the Black and White Café, 45 Merrin St, Avonhead. Meet at around 12pm. Please, add your name to the attendance list at the church entrance if you are planning to join us.

**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.

## **A Knox Hymn-a-thon**

On Sunday 9 November at 2pm, we shall be celebrating the gift of singing with a Hymn-a-thon. Please submit your favourite hymn (and tune if necessary) with a reason behind this to Jeremy (email on the back of the service sheet) by Sunday 26 October. 10 hymns will be selected, and the event will be followed by a cup of tea in the lounge.

## **Organ Recital**

Monday 6 October, 1.10pm, St Augustine's Cashmere. High Notes on the Hill; Jeremy Woodside presents a delightful programme on the Hill organ. Door sales \$20. For more information email [concertsforchristchurch@gmail.com](mailto:concertsforchristchurch@gmail.com)

# PIPES AND REEDS

A Concert of New Zealand Music for Organ & Saxophone

Lana Law – Saxophone

Jeremy Woodside – Organ

Saturday 11 October, 4pm  
Oxford Terrace Baptist Church

*Featuring works by David Hamilton, Chris Adams, Chris Mortlock, John Rimmer, Jeremy Woodside, Philip Norman and Kenneth Young*

Tickets are \$25 at the door (efitpos available)

# **AGENDA FOR KNOX AGM**

## **11AM ON SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER 2025**

### **CONSTITUTION**

### **APOLOGIES**

### **MINUTES** (Council clerk)

The Minutes of the 2024 AGM were confirmed at the October 2024 meeting of the Church council.

Move: that the minutes of today's meeting be confirmed by the church council at its October meeting.

### **PRESENTATION OF THE WRITTEN REPORT** (Council clerk)

Move: that the 2025 Annual Report be received and adopted

### **PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT** (Finance Committee convener)

Move: that the 2025 Financial Performance Report be received and adopted.

Move: that Ainger Tomlin be reappointed to provide an Independent Assurance Practitioner's Review for the year 2025-2026.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

No general business has been notified

**CLOSING:** The Grace is said together.

Morning tea and coffee are served.



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

- Luke 17: 11-19
- Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7

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