



# KNOX CHURCH

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## Order of Service

5 July 2026

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# HEY, YOU BURDENED SOUL, COME TO ME!

A COMMUNION SERVICE





1. Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave your self behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare,  
will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?
3. Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?
4. Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

*John Bell (b. 1949)*

## **Prayer of Approach**

"Will you come and follow me", he said.

There was no abduction,  
no kidnapping of spirit.

In freedom he invited,

**IN FREEDOM THEY HEARD.**

He did not promise them reward,  
no sparkling things or trinkets,  
blankets or muskets.

In honesty and simplicity he invited.

**IN FREEDOM THEY CAME.**

He showed them healings  
and blessings,  
and liberations.

He told them stories

and seldom said "this is what the story means"  
or "this is the correct response".

He left it to their hearts and minds.

In creativity he wove the weave,

**IN FREEDOM THEY RESPONDED.**

He seemed to be to them

someone who respected their freedom,  
smiled at their quirks, rejoiced in their particularity,

**AND CAME IN CREATIVITY.**

Knowing that there are many shapes,  
many sizes,

many loves and many burdens,

he said "come and follow me".

**IN FREEDOM, THEY TOOK THEIR FIRST STEPS WITH HIM.**

And now, in worship,

we hear him say "come unto me,

all you who labour and are heavy laden,

and I will give you rest".

*Silence*

We ponder, O God,

what comes to mind about our own circumstances

when we hear the words "burden", "heavy yoke", "labour".

And maybe we trace the origins of it all

to how human beings have treated one another

and the creation in which we live.  
That our souls might find rest,  
**WE SEEK TO RELEASE  
WHATEVER WE KNOW WE NEED TO RELEASE.**

. . . 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:**

As we hear, O God,  
Jesus' sharp description of his generation,  
and think about parallels in our generations,  
whereby we discover something about the burdens we bear,

**SO ALSO MAY WE HEAR HIM  
INVITING US TO BRING OUR BURDENS TO HIM,**

whose yoke is easy,  
**AND WHOSE BURDEN IS LIGHT,**

for we pray this in his name,  
**AMEN.**

### **The Notices**

**The Gospel Lesson:** Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

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

**Knox Singers:** Ave Verum Corpus  
W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)

**Sermon:** Freedom, respect and burdens lifted

*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/1DMiHyGVeiM>*

## Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*To the minister's words, "the world becomes tired",  
you are invited to respond " WE WELCOME ONE WHO LIFTS BURDENS".*

**. . . 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:**

St Columba

Irish traditional hymn melody



1. Put peace into each other's hands  
and like a treasure hold it;  
protect it like a candle flame,  
with tenderness enfold it.
2. Put peace into each other's hands  
with loving expectation;  
be gentle in your words and ways,  
in touch with God's creation.
3. Put peace into each other's hands  
like bread we break for sharing;  
look people warmly in the eye:  
our life is meant for caring.
4. As at communion, shape your hands,  
into a waiting cradle;  
the gift of Christ receive, revere,  
united round the table.
5. Put peace into each other's hands  
he is love's deepest measure;  
in love make peace, give peace a chance  
and share it like a treasure.

*Fred Kaan (1929-2009)*

*We sit for*

**The Invitation**

**The 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:

Cwm Rhondda

John Hughes (1873-1932)



1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand:  
bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore.
2. Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the living waters flow;  
let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
songs and praises,  
I will ever give to thee.

*William Williams (1717-1791)*

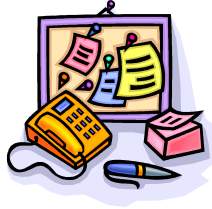
*Tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796) and William Williams*

## Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Trumpet Tune in A  
David N Johnson (1922-1988)

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

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## NOTICES

**This Week: 5 July – 11 July**  
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship  
4.00pm Film Group – Mr Burton  
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

**Next Week: 12 July – 18 July**  
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship  
11.30am Shalom  
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

**Film Group: Today** at 4pm in the Lounge: **Mr Burton** - This inspiring film shows the early life of the famous actor Richard Burton. He was the son of a miner in a small Welsh village in the 1940s. His teacher was Mr Burton, who recognised the talent in the young lad. The film ends with his first performance on the London stage. The rest is history.

**Shalom:** 12 July - Robin Frew will be speaking on the subject of death.

**Sunday lunch 19 July** – 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 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Home wanted:** Murray and Marti Winn are in the process of selling their rural property and would be interested in hearing from anyone in the congregation who might know of a home they could buy. Contact numbers for Murray and Marti can be provided by the office.

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

## This year's Matariki service

Knox will be observing Matariki on Sunday 12 July 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.



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## The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Ruth 1: 1-18
- John 4: 5-23

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