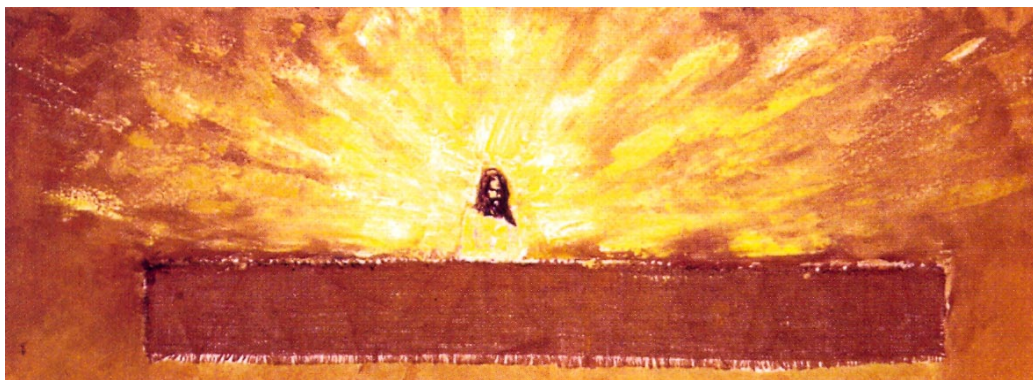
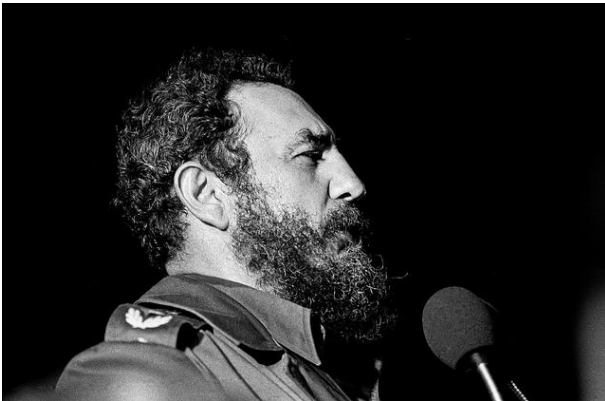




KNØX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service 8 April 2018



SHARING THE WEALTH

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.

The Call to Worship:

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

JESUS, GOD'S GLORIOUS RISEN ONE;

JESUS, THE OVERFLOWING GOODNESS OF GOD;

JESUS, OPENING THE HANDS AND HEARTS OF THE FAITHFUL.

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Ellacombe

melody from Mainz Gesangbuch, 1833





1. The day of resurrection!
earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth up to the sky,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.
2. Our hearts be pure from evil
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own 'All hail' and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.
3. Now let the heavens be joyful
and earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen,
our joy that has no end.

John of Damascus (c.675-749)

trans: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Prayer of Approach

O my soul, what follows resurrection?
O my mind, what to be done with Easter?

**MORE PRAYER,
MORE PRAISE,
MORE SINGING?**

O my soul, what follows the giving of the gift?
O my mind, what now eternity's been glimpsed?

**MORE LIVING,
MORE LOVING,
MORE GIVING?**

O my soul, what follows his word of forgiveness?
O my mind, what to do with his coming again in peace?
**MORE HOPING,
MORE BELIEVING,
MORE SERVING?**

We read, brothers and sisters in Christ,
that the apostles gave their testimony
to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus,
AND THAT THE PEOPLE SHARED ALL THEY HAD.

We read of a new society of gladness,
A NEW LIFE OF GENEROSITY.

What follows resurrection?
RESURRECTION GRACE!

We give thanks for the good we have received
from resurrection people.
**WE GIVE THANKS FOR GIFTS RECEIVED
FROM CHRIST-OPENED PEOPLE.**

Silence

What follows next?
POVERTY?

Refusal to share?
GREED?

Indifference?
“REDISTRIBUTION IS THEFT”?

Withholding what could be shared?
WORSHIPPING THE MARKET FORCES?



Silence

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:

God of resurrection,
your Easter opened the hearts and hands
of the early believers.
Your new life enabled them to share what they had.

**GIVE TO US
A LIKE CONVERSION
OF HEART AND MIND,
THAT WE MIGHT CATCH YOUR GENEROSITY
AND BUILD YOUR NEW SOCIETY OF LOVE.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,
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.

The First Lesson: Acts 4: 32-35

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

The Second Lesson: 1 John 1:1 - 2:2

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

Hymn:

Blaenwern

William Penfro Rowlands (1860-1937)



1. Called as partners in Christ's service,
called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment,
fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
side by side and friend with friend,
equal partners in our caring
to fulfill God's chosen end.
2. Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering,
reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer,
all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together,
gracious gifts from God unfold.

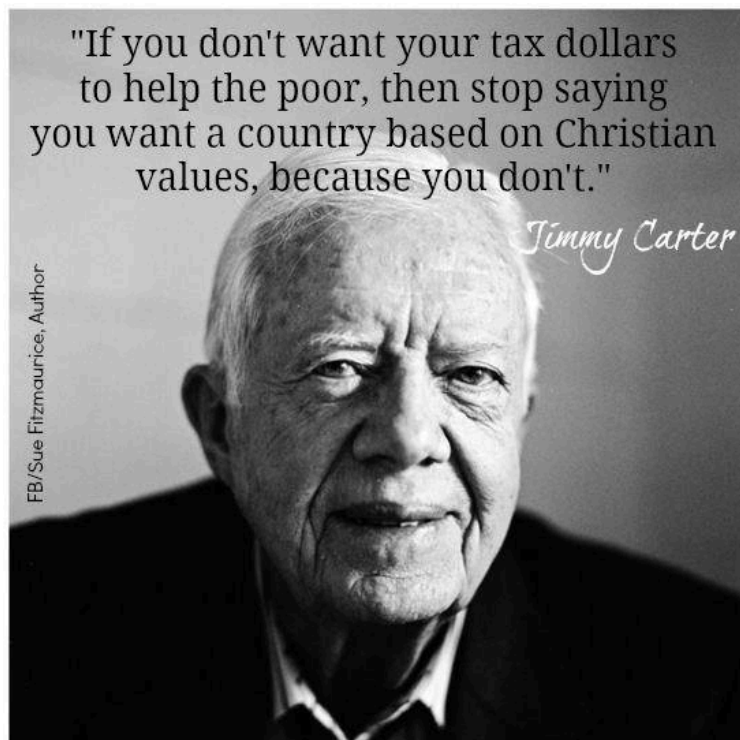
3. Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,
in a small or global sense,
help us bear each other's burdens,
breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision,
words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action,
make us colleagues, free and fair.
4. So God grant us for tomorrow
ways to order human life,
that surround each person's sorrow
with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving
hope and confidence and peace.

Jane Parker Huber (1926-2008)

Sermon:

Why not?

*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: Offertory, from Little Chorale Suite
Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

Hymn:

Hanover

probably William Croft (1678-1727)



1. We're children of God; we're welcomed and claimed.
We're given new birth, renewed and renamed.
The world may not know yet to whom we belong,
but we are God's children and love is our song.
2. We're children of God who takes away sin.
In Christ we abide; our life is in him.
We offer forgiveness, seek justice and peace,
and reach out to others, that love may increase.
3. We're children of God and so our delight
is living the life that's good in God's sight.
One day we'll be like him, transformed from above
to sing for eternity God's song of love.

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (b. 1961)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Len Pierce

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

Freely, uncompelled,
we part with this money and food.
It makes no consumerist business sense.
YET, MAY IT DEMONSTRATE OUR DESIRE

**TO LIVE DIFFERENTLY,
MORE GRACIOUSLY.**

May it express love,
and seed a further giving in the world,
**THROUGH JESUS, THE UNIFIER,
AMEN.**

Notices

Hymn:

The Ash Grove

Welsh Folk Melody



1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the body of Christ from this dwelling take leave.
Our worship now ended. Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of God's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us
to work for the gospel and answer the call.

2. With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each time and place.
With your love you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ and His name that we bear.

Omer Westendorf (1916-1997)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Postludium, from Little Chorale Suite
Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

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

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NOTICES

This Week: 8 April – 14 April 2018

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study
	2.00pm	Afternoon Communion – see below

Next Week: 15 April – 21 April 2018

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
	4.00pm	Knox Film Group – see below
Monday	7.30pm	Knox Fireside Group – see below
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.

Film Group - Sunday 15 April 4pm in the lounge: 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.

St Albans Community Choir and the New Brighton Silver Band– “They sang as they marched along”. An ANZAC tribute. Sunday 15th April , 5pm at St Paul’s Church, 1 Harewood Road, Christchurch. Admission by donation to a local charity. A light supper will be served at the conclusion of the concert.

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

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 or at the following link:

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2018/behn-string-quartet-at-christophers-classics/christchurch/tickets>

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, Janet Wilson, ph 338 7203, email janmwil507@gmail.com



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Psalm 4
- Luke 24: 36b-48

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