



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service 1 April 2018



My strength and my song

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. On the understanding that God desires to nurture people at every stage of their journey, the table at Knox is an open one. Members of any denomination, as well as any who are seeking God sincerely, are welcome to receive communion here.

The last time we gathered in this place, it was to remember the death of Jesus. On Friday, we left the church in silence. Before we hear the good news of Easter, we continue to keep a silence in the church.

At 10:00am

The Easter Narrative

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the

scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

John 20:1-18

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!

We stand for

Fanfare on an Easter Theme

Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

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

. . . So honour and glory,
worship and wonder
are yours, Christ-raising God,
in whose celebration
we joyfully sing:

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 at the moment, young ones are welcome to
enjoy toys and activity sheets in the play area at the rear of the church.*

Scripture Lesson: Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

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

Knox Singers: Jubilate Deo,
attributed to W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)
arr. Alan Bullard (b. 1947)

The Easter Sermon

Most years, the Easter sermon is a response to the Good Friday reflection.

On Good Friday this year, the focus of the reflection was a phrase from Isaiah's song of the suffering servant. Following the assertion that the vision of the suffering servant will disturb all who see it, Isaiah wrote, "kings shall shut their mouths because of him". In the reflection, I looked at how Pontius Pilate, Herod Antipas, the chief priests, the second criminal on the cross, and even Peter had lost the right to speak, through their contribution to Jesus' death. They shut their mouths. I cast Good Friday as the day that language failed and silence fell. In today's Easter sermon, I harken back to those who killed speech, and introduce Easter's brand new Word which puts a song in the mouth of the faithful. The Easter psalm describes God as "our strength and our song". The silence of death is vanquished as the song begins again.

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.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*To the minister's words, "That the silence of death may be vanquished",
you are invited to respond "**MAY GOD BE OUR STRENGTH AND OUR SONG**".*

**... 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.**

Without announcement, we sing the

Communion Hymn:

Lord of the dance

Music and words: Sydney Carter (1915-2004)

1 I danced in the morn-ing when the
world was be-gun, 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 Beth-le-hem I



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:

Refrain

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:

Refrain

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:

Refrain

4. 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:

Refrain

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

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.

It is right, indeed . . .

The Breaking of the Bread

The Distribution

during which the Knox Singers sing "Sanctus",

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

arr. Alan Bullard (b. 1947)

*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 giving of strength and song,

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.

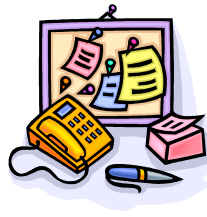
Shirley Murray (b. 1931)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: “Prelude and Fugue in B flat major”
Johann Krebs (1713-1780)

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

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NOTICES

This Week: 1 April – 7 April 2018

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

Next Week: 8 April – 14 April 2018

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Afternoon Communion – A brief afternoon communion service will be held on Wednesday 11th April. It will begin at 2pm and will be followed by afternoon tea. This service is especially for anyone who finds it difficult to attend our Sunday morning services, but of course anyone is welcome to come.

Sunday 15 April 4pm in the lounge: Film Group The film is **Main Street**, about a small city in southern USA which welcomes a newcomer who has plans to revitalise the town centre and create jobs. Great actors (Colin Firth, Ellen Burstyn, Patricia Clarkson) and a story with many layers to think about.

Knox Fireside Group – Monday 16th April in the Lounge. Speaker is Sheila Cuthbertson, talking about her recent travels to China. All welcome.

Voices for the Earth - Talk on Climate Change. Sunday 6th May. Seminar 2-5pm in the Hall. Seminar speakers include Bronwyn Hayward, author of “Sea Change: Climate Politics and New Zealand”.

Liedertafel Male Voice Choir – presents Songs of Screen and Stage. Sunday 6 May 2.15pm at St Andrews College Chapel, Normans Road. Programme entry \$15. Musical Director – Daniel Cooper. Accompanist – Lynley Fuglestad.

Acting Council Clerk – Jean Brouwer will be acting church council clerk for the first 3 weeks in April. Contact details: Phone: 355 6534. Email: brouwerj3@gmail.com

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,

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The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Acts 4: 32-35
- 1 John 1:1 - 2:2

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