



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service

18 April, 2021



**I WILL LIE DOWN
AND SLEEP IN PEACE,
FOR GOD GIVES ME SAFETY**

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, IN WHOSE COMPANY WE LEARN THE CARING OF GOD;

JESUS, IN WHOSE FEARFUL PEACE WE REST;

JESUS, IN WHOSE ENERGY WE RISE TO A NEW DAY OF PRAISE.

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Laudes Domini

Joseph Barnby (1838-1896)



1. When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awaking cries
“may Jesus Christ be praised!”
Alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
2. To God, the word on high
the hosts of angels cry:
“may Jesus Christ be praised!”
Let mortals, too, upraise
their voice in hymns of praise:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
3. Let earth’s wide circle round
in joyful notes resound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air, and sea, and sky,
from depth to height, reply:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
4. Be this, when day is past,
of all my thoughts the last:
“may Jesus Christ be praised!”
The night becomes as day,
when from the heart we say
“may Jesus Christ be praised!”
5. Be this while life is mine,
my canticle divine,
“may Jesus Christ be praised!”
Be this the eternal song
through all the ages long:
“may Jesus Christ be praised!”

*Anon, German, early 19th cent
trans. Edward Caswall (1814-1878)*

Prayer of Approach

Refreshed by sleep,
with the gift of a new day
placed lovingly into our hands,
we come to sing
our morning praise.

MAY JESUS CHRIST BE PRAISED!

Made glad in the spirit of Jesus,
we dare to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God,
to believe in the good, to trust in heaven's grace.

MAY JESUS CHRIST BE PRAISED!

Not yet knowing by through which person,
or by through which deed
we will perceive the light of God's face,
we give ourselves to the unfolding of the day.

MAY JESUS CHRIST BE PRAISED!

Hear our silent praises;

MAY JESUS CHRIST BE PRAISED!

Silence

Within the day, also there will be anxious people,
and rightly anxious -

anxious about the prowling,

ABOUT THE FRIGHTENING,

about the vanity of words,

AND THE DEVOURING OF THE OTHER.

For our feeding of these things,
our embodying of them, 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 spirit and truth,
while you came to us in law and commandment,
making us captives to conscience,
you came also in grace and empowering love.

**ENABLE US TO MOVE FROM TROUBLED CONSCIENCE
TO REDEMPTIVE SERVICE.**

**GIVE US LIVES THAT ARE FAITHFUL
AND STEEPED IN THE PEACE OF JESUS.**

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 2 May. 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: Psalm 4

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

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 5: 6-11

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

Hymn:

Seelenbräutigam

attrib. Adam Drese (1620-1701)



1. Round me falls the night;
Saviour, be my light:
through the hours in darkness shrouded
let me see thy face unclouded;
let thy glory shine
in this heart of mine.
2. Earthly work is done,
earthly sounds are none;
rest in sleep and silence seeking,
let me hear thee softly speaking;
in my spirit's ear
whisper "I am near".
3. Blessèd, heavenly Light,
shining through earth's night;
voice that oft of love hast told me;
arms so strong to clasp and hold me;
thou thy watch wilt keep,
Saviour, o'er my sleep.

William Romanis (1824-1899)

Sermon:

The sleepless night

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/owvY_leomxw The script is available at: <http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/sermons.html>, and hard copies are available in the church foyer.

Music for Reflection: Suite Carmelite, Movement II
Jean Françaix (1912-1997)

Hymn:

Tallis' Canon

Thomas Tallis (c.1505-1585)



1. All praise be yours, my God, this night,
for all the blessings of the light;
keep me, kind Maker of all things,
beneath the shelter of your wings.
2. Forgive me, by Christ's victory won,
the ill that I this day have done,
that from the fear of sin set free,
I, ere, I sleep, at peace may be.
3. O let me on your love repose,
let welcome sleep my eyelids close,
sleep from whose balm new strength I take
to serve my God when I awake.
4. Praise God who gives all blessings birth;
praise God all creatures on the earth;
praise God, who makes, sustains, sets free:
one holy God in persons three.

Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Stephen Best

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

Through what we offer,
may the face of God shine upon the people.

MAY CONSCIENCES BE PRICKED.

MAY PRAYERS BE ANSWERED.

MAY GLADNESS MAKE A HOME IN THE HEART.

We pray this in the hope and peace of Jesus;

AMEN.

Notices

Hymn:

St Clement

Clement Cotterill Scholefield (1839-1904)



1. The day you gave us, God, has ended,
the darkness falls at your behest;
to you our morning hymns ascended,
your praise shall sanctify our rest.
2. We thank you that your church unsleeping,
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world a watch is keeping,
nor rests from worship day or night.
3. As o'er each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the song of praise away.
4. The sun that bids us rest is waking
your children 'neath the western sky,
and hour by hour fresh lips are making
your wondrous deeds resound on high.
5. So be it God; your throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
your kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
till all your creatures own your sway.

John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt.

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Improvisation
Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

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

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NOTICES

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| This Week: | 18 April – 24 April 2021 |
| Sunday | 10.00am Morning Worship 7.00pm Knox Café – See Below |
| Monday | 7.30pm Knox Fireside Group – See Below |
| Wednesday | 10.00am Bible Study |
| Next Week: | 25 April – 1 May 2021 |
| Sunday | 10.00am Morning Worship 11.15am Knox Book Group – See Below |
| Wednesday | 10.00am Bible Study |

Knitted ANZAC Poppies available this morning.
Donations would be appreciated and will be forwarded to the RSA.

Knox Café, 18th April at 7pm in the Lounge - At our next Knox Café, Rev Darryn Hickling will speak about his ministry as the coordinator of the **StreetTs ministry**, here in central Christchurch. All are welcome - BYO snacks, beverages; tea and coffee provided.

Knox Fireside Group - The next meeting of the Knox Fireside Group will be on Monday 19th April at 7.30pm in the Knox Lounge. Lesley Hunt will take us on a journey to Greenland. All welcome

Sunday 25 April: 11.15 Book: Tuesdays with Morrie by Mitch Albom. "An old man, a young man, and life's greatest lesson". The prize-winning author recalls a series of visits he made to his former sociology professor [Morrie Schwartz](#), as Schwartz gradually dies of [ALS](#). This is a moving and beautiful book in which the wonderful professor gives out anecdotes of life as he walks towards his inevitable disease and succumbs to it.

Sunday 9 May: 4pm Film: Goodbye Mr. Chips. This 2002 version of the well-loved book by James Hilton stars Martin Clunes as Latin master Mr. Chipping. Set in the later years of the nineteenth century, the kindly and beloved Mr. Chips is the mainstay of Brookfields boys boarding school. He is considered to be married to the job, but on a walking holiday, he meets and marries the vivacious Kathie. Just before World War One the insensitive new headmaster Ralston tries to edge Chipping out but the boys rally and . . .

**CHEESE ROLLS
FUNDRAISER
\$10 a dozen**

Delicious Cheese Rolls made by Barbara and Rochelle Howley will be available to be ordered with pick up spread out over four Sundays – 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th May.

Payment prior to pick up to Jennifer McKinnon or Office.

Cash or Internet Banking to 01-0902-0073153-00.

Order forms at each door.

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.



In Asia's Half of the World

Collaboration, History, Reflection & Study

Forum & book launch to prepare for 'Asia Sunday' 23rd May

VENUE: Knox Centre, 28 Bealey Ave

DATE: 22 May, 2pm

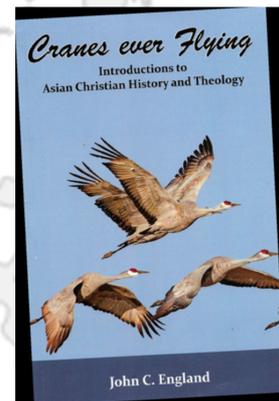
- **Our partners in Asia**
- **Panel discussion and book-launch**

Hear our partners in frontline work in Asia as they work to “rescue, restore, organize & heal”, including panel speakers:

- **Christian World Service: Pauline McKay**
- **Caritas: Amanda Gregan**

Book launch for *Cranes Ever Flying (ISPCK, 2020)**

- **John England's introduction offers a fresh perspective to Asian Christian History and Theology with panel speakers:**
- **Dr Kathleen Rushton**
- **Prof. Michael Grimshaw**
- **Reverend Brian Turner**
- **Reverend Dr Matthew Jack**



**Cranes ever Flying* offers an important survey of largely unknown sources covering the history, arts, ecumenism and indigenous theologies of Asian Christianity. This work an ideal introductory text for any study of Asian Christianity and is a unique academic source book. Since the second century, there has been no other volume which introduces the full range of these resources covering more than half the non-Western world.

Copies available at this event on May 22 (\$30), or via ISPCK and online book-sellers.



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Acts 4: 5-12
- 1 John 3: 16-24

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and putting it in the offering bag.

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