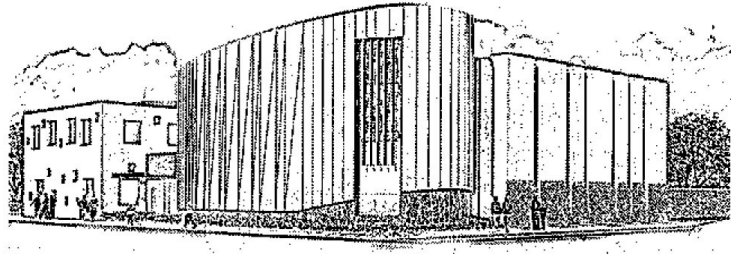




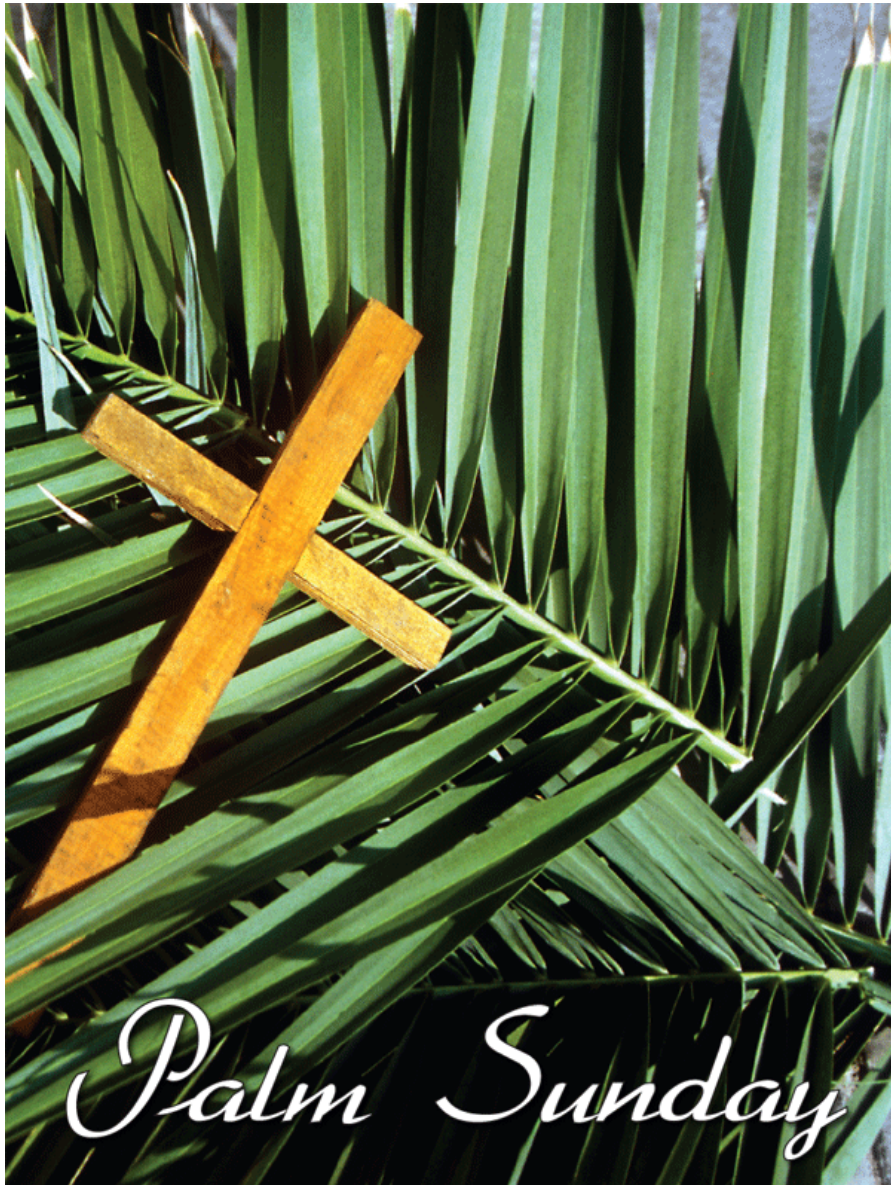
KNOX CHURCH
love faith outreach community justice



**Durham Street
Methodist Church**

Order of Service

25 March 2018



Palm Sunday

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.

At 10:00am, we gather in the Knox Centre Lounge, holding palm branches.

Welcome and Explanation

The Gathering

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

PEACE IN HEAVEN

AND GLORY IN THE HIGHEST HEAVEN!

Waving palm branches, the procession moves into the church. The main procession will leave the Knox Centre by the Bealey Avenue doors, walking west along Bealey Avenue towards Victoria Street, entering the church through the Victoria Street doors. Those needing a shorter route to church should feel free to enter the church straight from the Knox Centre's internal doors.

As the main procession enters the church, we begin to sing:

Hymn:

St Theodulph

Later form of melody by Melchior Teschner (1584-1635)



*All glory, praise and honour
to thee, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

1. Thou art the king of Israel,
thou David's royal son,
who in the Lord's name comest
the king and blessed one.
All glory . . .

3. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went:
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present.
All glory . . .

2. The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and mortal men and all things
created make reply.
All glory . . .

4. To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise:
to thee now high exalted
our melody we raise.
All glory . . .

5. Thou didst accept their praises:
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious king.
All glory . . .

*Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821)
tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866)*

Prayer of Approach

The cynics might well have laughed,
dear Christ:
a little man on a little horse,
a rag-tag “throw-together” audience,
grabbing last-minute palms to wave as banners.

**A WELL MEANING,
BUT AMATEURISH DISPLAY.**

They cynics have well have laughed”
this simple carpenter
entering the culture of the city,
the power of the occupation.

**NO OBVIOUS CHALLENGE
TO THE POWERS THAT BE.**

Yes, the cynics might have laughed,
BUT WE DO NOT LAUGH.

We believe that they had missed seeing you deeply:
the disarming power of your truth,
the silencing power of your love,
the power-disorienting quality of your holy character.

**COMING IN AN ATTITUDE OF WORSHIP,
WE BEND THE KNEE IN SPIRIT.**

We dare to believe
that this coming to Jerusalem
was part of your self-emptying,
part of your deliberate humbling,
part of your making a point about the nature of God:

**LOVING,
SERVING,
BEING WITH -**

feeding,
nurturing,
holding -

**CROSS-CARRYING,
DYING,
RISING.**

On this day of your entering the city
your people,
your little band of palm-wavers,
keep a prayerful silence.

Silence

We have said in prayer
that we do not laugh;
but in ways we do acquiesce the power
that you sought to subvert.
We play the cultural games
that affirm force,
and pomp,
and aggression
and hierarchy -
while our world falls into conflict.

So 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.

Prayer of Supplication:

Jesus said:
“For the Son of Man came not to be served,
but to serve”.

In that same spirit of Jesus,
we pray that we might serve and bless all of God’s people.

**MAY WE, LIKE THE FIGURE ON THE COLT,
LIVE LIVES EXPRESSIVE OF LOVE,
SOLIDARITY AND TRUTH.**

May his disarming, empowering holy character
SHINE THROUGH HIS PEOPLE TODAY.

We pray this in his name,
and even as he taught us, so together we say:

**. . . 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 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.

If there are younger ones present
A Conversation with the Younger Ones

Although there is no Sunday School at the moment, young ones are welcome to enjoy toys and activity sheets in the play area at the rear of the church.

Gospel Lesson: Luke 19: 28-40

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

The Anthem: Hosanna in the Highest
Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c.1525-1594)

The Second Lesson: Philippians 2: 5-11

In this is the Word of God.
THANKS BE TO GOD.

Hymn:

St Leonard's

Arthur Cyril Barham Gould (1891-1953)



1. May the mind of Christ my Saviour
live in me from day to day,
by his love and power redeeming
all I do and say.
2. May the Word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour
so that all may see I triumph,
by his love empowered.
3. May the peace of God, Creator,
guide my life in everything,
that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing.
4. May the love of Jesus fill me
as the waters fill the sea;
him exalting, self denying,
this is victory.
5. May I run the race before me
strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus
as I onward go.

Katie Barclay Wilkinson (1859-1928), alt.

Sermon:

Power, politics and palms

Hymn:

Buckland

Leighton George Hayne (1836-1883)



1. Open are the gifts of God,
gifts of love to mind and sense;
hidden is love's agony,
love's endeavour, love's expense.
2. Love that gives, gives ever more,
gives with zeal, with eager hands,
spares not, keeps not, all outpours,
ventures all its all expends.
3. Drained is love in making full,
bound in setting others free,
poor in making many rich,
weak in giving power to be.
4. Therefore he who shows us God
helpless hangs upon the tree;
and the nails and crown of thorns
tell of what God's love must be.
5. Here is God: no monarch he,
throned in easy state to reign;
here is God, whose arms of love
aching, spent, the world sustain.

William Hubert Vanstone (1923-1999)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Andrew Johnstone

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

The disciples brought a colt.

The people brought palm branches.

THE PROCLAMATION WAS MADE.

We bring the remembrance of that day of praise.

WE BRING ALSO SOME MONEY AND FOOD.

Through the blessing of God,

may all that we bring find a good purpose,

A HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST HEAVEN.

AMEN.

Notices

We stand for

The Lenten Litany:

O Christ,

who entered the city on a humble colt,

your entire life was a questioning of power,

a call to equal community.

Along the Lenten path

LEAD US LORD JESUS.

O Christ,

who, out of love, cast aside equality with God,

living instead shoulder to shoulder

with those who would crucify you,

may every tongue confess you,

and exalt your name.

Along the Lenten path

LEAD US LORD JESUS.

God of love,

as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us,

so may we give ourselves to you,

living according to your will.

KEEP OUR FEET FIRMLY

IN THE WAY WHERE CHRIST LEADS US,

THIS LENT,

AND ALL OUR DAYS. AMEN.

Hymn:
Crucifer

Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)



*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
'Till all the world adore his glorious name!*

1. Come Christian people, sing your praises, shout!
If we are silent, even stones cry out . . .
2. Jesus, you wept to see our human strife,
teach us compassion for each human life . . .
3. Peace was your plea and peace your loving theme,
let peace be our passport, peace a living dream . . .
4. Great is the cost of walking on this road,
to follow and suffer with the Son of God . . .
5. Worlds to be born and children yet to be,
come, take up this song into eternity . . .

Shirley Murray (b. 1931)

based on George William Kitchen (1827-1912)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Prelude in G Minor
Johann Krebs (1713-1780)

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

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Holy Week and Easter Services

Thursday 29 March

7:30pm

Service of the shadows

*What I have received,
so I hand on to you*



Friday 30 March

10:00am

Good Friday solemn
service

Nothing to say



Sunday 1 April

10:00am

Easter Day celebratory
communion

My strength and my song





NOTICES

This Week: 25 March – 31 March 2018

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
	11.15am	Book Group – See below
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Next Week: 1 April – 7 April 2018

Sunday	8.30am	Easter Breakfast
	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Book Group – Palm Sunday, 25th March at 11.15am in the Committee Room. Len Pierce will present the inspiring book “The Choice” by Edith Eger. This is the true story of an Auschwitz survivor who has used her experiences to build a meaningful life and help other people. . All welcome.

Wednesdays at One – 28th March “Digital Dexterity on the Infinity Platinum Organ” with Daniel Cooper – at St Mary’s Pro-Cathedral, 373 Manchester St. Cathedral Café opens at 12.45pm for delicious food. Concerts begin at 1.10pm. Donations of \$10 & \$5 with proceeds to the CBS Building Fund.

Easter Day Breakfast – 1 April 2018

As we have done in other years we will be celebrating with breakfast on Easter Day 1st April. Breakfast will be served from 8.30-9am in the Knox Lounge.

Breakfast – Fruit and Cereal, Scrambled Eggs and Bacon, Toast and Spread, Tea and Coffee. Cost \$5 per person (children free).

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

There are clipboards by both doors to be filled in by Sunday 25th March. We need to get an idea of numbers for food ordering, but there will be food for extras.

Behn Quartet Concert at The Piano - Tuesday, 01 May at 7:30pm

The Behn Quartet are four young women, Kate Oswin (1st Violin) from Christchurch, New Zealand, Alicia Berendse (2nd Violin) from the Netherlands, Lydia Abell (Viola) from Wales, and Ghislaine McMullin (Cello) from England, who met at the Royal Academy of Music in London. They take their name from Aphra Behn, the seventeenth century female playwright, political activist and philanthropist of the arts. The quartet has won some prizes and competitions in Europe. During April / May they are coming out to NZ to do a tour for Chamber Music New Zealand; hence their concert at The Piano, which is the final stop on their ten concert tour. They will play the 'American' quartet by Dvorak, Ravel's quartet, and 'Three Transcriptions' by NZ composer Jack Body.

You may find out more about the quartet at their website <https://www.behnquartet.com> and hear some tracks which they have recorded:

Tickets can be purchased for the Behn Quartet's concert at The Piano on Tuesday, 01 May commencing at 7:30pm at the following link:
<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2018/behn-string-quartet-at-christophers-classics/christchurch/tickets>

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 janmwil507@gmail.com



International Rural Churches Association

The IRCA was founded 20 years ago to enable leaders of rural churches worldwide to share ideas and resources and offer one another support and prayer. The sixth IRCA international conference is being held at Lincoln University from 15-21 April this year at Lincoln University. If you could help transport delegates from the airport out to Lincoln, or provide baking for suppers, please sign up on the form on the noticeboard in the Knox Centre Lounge.

Voices for the Earth

... a Climate Change Initiative

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LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

**Knox
Christchurch
&
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Church
Dunedin**

*Working
Together*

SUNDAY 29 APRIL:

Opoho Presbyterian Church, 50 Signal Hill Rd, Dunedin

SUNDAY 6 MAY:

Knox Church, Bealey Ave, Christchurch

Service: 10am

Seminar: 2-5pm

(with afternoon tea)

Seminar speakers include Bronwyn Hayward (author of *Sea Change: Climate Politics and New Zealand*.) In each city, a panel of voices from the church, city, personal example and the arts will speak and answer questions

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a spacious way

featuring images & poems by Andrew Norton
a reflective space for holy week

@thevillagechurch – papanui
cnr papanui rd & frank st
9am – 5pm 26 March – 1 April 2018

Some days you need to go far from the city where the outlines are clear to breathe a soulful of air. This exhibition of landscape photography and poetry inviting you into a conversation of land, sky, sea and soul leading to a spacious way. This conversation is not to be rushed; allow an image to choose you and let the conversation begin. This is a deeply personal and sacred place for me as I have journeyed with change, transition, surgery for pancreatic cancer and subsequent chemotherapy. While I would rather not be in this place I am full of gratitude for the opportunities gifted to me as I have explored my creativity and an invitation to a spacious way. The poetry and landscapes of this exhibition have been a vital part of my healing and recovery. Andrew Norton Images available for purchase or order on high quality canvass



The Bible reading for next week will be:

- Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

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