

KNOX CHURCH

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A TEMPLE TO MEET THE DIVINE OR A GOD WHO MEETS WITH ALL PEOPLE

A service conducted by Rev. Hugh Perry

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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.

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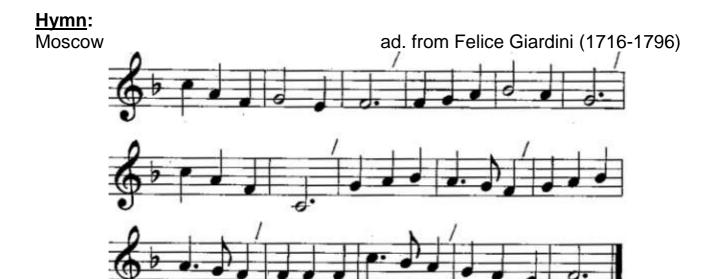
Tea and coffee are served in the Knox Centre Lounge following the morning service

The Theme and Greeting

The peace of God be with you. **And also with you.**

The Call to Worship:

Frederick A. Styles Worship For An Easter People 'Volume 4' (Ontario: enThusia Enterprises 1990) p.I-26



- 1. Lord, your almighty word chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight: hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.
- Saviour, who came to give those who in darkness live healing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind, O now to all mankind let there be light.
- 3. Spirit of truth and love, life-giving holy dove, speed forth your flight; move on the waters' face, bearing the lamp of grace, and in earth's darkest place let there be light.
- 4. Holy and blessed Three, glorious Trinity, Wisdom, Love, Might, boundless as ocean's tide rolling in fullest pride, through the earth far and wide, let there be light.

John Marriott (1780-1825)

Prayer of Approach

As we come to worship this morning we open our mind to the wonders that surround us and marvel at the divine wisdom that brought all things into being. Science proposes a big bang and scripture suggests a divine command.

At this time of the year with contrasts of hard frosts, brilliant sun, cold biting wind, rain, and even snow we remember the balance of seasons that brings both death and renewal to all life and refreshes and reshapes our planet.

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven.

(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

As communities faced famine, domination and slavery the Spirit called them to migration upon migration in a wisdom beyond our knowing that brought humanity to every corner of the globe stimulating creative diversity out of sterile uniformity.

The Spirit continually leads people and peoples to new beginnings beyond adversity and despair

In the struggle for wisdom beyond humanity's immediate needs the Divine Spirit continues to call out leaders, prophets, scholars, scientists and theologians to open people's minds to the world around them and focus their imagination on the mystery beyond their knowing.

From anonymous beginnings surprising people achieve the unexpected

In Jesus Christ his followers found a human image of the unimaginable loving mystery that calls people to an empowering empathy that makes true community possible.

In a meal shared the world was gifted an ongoing reminder of the divine spark within all humanity and a recommitment to live as Christ to others. Revised August 16th 2015 1st Kings 2: 10-12, 3:3-14 John 6:51-58

We pray for a world were all people have the	visdom
to live in harmony with each other and with the natural world.	

Words of Assurance.
Christ is the bread of life,
the living food that empowers all who choose his hospitality
to live lives of infinite procreative opportunity
Thanks be to God.

We pray in the name of God we image in Jesus Christ using the words tradition gives us as Jesus words.

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 forever. Amen.

The Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all **And also with you**

We exchange a sign of peace with one another.

Children's Time

Children's Prayer

Young ones are welcome to enjoy toys and activity sheets in the play area at the rear of the church.

The First Lesson: 1st kings 8: 22-30, 41-43

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

THANKS BE TO GOD.

Knox Singers: Panis Angelicus

Cesar Frank (1822-1890)

The Gospel Lesson: John 6: 56-69

This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

Hymn:



- God gives us a future, daring us to go into dreams and dangers on a path unknown. We will face tomorrow in the Spirit's power, We will let God change us, for new life starts now.
- We must leave behind us sins of yesterday, for God's new beginning is a better way. Fear and doubt and habit must not hold us back: God gives hope, and insight, and the strength we lack.
- 3. Holy Spirit, teach us how to read the signs, how to meet the challenge

of our troubled times. Love us into action, stir us into prayer, till we choose God's life, and find our future there.

Elizabeth J Smith

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.

<u>Hymn</u>:



- 1. Faith has set us on a journey past the land marks that we know, taking risks with no insurance but the Word that tells us "go!"
- 2. Friend or job or home or lover we may have to leave behind, in the Body knit as one, outworn truths and ways of thinking, baggage to the past consigned.
- 3. Some are swags of easy conscience who with others hitch a ride. some are tourist-package Christians, dollar safe with book and guide.
- 5. We are this unlikely people company of clowns and cripples some are wise and some can run.

4. There are others on this journey -

those who long and pray and search,

love the Christ and leave the Church.

heave the stones to free the structures.

6. Prophets are our travel agents, gospel-makers lay this road: to the place of peace and promise faith will take us to our God.

Shirley Murray (b. 1931)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Philippa Ranby

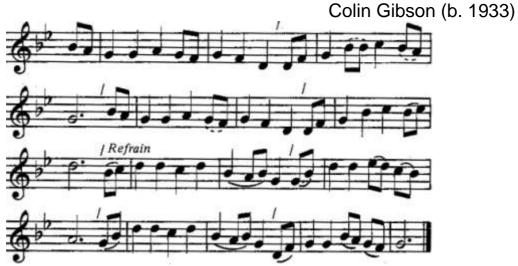
The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

Notices

<u>Hymn</u>:

Columbus



 Where the road runs out and the signposts end, where we come to the edge of today, be the God of Abraham for us; send us out upon our way.

Lord, you were our beginning, the faith that gave us birth. We look to you, our ending, our hope for heaven and earth.

- 2. When the coast is left and we journey on to the rim of the sky and the sea, be the sailor's friend, be the dolphin Christ; lead us on to eternity.
- 3. When the clouds are low and the wind is strong, when tomorrow's storm draws near, be the spirit bird hov'ring overhead who will take away our fear.

Colin Gibson (b. 1933)

Commissioning and Benediction with Sung Amen

Frederick A. Styles Worship For An Easter People 'Volume 1' (Ontario: enThusia Enterprises 1975)pIV-4

Postlude: "Prelude" from Prelude, Fugue and Variation

By Cesar Frank (1822-1890)

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