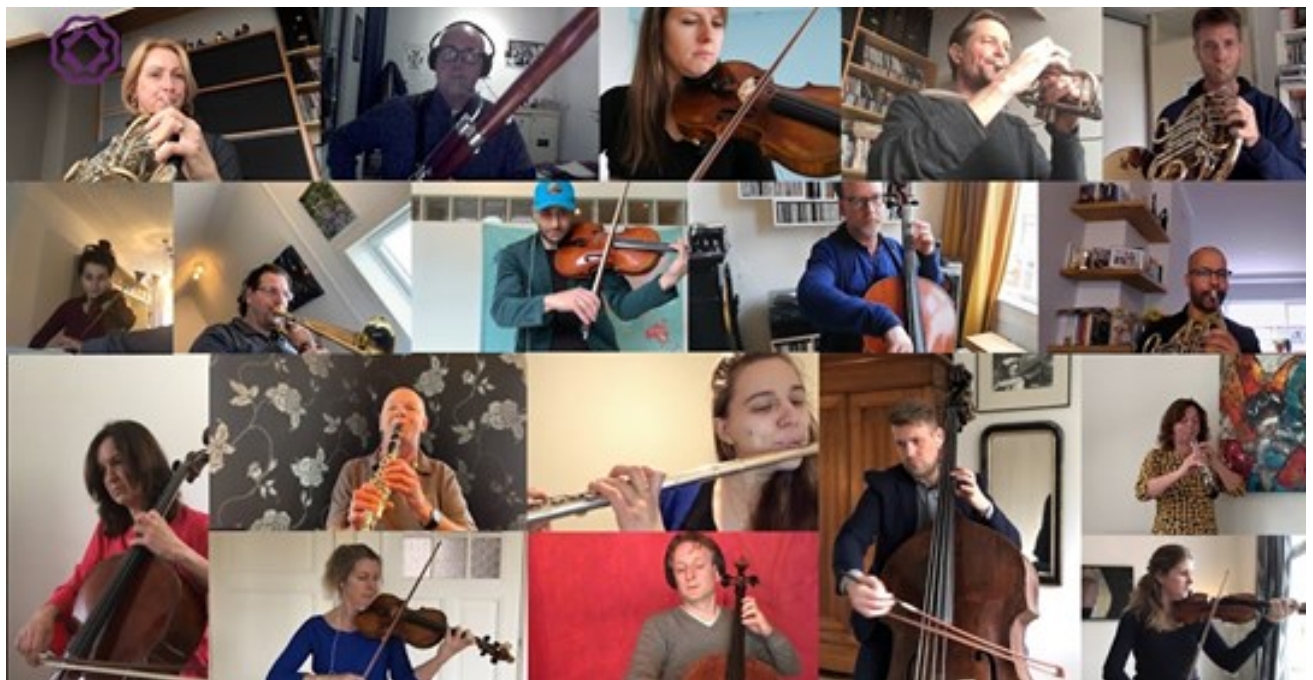




KNØX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service 29 March 2020



SOUNDS OF LIFE

encouragement during a time of isolation

a home-made video recording of this service
has been posted on youtube:

go to: <https://youtu.be/uGz3hXOmo98>

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.

We take care to use inclusive language in our services. References to God in traditional prayers and hymns may sometimes be gender-specific. As we pray and sing together, you're invited to adapt the words we've chosen. When we pray the "Lord's prayer", feel free to pray in your first language.

The image on the front of the order of service features members of the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra. Each, from their own home isolation, sent in their part, forming a fine audio and video-mixed rendition of Beethoven's Ode to Joy.

The video can be watched at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3eXT60rbBVk&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR1IEdbEpFNUz7KvuirEJq8nJBmLf_h7EYo_MwDLBgTbrE76H0Gzqz_FrL8

The Call to Worship:

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

JESUS, PRESENT AMONG US AS WE GATHER;

JESUS, IN WHOM DRY OLD BONES FIND LIFE;

JESUS, BLESSING US THIS DAY WITH ALL-SUFFICIENT GRACE.

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

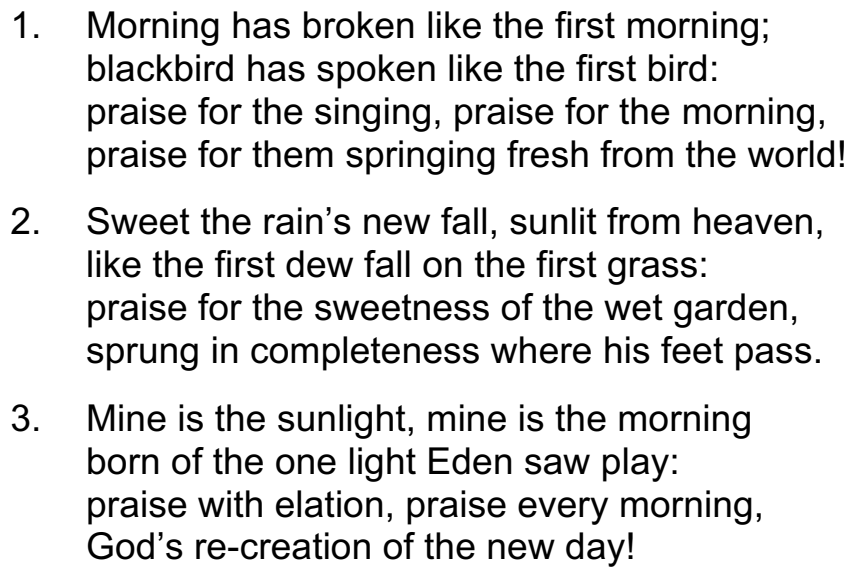
MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Bunessan

Gaelic traditional melody





Prayer of Approach

Silence

**IN DIFFICULT TIMES,
IT GIVES US HOPE
AND MAKES US WELL.**

Silence

Within the story, O God,
we find Ezekiel's vision of a valley of dry bones -
of people who have ceased to breathe and live.
We acknowledge that sometimes we have contributed,
through thought, word and deed,
to making the world a dry and dead valley.
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:

God of breath and life,
you called Ezekiel to survey
a valley of dry old bones;
you called him then to declare life
and hope and praise.

**ENABLE US,
IN OUR DRY VALLEY TIMES,
TO BE LIVING, BREATHING,
AGENTS OF LIFE AND HOPE.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,
using the words he gave 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.

The Bible Lesson: Ezekiel 37: 1-14

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

Music for Reflection: Larghetto No 2
Caleb Simper (1856-1942)

Sermon: Can they live?

Generally, sermons are posted on our website shortly after the service at: <http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/sermons.html>

Anthem: The Prayer of St Richard of Chichester
L. J. White (1910-1970)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*To the minister's words, "Into old bones, O God",
you are invited to respond, "**BREATHE YOUR GIFT OF LIFE**".*

The Offering and Dedication

From many different places,
WE MAKE OUR UNITED OFFERING.

In isolating times,
**MAY WE STILL SERVE GOD,
BRINGING LIFE TO DRY OLD BONES,
AMEN.**

Lenten Litany:

O Christ, you bring the hope of life
to our multiple assumptions of death;
you bid us come along.
Along the Lenten path,
LEAD US, LORD JESUS.

O Christ,
you put within our world the early sounds of life,
giving us ears that are open to things of the Spirit.
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:

Cwm Rhondda

John Hughes (1873-1932)



1. Guide me O thou great Jehovah
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.
2. Open now the crystal fountain
whence the living waters flow,
let the fiery, cloudy pillar

lead me all my journey through.
 Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
 be thou still my strength and shield,
 be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
 bid my anxious fears subside,
 death of death, and hell's destruction,
 land me safe on Caanan's side.
 Songs and praises, songs and praises,
 I will ever give to thee,
 I will ever give to thee.

William Williams (1717-1791)









































Tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796) and William Williams






Benediction and **Sung Amen**

Postlude: March No 4 in G Major
 Caleb Simper (1856-1942)

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SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19, FLU AND COLD

	 DRY COUGH	 FEVER	 RUNNY NOSE	 SORE THROAT	 BREATH- LESSNESS	 HEADACHE	 BODY ACHES	 SNEEZE	 FATIGUE	 DIARRHOEA
COVID -19										
FLU										
COLD										

 FREQUENTLY
  SOMETIMES
  LITTLE
  RARE
  NOT

Managing Covid-19 Coronavirus

If you're feeling unwell, and needing to seek medical advice, please don't just turn up at the medical centre - but ring ahead and ask how you might be received.

It is said, at this time, that an important thing is the washing of hands. Whenever you've been out, please wash your hand thoroughly - with soap for at least twenty seconds, drying your hands well afterwards. Hand washing advice is available at: <https://covid19.govt.nz/how-were-uniting/wash-your-hands>

Practical advice on self-isolation is available at: <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-health-advice-general-public/covid-19-self-isolation>

And at the end - you belong to a community that cares about you, and wants to keep vital your being part of the vine. "I am the vine, and you are the branches", said Jesus. Especially in times of compromised connectivity, we need to "stay in the vine". We're developing a telephone tree - let us know if you'd like to be part of it.



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Matthew 21: 1-11
- John 15: 1-7

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