



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service

16 April 2017



Throw off those grave clothes!
- be clothed in life and light -

EASTER DAY
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.

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

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

Organ Prelude: "Introitus", from Organoedia
Zoltan Kodaly (1882-1967)

At 10:00am

The Easter Narrative

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Luke 24:1-12

The Easter Greeting:

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

The Lord is risen.

HE IS RISEN INDEED!

Without announcement, we sing

Hymn:

Easter Hymn

Melody from Lyra Davidica, 1708



1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Mortal tongues and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, glad heavens, and earth reply: Alleluia!
2. Love's redeeming work is done;
fought the fight, the battle won;
Death in vain forbids Christ rise,
God has opened paradise.

We remain standing for

The Prayer of Adoration

We sing

The Doxology:

3. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia,
following our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like Christ, like Christ we rise: Alleluia;
ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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.

We sit for

The Notices

If there are younger ones present

A Conversation with the Younger Ones

Although there is no Sunday School today, young ones are welcome to enjoy the activity corner at the back of the church where they will find toys and an activity sheet. Sunday School begins again on 7 May.

Scripture Lessons: Isaiah 61: 1-4

Colossians 3: 1-3, 12-15

In this is the Word of God.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Hymn:

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

from Geistliche Kirchengesäng, Cologne (1623)



1. Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky;
heaven thunders forth its victory;
alleluia!
the glad earth shouts her triumph high
and groaning hell makes wild reply:
alleluia!

2. That Eastertide with joy was bright,
the sun shone out with fairer light,
when to their longing eyes restored
the apostles saw their risen Lord.
3. Jesus, the king of gentleness,
come now yourself our hearts possess,
that we may give you all our days
the tribute of our grateful praise.

*Source: Latin, c. 7th Century,
tr. J.M. Neale (1818-1866)*

The Easter Sermon

*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.*



Music for Reflection: “Kyrie” from Organoedia
Zoltan Kodaly (1882-1967)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

. . . 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 have this
money to offer,
which we have earned
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.**



Don't need those grave clothes!

Without announcement, we sing the

Communion Hymn:

Maccabeus

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)



1. Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body lay.
*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*
2. Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord is living, death has lost its sting,
Thine be the glory . . .
3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
Thine be the glory . . .

*Edmond Budry (1854-1932),
tr. Richard Hoyle (1875-1939)*

We sit for

The telling of God's goodness, and the hallowing of human things

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 . . .

The Breaking of the Bread

The Distribution

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 non-alcoholic grape juice or gluten free bread, please take communion from the server with the communion tray.

Closing Prayer

We stand for

The Easter Litany:

For early morning,

GOD'S NAME BE PRAISED.

For the garments of thanksgiving,

GOD'S NAME BE PRAISED.

For empty tombs,

GOD'S NAME BE PRAISED.

For glory and light,

GOD'S NAME BE PRAISED.

FOR NEW BEGINNINGS,

FOR CHRIST ALIVE,

FOR EASTER LIFE

AND LIVING FAITH,

GOD'S NAME BE PRAISED.

Hear the praises of your Easter people

this Easter morning,

and every morning,

THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD

AMEN.

Without announcement, we sing

Hymn:

Heartbeat

Shirley Murray (b. 1931)



1. Christ is alive, and the universe must celebrate,
and the stars and the suns shout on this Easter Day!
Christ is alive, and his family must celebrate
in a great Alleluia, a great Alleluia
to praise the power that made the stone roll away.
2. Here is our hope: in the mystery of suffering
is the heartbeat of Love, Love that will not let go,
Here is our hope, that in God we are not separate,
and we sing alleluia, we sing alleluia
to praise the power that made the stone roll away.
3. Christ Spirit, dance through the dullness of humanity
to the music of God, God who has set us free!
You are the pulse of the new creation's energy;
with a great Alleluia, a great Alleluia,
we praise the power that made the stone roll away.

Shirley Murray (b. 1931)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: "Ite Missa Est", from Organoedia
Zoltan Kodaly (1882-1967)

Tea and coffee are served in the Knox Centre Lounge following the morning service

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NOTICES

This Week: 16 April 2017 – 22 April 2017

Today 8.30 am Easter Day Breakfast – **see below**
 10.00 am Morning Worship. Easter Sunday
Wednesday 10.00 am Bible Study in Committee Room

Next Week: 23 April 2017 – 28 April 2017

Sunday 10.00 am Morning Worship. Farewell to Diane.
Monday 7.30 pm Fireside Group – **see below**
Wednesday 10.00 am Bible Study in Committee Room

Farewell to Diane Harrington - On Sunday 23 April we will officially thank and farewell Diane Harrington, our church office secretary for the last 23 years. A special morning tea will follow the morning service.

Easter Day Breakfast 16 April 2017 - As we have done in other years, we will be celebrating Easter Day with breakfast on 16 April. Breakfast will be served from 8.30 – 9.00 am in the Knox lounge.

Breakfast – fruit and cereal, scrambled eggs and bacon, toast and spread, tea coffee. Cost \$5 per person, children free.

Durham Street and St Luke's have been invited to join us.

There are clipboards by both doors to be filled in by **today 9 April**. We need to get an idea of numbers for food ordering but there will be food for extras.

Knox Fireside Meeting - The next meeting of the Knox Fireside group will be on Monday 24 April in the Knox lounge at 7 30pm. The Speaker is Helen Matthews who will speak on " Israel , a recent experience. While Helen's family were living in Israel recently on UN duty she visited them several times and will share her experiences with us " All welcome.

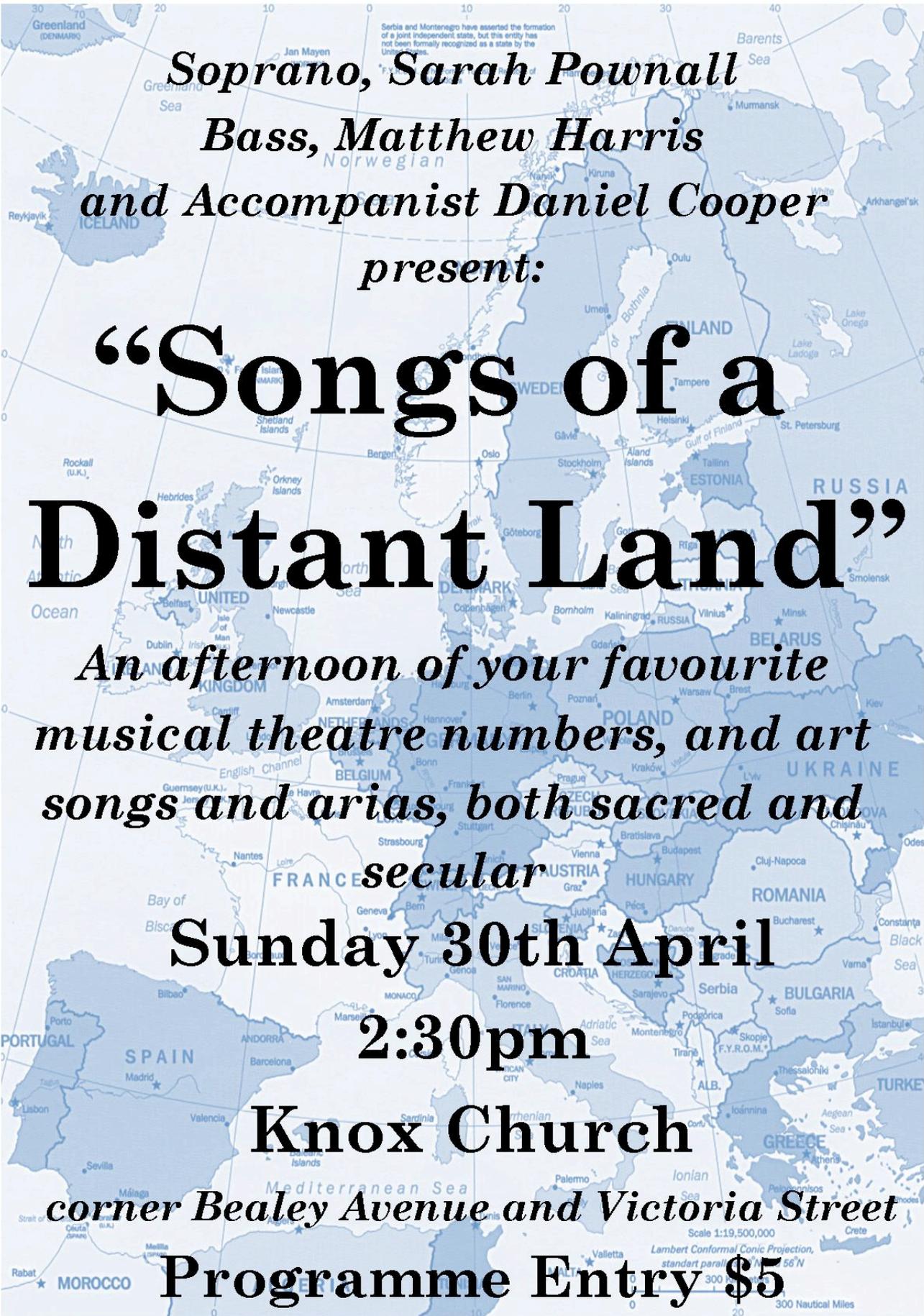
Flowers - We all like flowers in church. Can you help? Please let us know if you can:

- arrange flowers occasionally
- contribute flowers or greenery (which season?)
- have a large flower vase in your cupboard which you could contribute.

If you can help, please contact Liz Baxendine 355 5137 lizbax@xtra.co.nz

Knox church values the support of all who are involved in our community's life.

For those who wish to contribute financially, charitable donations are eligible for a tax rebate of 33%. Options are available for giving; for information please contact our Donation Secretary, Janet Wilson, ph 338 7203, email janetwilson@clear.net.nz



*Soprano, Sarah Pownall
Bass, Matthew Harris
and Accompanist Daniel Cooper
present:*

“Songs of a Distant Land”

*An afternoon of your favourite
musical theatre numbers, and art
songs and arias, both sacred and
secular*

Sunday 30th April

2:30pm

Knox Church

corner Bealey Avenue and Victoria Street

Programme Entry \$5



Bible readings for next week will be:

- Psalm 16
- John 20: 19-31

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