

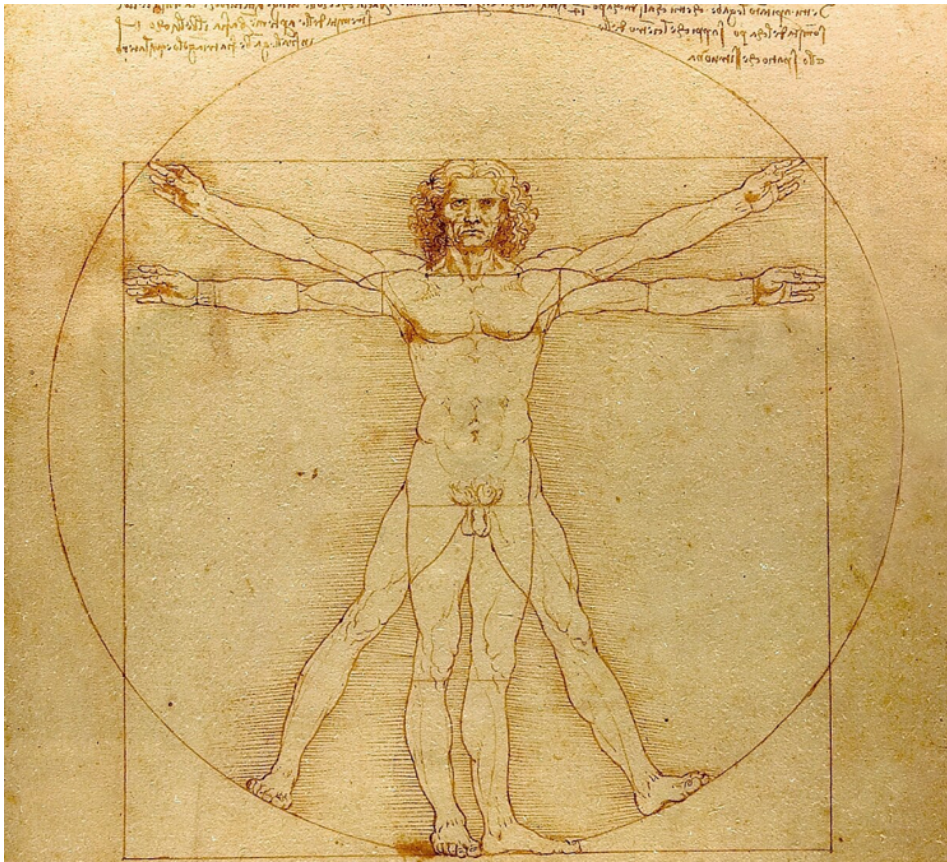


KNOX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service

7 June 2026



**1/4 IN A SERIES OF SERVICES
ON UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS**

DIGNITY, EQUALITY AND EQUITY

A 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 - use your aid's "T" setting.

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

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.

The Call to Worship:

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

**JESUS, WHO AT BIRTH WAS IN THE IMAGE OF GOD;
JESUS, WHO GREW IN GRACE, DIGNITY AND FAVOUR;
JESUS, GIVING US A VISION OF ALL WE CAN BE IN GOD.**

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Slane

Irish traditional melody



1. Be now my vision, O God of my heart,
nothing surpasses the love you impart -
you my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, your presence my light.
2. Be now my wisdom, and be my true word;
ever within me, my soul is assured;
Mother and Father, you are both to me;
now and forever your child I will be.
3. Be my protection, my inspiring light,
giving me dignity, and great delight;
be my soul's shelter, my strong highest tower:
raising me heav'nward, O Power of my power.
4. Riches I need not, nor life's empty praise,
you my inheritance, now and always:
you and you only are first in my heart,
great God, my treasure, may we never part.
5. Sovereign of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

Irish hymn dating from c. 8th cent

Translated: Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931)

Versified: Eleanor Henrietta Hull (1860-1935), adapt.

Prayer of Approach

Be our vision,
that we might offer to you
the worship that is proper to your dignity.

WE OFFER OUR PRAISE.

Be our vision,
that we might work well within the trivia,
AND YET STILL STAND FOR THINGS ETERNAL.

Be our vision, O God,
that we might see where we need to go,
how we need to grow,
UNTIL WE ARE PEOPLE OF YOUR DEEP AND DIGNIFYING DIGNITY.

Indeed, in the silence,
as you call us to be people of vision,
SEARCH OUR HEARTS.

. . . Lord have mercy.
CHRIST HAVE MERCY.
Lord have mercy.

Silence

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:

We seek, O God, an engagement with the Word
that gives restoration, dignity and life.
And we know that in Christ you give us more.

**BLESS US TO GROW IN GRACE AND FAVOUR,
THAT WE MIGHT BECOME ALL YOU WANT US TO BE,**

that we might love you well
AND LIVE AT PEACE WITH OUR NEIGHBOUR.

This is our prayer,
made in the name of Jesus,

AMEN.

The Notices

The Bible Lesson: Genesis 2: 4-8

In this is the Word of God.

THANKS BE TO GOD

We who are made in God's image

SEEK TO MANIFEST GOD'S DIGNITY.

Motet: If ye love me
Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

*If ye love me keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter, that he may 'bide with you
for ever; even the spirit of truth.*

John 14: 15-17

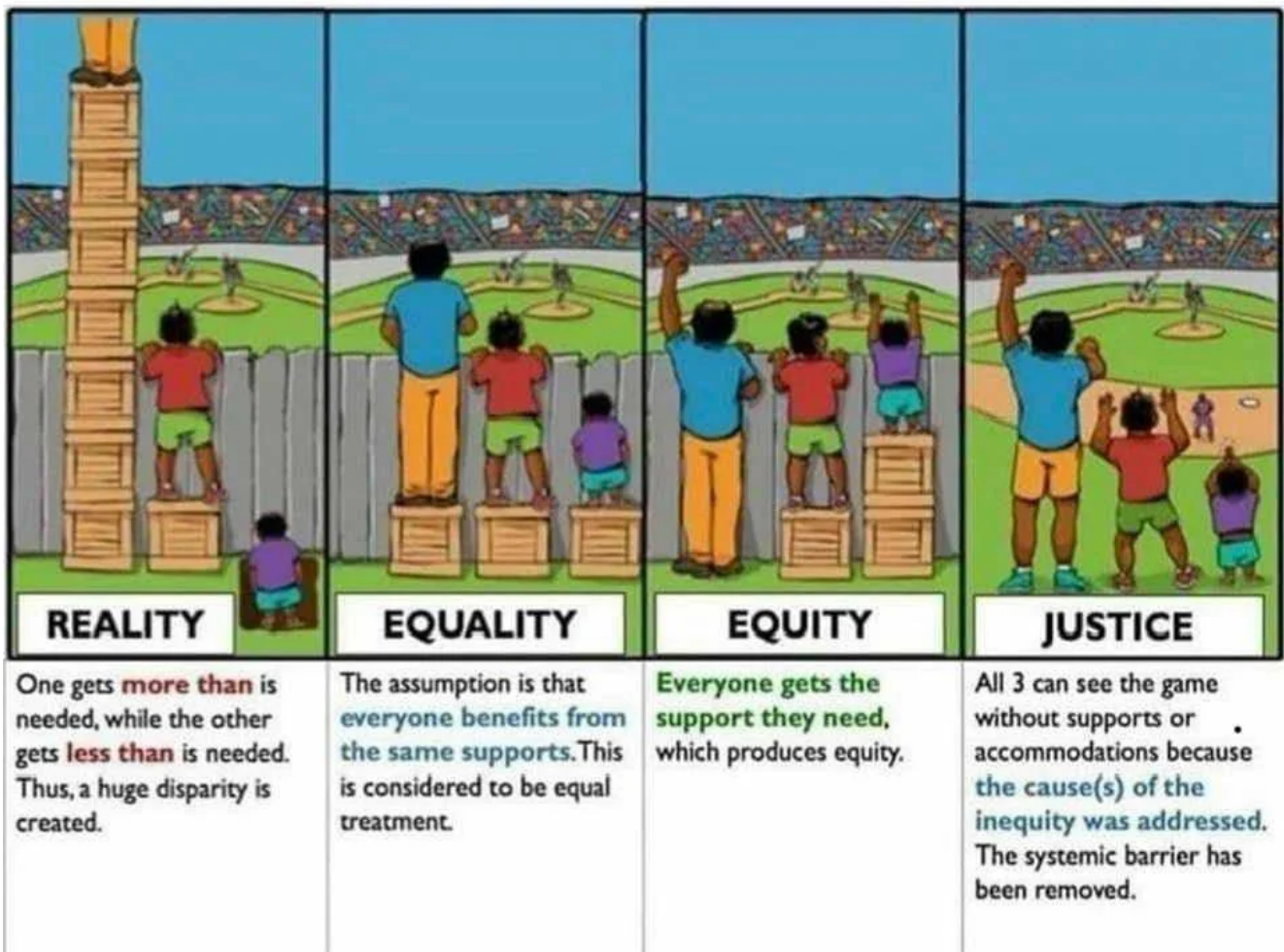
The United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Articles 1 and 2

Human beings are free and equal in dignity and rights - without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.

Reflection: God creates dignity; we explore equality, equity and justice

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 version of this sermon is available from 10:00am today: <https://youtu.be/Ajgcl2IAJnI>



Prayers for Others and Ourselves

To the minister's words, "Great God of dignity", you are invited to respond "**BE OUR DELIGHT**".

. . . **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:

Living Lord

Patrick Appleford (1925-2018)



1. Lord Jesus Christ,
you have come to us,
you are one with us,
Mary's son;
cleansing our souls from all their sin,
pouring your love and goodness in,
Jesus, our love for you we sing,
living Lord.
2. Lord Jesus Christ,
now and every day
teach us how to pray,
Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
this, in remembrance, Lord, of you:
into our lives your power breaks through,
living Lord.
3. Lord Jesus Christ,
you have come to us,
born as one of us,
Mary's Son;
bearing your cross to Calvary,
risen from death to set us free,
living Lord Jesus, help us see
you are Lord.
4. Lord Jesus Christ,
we would come to you,
live our life for you,
Son of God.
All your commands we know are true,
your many gifts will make us new,
into our life your power breaks through,
living Lord.

Patrick Appleford (1925-2018)

We sit for

The Invitation

Institution

The 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:

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: Kleine Praeludium in E minor
Nicolaus Bruhns (1665-1697)

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

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NOTICES

This Week: 7 June – 13 June
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
4.00pm Film Group
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: 14 June – 20 June
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
11.30am Shalom
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Film Group – Today at 4pm in the lounge: Calendar Girls (2003).

The Christchurch City Choir is proud to announce its upcoming performance at the Christchurch Town Hall on Saturday, June 13th: Missa Gaia. In an era where our connection to the environment is more vital than ever, we invite you to a multi-sensory celebration of the Earth. Tickets from TicketMaster. <https://www.ticketmaster.co.nz/event/24006488BD5E346F>

Meditation: An opportunity to meditate with fellow Knox attendees is available on a regular basis on:

1. The first Saturday morning of each month at 10.00am.
2. The third Wednesday morning of the month at 8.00am. The next one on Wednesday will be on 17 June in the Chapel.

All are welcome.

Shalom - For the months of June, July and August 2026, Shalom will meet after the church service at 11.30am in the Lounge.

- 14 June Richard Milne - Resilience in the face of climate change and supply chain disruption
12 July Robyn Frew - on the subject of death
9 August Murray Winn - on the relationship between religion and psychology.

We'll break midway for soup and bread roll. Everyone is welcome so just turn up.

Sunday lunch 21 June – Join us for lunch and a friendly chat after church at **Urban Eatery (Oderings, Barrington)**. We meet at around 12pm. Please, add your name to the attendance list at the church entrance. To confirm numbers with the venue it would be appreciated if names were in by Wednesday the 17th.

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 (Knox Presbyterian Church). 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.



MISSA GAIA

A musical celebration
of the Earth.

SATURDAY
13 JUNE 2026, 7:30pm

CHRISTCHURCH TOWN HALL



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Exodus 20: 1-6
- Acts 3: 1-15

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