



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service 31 March 2019



WILDERNESS STORIES LENT 4 - THE QUESTION OF MOSES

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, CAPTURING THE ATTENTION OF THE WORLD;
JESUS, THE LIGHT THAT THE DARKNESS DID NOT OVERCOME;
JESUS, ASKING "WHO DO YOU SAY THAT I AM?"**

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

St Denio

John Roberts (1822-1877)



1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting nor wasting, but ruling in might;
your justice like mountains high soaring above,
your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
3. Your life is life giving to both great and small,
in all life you're living, the true life of all:
we blossom and flourish, as leaves and as flowers,
then wither and perish, but naught dims your powers.
4. So perfect your glory, so brilliant your light,
your angels adore you, all veiling their sight;
all praise we now render, as your angels do;
in awe at the splendor of light hiding you.

Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908)

Prayer of Approach

In Egypt
the people were suffering.
Their cry went up to their God.
GOD HEARD THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

In Horeb,
way in the wilderness,
Moses was watching his sheep.
**ONTO THE HILLSIDE
GOD PLACED A MYSTERY.**

Thus began the questions.
What is this?
Why isn't it consumed?
Who calls my name?
What does this mean?
**PROVOKING THE QUESTIONING,
GOD WORKS IN THE WILDERNESS.**

In Christchurch
the people are gathering.
Are they not called, as Moses was called?
Are they not encouraged also to question?
Are they drawn into the immortal, invisible,
THE GOD ONLY WISE?

In the quiet,
we wait upon the speaking of God.

Silence

Who are you, dear God?
ARE YOU MYSTERY AND FLAME?

Are you energy and speaking?
ARE YOU CALLING AND CONSCIENCE?

Are you challenge and courage?
ARE YOU LOVE AND RESCUE?

Are you listening and hearing?
ARE YOU LIFE-GIVING WATER IN THE DESERT?

Who are you, O God,
AND WHO ARE WE?

Who are we, that there is weeping in the world?
WHO ARE WE, THAT PEOPLE DO SUFFER?

Who are we, that there are slaves and taskmasters?
WHO ARE WE, O GOD?

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 love and freedom.
as you addressed Moses in his wilderness,
address us also.

**PROVOKE OUR CURIOSITY,
ENCOURAGE OUR QUESTIONS;
DRAW US DEEPLY INTO KNOWLEDGE OF YOU,
AND GIVE US COURAGE TO DO YOUR WORK.**

We pray this, using the words that Jesus taught us:

**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

Young People's Blessing:

Young ones, go to your worship with our blessing.

**TAKE OUR FAITH AND HOPE;
MAKE NEW THINGS WITH WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN.
MAY GOD BLESS AND GROW YOU.
AMEN.**

Young ones are welcome to move through to the Sala del Sol (upstairs in the Knox Centre) for well supervised, faith-based youth activities.

The First Lesson: Exodus 3: 1-6

The Second Lesson: Exodus 3: 7-15

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

Hymn:

Tenderness

Colin Gibson (b. 1933)



1. Touch the earth lightly,
use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder,
ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.
2. We who endanger,
who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster
clouds of disaster,
God of our planet, forestall and forgive.
3. Let there be greening,
birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden,
hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.
4. God of all living,
God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,
teach us, deflect us,

Christ re-connect us,
using us gently and making us one.

Shirley Murray (b. 1931)

Sermon: The biggest question

*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: Improvisation
Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

Hymn:

Spiritus Vitae

Mary Jane Hammond (1878-1964)



1. Come, living God, when least expected,
when minds are dull and hearts are cold,
through sharpening word and warm affection
revealing truths as yet untold.
2. Break from the tomb in which we hide you
to speak again in startling ways;
break through the words in which we bind you
to resurrect our lifeless praise.
3. Come now, as once you came to Moses
within the bush alive with flame,
or to Elijah on the mountain,
by silence pressing home your claim.

4. So, let our minds be sharp to read you
in sight or sound or printed page,
and let us greet you in our neighbours,
in ardent youth or mellow age.
5. Then, through our gloom, your Son will meet us
as vivid truth and living Lord,
exploding doubt and disillusion
to scatter hope and joy abroad.
6. Then we will share his radiant brightness
and, blazing through the dread of night,
illuminate by love and reason,
for those in darkness, faith's delight.

Alan Gaunt (b. 1935)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Jennifer McKinnon

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

We offer food and money.

WE OFFER OUR CURIOSITY.

We offer our listening.

WE OFFER OUR COURAGE.

We offer our compassion.

WE OFFER OUR IMAGINATION.

We pray that all these things
shall find a place in God's working,
**THAT OUR WILDERNESS WORLD
MIGHT TEEM WITH NEW LIFE.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,
AMEN.

Notices

We stand for
The Lenten Litany:

O Christ,
with your stories and questions,
you called your people
to contemplate the nature of God
and the purpose of our existence.
You called them to serve.
Along the Lenten path
LEAD US LORD JESUS.

O Christ,
with your courage and creativity,
with your heart and mind,
with your compassion and humility,
you assured them that they stood on sacred ground.
You made God present.
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:
Moscow

Felice Giardini (1716-1796)



1. God whose 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!
2. Saviour, who came to bring,
on your redeeming wing,
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind
let there be light!
3. Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed on your flight!
Move on the waters' face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light!
4. Gracious and holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide
let there be light!

John Marriott (1780-1825) alt.

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Improvisation
Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

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

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Daylight Saving

ends at 2:00am
Sunday 7 April

Put your clock back one hour,
or you'll arrive at church one hour early
next Sunday.

Lenten Spiritual Growth Programme Len Pierce

Final gathering tonight (31 March), 5:00pm - 7:00pm

The meaning of Lent has been lost in trivial, almost comic ideas of “giving up chocolate and any other thing that is pleasurable. I would like to invite any who are seeking a deeper relationship with God to join me on four Sunday evenings in March (the last of which is tonight) for a free ranging exploration of ways to rediscover the real purpose of Lent: to break into our lives of routine and dull repetition, to rediscover the life, energy and freedom God’s grace means for all.

Prayer (who still does it, and what is it anyway?)

Meditation (is it Christian or Easter?)

New enquiry into the effectiveness of prayer in healing.

New science of the mind that suggests that prayer is a basic human instinct.

Why fast? What benefit?

What is spiritual growth?

Aids like journaling, spiritual friendship.

Praying for peace - does it do any good?



NOTICES

This Week: 31 March– 6 April 2019

Sunday	10.00am	Morning worship
	11.15am	Knox Book Group – see below
	5:00pm	Lenten Study
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Next Week: 7 April – 13 April 2019

Sunday	10.00am	Morning worship
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Knox Book Group – Meeting on Sunday 31 March. 11.15am in Committee Room. “The Extraordinary Journey of the Fakir” by Romain Puertolas. One of the most unusual books you will ever read with a heart warming message about intercultural friendships.

Seasoning Ensemble in Concert – Vibrant and Exciting music from the Baroque Period. Featuring Daniel Cooper on Harpsichord. Sunday 31st March 2.30pm at The Rose Historic Chapel, 866 Colombo Street. Entry by koha.

St Albans Community Choir and The New Brighton Silver Band – “Sing and March as Bold as Brass” an ANZAC tribute. Sunday 31 March 5pm at St Paul’s Church, 1 Harewood Road. Admission by donation to a local charity. Light supper will be served at the conclusion of the concert.

The Jubilate Singers - present a choral concert “Simply Divine – Sacred music through the ages” at Knox Church at 7.30pm on Saturday 6 April. Music Director, Philip Norman, organist, Daniel Cooper, with soloists Sarah-Jane Rennie (Soprano) & James Baines (Baritone). Advance bookings: phone Vivien Hicks 0278428236 or email vivienhicks@gmail.com to order tickets \$25 includes a post-concert light supper. Door sales (cash only). www.jubilate.org.nz The programme features glorious music on the Easter story by JS Bach, Eric Thiman, Antonio Caldara, David Griffiths, Mozart, Samuel Barber, and Elgar.

Flowers on Sundays - For several years some Knox members have quietly provided a flower arrangement to brighten a Sunday service at Knox, in a private commemoration of a personally significant date. This is a lovely tradition which we would like to encourage other Knox members to consider adopting. For the next few weeks a calendar will be in the new foyer each Sunday. If you

would like to make a gift of flowers on a particular Sunday during the year please put your name on that date - or you may prefer to email/phone the Knox office to reserve the date you wish to commemorate. A reminder will come from the office as your particular date draws near. Please contact the office if you would like the Order of Service to note that the flowers are in memory of a particular person or event - this is entirely your choice and anonymity is fine. Knox has an assortment of vases in which you may place your gift of flowers and bringing a bunch or bouquet on Sunday morning before 9.30 am is fine, too. Contact Janet Wilson (338 7203). or Liz Baxendine (355 5137).

EASTER DAY BREAKFAST 21st APRIL 2019

*As we have done in other years we will be celebrating Easter Day with breakfast on
Easter day April 21st.*

Breakfast will be served from 8.30 – 9am in the Knox Lounge.

*Breakfast – Fruit and Cereal: Scrambled Eggs and Bacon: Toast and Spreads: Tea or
Coffee.*

Cost \$5 per person, \$10 per family.

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

*There are clip boards by both doors to be filled in by Sunday 14th April. We need to
get an idea of numbers for food ordering, but there will be food for extras.*

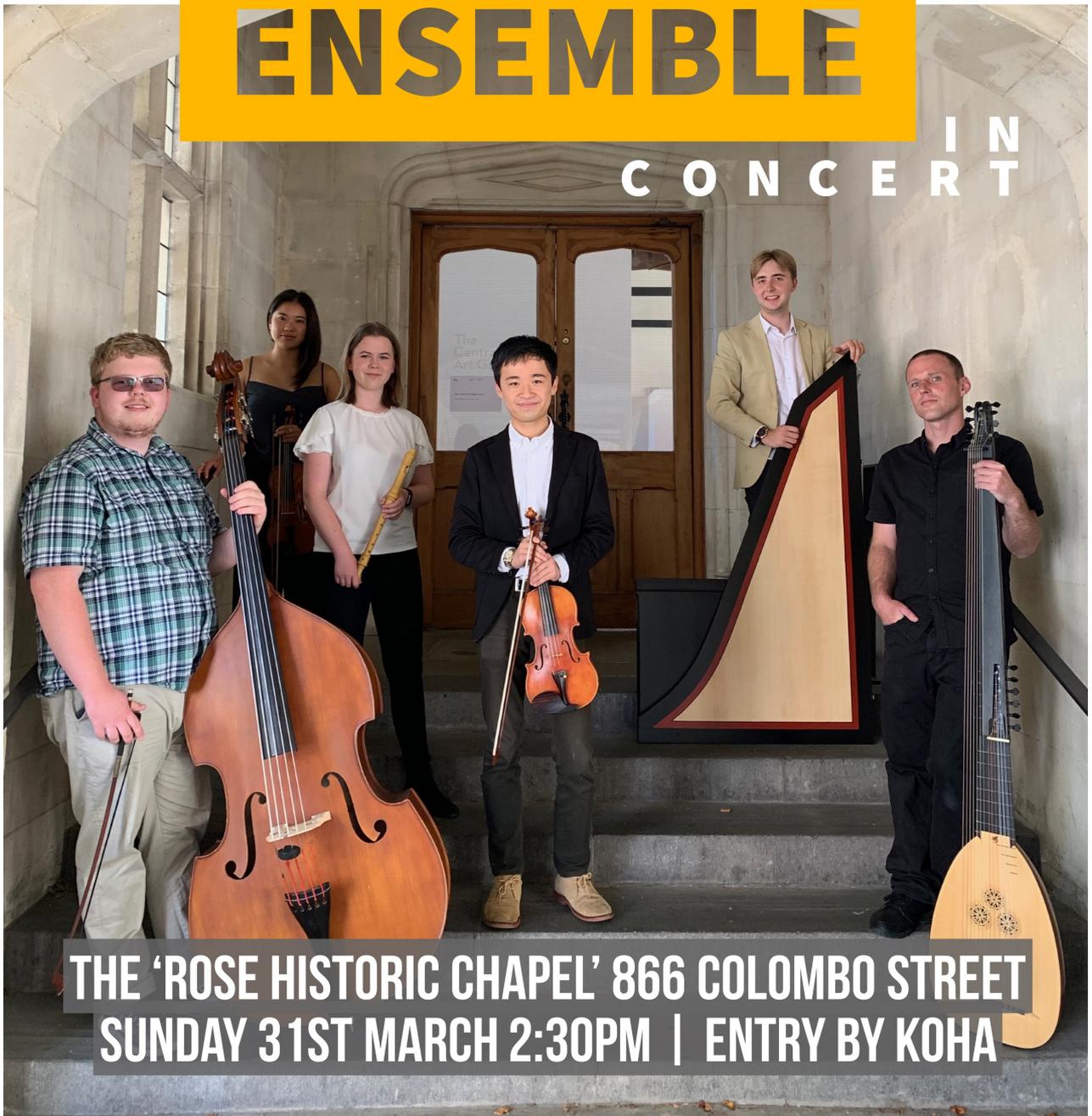
Knox church values the support of all who are involved in our community's life. For those who wish to contribute financially, charitable donations are eligible for a tax rebate of 33%. Options are available for giving; for information please contact our Donation Secretary, Janet Wilson, ph 338 7203, email janmwil507@gmail.com

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Remaining Lenten Services



Sunday 7 April - Lent 5

On the verge of entering their own place, the people of Israel say goodbye to manna - the fading food by which God has fed them over the wilderness years. As wilderness provision passes away, there is a new light on the horizon.



Sunday 14 April - Palm Sunday

At a combined service with Durham Street Methodist Church, we follow Jesus as his triumphal entry into Jerusalem triggers his costly Passion.



Thursday 18 April - Tenebrae

“Shelter”. On the night on which he is betrayed, the Lord of the Wilderness assures his “close ones” of shelter in a love that will never die. We break bread together, then gradually darken the church as the Shadow Passages are read.



Friday 19 April - Good Friday

“Death in the Wilderness” - a solemn service in which we revisit some of our Lenten wilderness reflections, and mourn a death in the ultimate wilderness of betrayal and misunderstanding.



Sunday 21 April - Easter Day

“A Flood of Life” - the darkness is flooded with light; the tomb is flooded with life; the wilderness bursts into colour, wonder and worship. We break bread with the risen Christ.



The Bible reading for next week will be:

- Joshua 5: 9-12

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