



KNØX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service 21 March 2021



Marc Chagall, Artist Crucified, 1941-42

OLD LOVE, NEW EXPRESSION

a second covenant, a cross, and looking on to Easter

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.

Please don't leave any items unattended around the church;
they may cause alarm.

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 Call to Worship:

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

**JESUS, MAKING REAL AGAIN THE PROMISE OF GOD;
JESUS, COURAGEOUSLY TAKING UP THE BANNER OF LOVE;
JESUS, ONE FATAL STEP CLOSER TO HIS EASTER GLORY.**

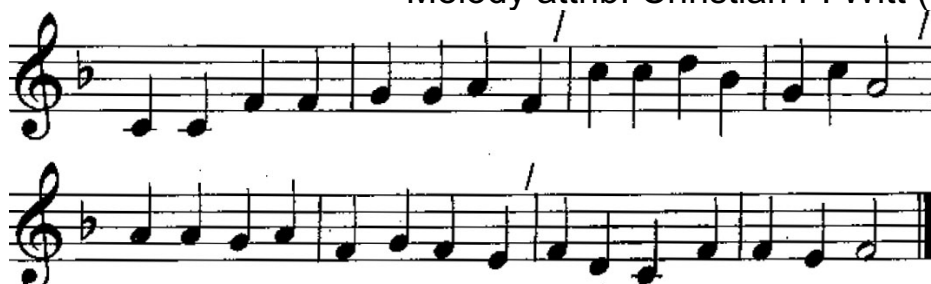
Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Stuttgart

Melody attrib. Christian F. Witt (1660-1716)



1. In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.
2. Through the cross, Christ's love empowers us
worldliness and self deny;
by his Spirit it inspires us
him, through love, to glorify.
3. When the woes of life o'ertake us,
hopes deceive and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake us,
from it shines our peace and joy.
4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.
5. In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

John Bowring (1792-1872), alt.

Prayer of Approach

The cross
that a while ago seemed far on the horizon,
now seems closer.

We wonder whether now
we can see its knots and patterns of grain.

IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST WE GLORY.

From this closing distance,
with its subtleties being revealed,
is it beautiful or vile?

Surely vile!

No writing in shining letters upon it that "God is love".

Just pain and pain,
and weight and woe.

IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST WE GLORY.

So why he, the beloved of God,
should be going on before us,
to shorten the distance again,
we do not know.

He goes closer to this dangerous thing
as if there may be some beauty to be wrought.

IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST WE GLORY.

Stop there, Jesus!

Hold back, Jesus!

Come back, Jesus!

Yet, blinded by love,
again and again,
he does it.

It's folly to Greeks and madness to the wise.

IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST WE GLORY.

Silence

God of love,
when you write your promise on the human heart
there comes all manner of emptying of self.
There comes the dying of the seed
for the bearing of fruit.

IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST WE GLORY.

Because it is strange and scary,
we turn away.

We choose a way of lesser cost,
saying "he's on his own",
"they're on their own",
"we're all on our own",
and love is failing.

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 determined love,
one momentous failure
was not enough to daunt your spirit.
You renewed your covenant with humanity
through the life of Jesus.

**MAY WE CONTINUE YOUR DETERMINATION
BY FOLLOWING CHRIST
ALONG THE WAYS OF LOVE.**

We pray this in his name,
using the words he gave us, saying:

**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.

*Our next Sunday School day is 28 March, next Sunday. Today the young ones,
under the loving care of their significant adults, are welcome to enjoy the play
area at the back of the church.*

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

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

The Gospel Lesson: John 12: 20-33

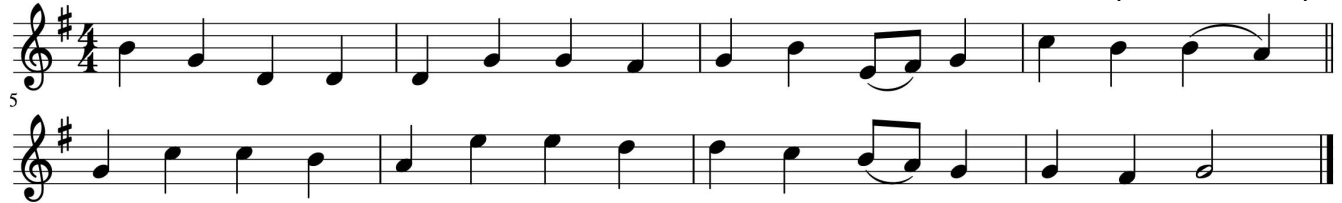
This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

Hymn:

Cross of Jesus

John Stainer (1840-1901)



1. Womb of life and source of being,
home of every restless heart,
in your arms the world awakened;
you have loved us from the start.
2. We, your children, gather round you
in the house you have prepared.
Sharing stories, tears and laughter,
we are nurtured by your care.
3. Word in flesh, our brother Jesus,
born to bring us second birth,
you have come to stand beside us,
knowing weakness, knowing earth.
4. Christ who shares our human struggles,
Life of life, and Death of death,
risen One, come stand among us,
send the Spirit by your breath.
5. Brooding Spirit, move among us;
be our partner, be our friend.
When our memory fails, remind us
whose we are, what we intend.
6. Labour with us, aid the birthing
of the new world yet to be,
free from status and division,
free for love and unity.

Ruth Duck (b. 1947)

Sermon:

I'd do it again

A video of this sermon being practised has been uploaded to YouTube, and the link will go live at 10:00am today. Go to:
<https://youtu.be/njMVE0RI8JI>

*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

Hymn:

All for Jesus

John Stainer (1840-1901)



1. Tree of Life and awesome mystery,
in your death we are reborn;
though you die in all of history,
still you rise with every morn.
2. Seed that dies to rise in glory,
may we see ourselves in you;
if we learn to live your story
we may die to rise anew.
3. We remember truth once spoken,
love passed on through act and word;
every person lost and broken
wear the body of our Lord.
4. Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit,
come inflame our hearts anew;
may we all your joy inherit
as we bear the cross with you.
5. Christ, you lead and we shall follow,
stumbling though our steps may be;
one with you in joy and sorrow,
we the river, you the sea.

Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Lesley Hunt

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

Along with the money and food already presented,
and the automatic payments already made,
we offer our gifts,

**PRAYING THAT WE MIGHT JOIN CHRIST
IN RE-EXPRESSING THE LOVE OF GOD
IN OUR WORLD THIS WEEK.
AMEN.**

Notices

We stand for

The Lenten Litany:

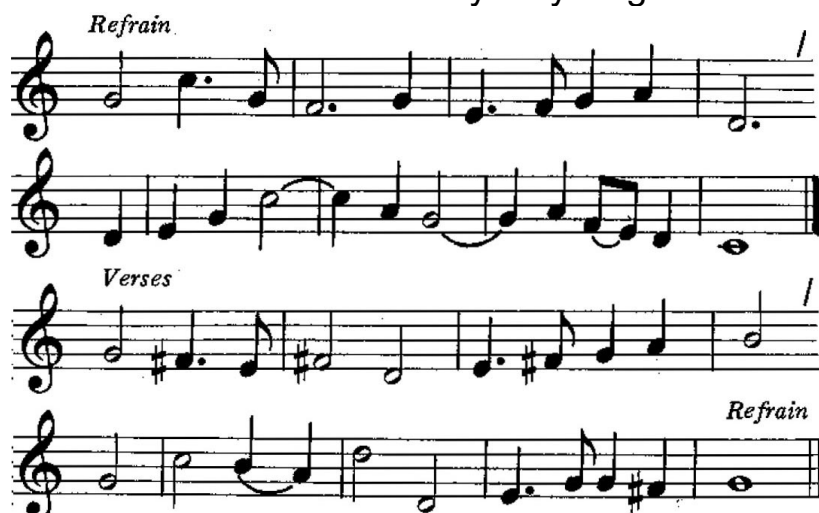
O Christ,
you are God's recommitment
to love the human family.
You offer yourself in love to the world.
Along the Lenten path,
LEAD US LORD JESUS.

O Christ,
allowing the promise of God
to be written on your heart,
then you offered your heart
to those who would love and follow you.
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:
Crucifer

Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)



*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
'Till all the world adore his glorious name!*

1. Come Christian people, sing your praises, shout!
If we are silent, even stones cry out . . .
2. Jesus, you wept to see our human strife,
Teach us compassion for each human life . . .
3. Peace was your plea and peace your loving theme
Let peace be our passport, peace a living dream . . .
4. Great is the cost of walking on this road,
To follow and suffer with the Son of God . . .
5. Worlds to be born and children yet to be
Come, take up this song into eternity . . .

Shirley Murray (1931-2020)

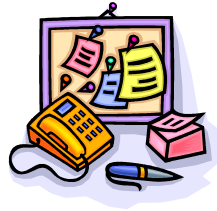
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Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude

Following the service, morning tea and coffee are served in the church

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NOTICES

This Week: 21 March - 27 March 2021

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: 28 March – 3 April 2021

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
11.15am Knox Book Group – **see below**
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Book Group, Sunday 28 March 11.15am – Meeting in the Lounge. **Two Steps Forward** by Australian husband and wife Graeme Simsion and Anne Buist. It follows the journey of two people on the Camino de Santiago.

End of Financial Year - The end of the financial year is rapidly approaching, which means that soon afterwards all donors to registered charities like Knox Church will be able to apply to the IRD for a refund of one third of the amount of their donations for the year. If you've been thinking of making a donation to Knox why not do it before the end of March and be able to get your refund a month or so afterwards? The recent Knox Life gives you several ways to make a donation. Just make sure we know your name so that we can send you the all-important receipt! **Janet Wilson. Donation Secretary.**

Lenten Programme 2021 - Experiencing Jesus - Based on the writing of N.J. Scholar Marcus Borg (author of 'Meeting Jesus for the first time'). This relaxed small group setting is an opportunity to answer Jesus' questions to the disciples, 'Who do you say I am' in the light of 21st Century experience. **Time:** Sunday Mornings **BEFORE** worship 9am – 9.45 am. **Dates:** Pre Easter Jesus March 7, 14, 21; Past Easter Jesus April 11, 18. Yes, it is different being before church but it's also a nice and fresh way to start Sunday. The season is still warm! Think about it. **Len Pierce**

Coming Easter Services:

28th March - Palm Sunday (meet in Knox Lounge to receive palm branches)
1st April - Tenebrae Service at Aldersgate, 7.30pm
2nd April - Good Friday Service Knox, 10am
4th April - Easter Day Breakfast Knox Lounge, 8.30 – 9.00am
4th April - Easter Day Communion, 10am



EASTER DAY BREAKFAST APRIL 4, 2021



As we have done in other years, we will be celebrating Easter Day with breakfast on Easter Day April 4.

Breakfast will be served from 8.30 – 9.00 am in the Knox Lounge.
Breakfast—Fruit and Cereal: Scrambled Eggs and Bacon: Toast and Spread:
Tea, Coffee

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

There are clip boards by both doors to be filled in by Sunday March 28. 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. Knox Church is a charity. All charitable donations are eligible for a tax rebate of 33%. Bank account 03 1705 0029641 00. Put your name in the reference field and email your contact details to the office or donations secretary. For further information or options contact: office@knoxchurch.co.nz Ph 3792456 or Janet Wilson, Donations Secretary janmwil507@gmail.com Ph 338 7203.



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Mark 11: 1-11
- Philippians 2: 5-11

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