



KNØX CHURCH

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Order of Service 16 May 2021



MOVING ON WITH THE RISEN ONE

a service for the last Sunday in the Season of 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.

Pre-service Music - the organ music before the service is an extended improvisation on the hymn tunes featured in the service.

The Call to Worship:

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

JESUS, WHOSE EASTER SHOCKED A NEW PEOPLE INTO BEING;

JESUS, IN WHOSE NAME WE EVER SINCE HAVE MET;

JESUS, MAKING TODAY THE FIRST DAY OF THE REST OF OUR LIFE.

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Easter Hymn

Melody from Lyra Davidica, 1708



1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!
Mortal tongues and angels say, Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, glad heavens, and earth reply: Alleluia!
2. Love's redeeming work is done;
fought the fight, the battle won,
vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell:
3. Lives again our glorious king;
where, O Death, is now your sting?
Once he died, the Saviour brave;
where's your victory, O grave?
4. Soar we now where Christ has led,
following our exalted Head;
made like Christ, like Christ we rise:
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Prayer of Approach

A full season has been and gone,
since we said, one to another
"He is risen,
HE IS RISEN INDEED".

A full Easter set of Sundays:
a time to sell the boat,
BECAUSE THERE'S NO GOING BACK.

A time to lie down in safety,
FOR GOD HAS SHIVEN THE CONSCIENCE.

A time to stop arguing about power,
SINCE GOD HAS HEALED THE SOUL.

A time to ride along in the chariot
INTO LIFE AS GOD'S ADVENTURE.

A time to yield to the command to love,
SINCE LOVE ALREADY HAS PLEDGED ITS HEART.

It has been a full and Spirit-given season,
SO WE GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD.

Silence

Since Easter Day, O God,
there has been one absence in the community.
There is a space where once Judas stood -
WHERE ONCE JUDAS STOOD.

Today we will find the new family of Christians
attending to the absence,
working out what to do since Judas -
WHAT TO DO SINCE JUDAS.

As we come close to this part of the story,
it may be that we find ourselves saying:
"Forgive us, Father, for we have sinned".
**FORGIVE US "FATHER",
FOR WE HAVE SINNED.**

In your heart-knowing kindness, hear our prayer,
even as 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, not only do you know everyone's heart,
understanding deeply why we do what we do,
you also are rich in love and grace.
**YOU RAISE US UP,
AND LEAD US TENDERLY
IN THE WAY OF JESUS.**

Give us wisdom to learn from our past,
forgiveness for ourselves and others,
AND COURAGE TO STEP INTO THE FUTURE.

We pray this in the name and spirit of Jesus,
who taught us to pray together, 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 20 June. 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: Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26
In this is the Word of God
THANKS BE TO GOD.

The Gospel Lesson: John 17: 6-19
This is the gospel of Christ.
PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

Hymn:

Heartbeat

Jillian Bray (1939-2018)



1. Christ is alive, and the universe must celebrate,
and the stars and the suns shout on this Easter Day!
Christ is alive, and his family must celebrate
in a great Alleluia, a great Alleluia
to praise the power that made the stone roll away.
2. Here is our hope: in the mystery of suffering
is the heartbeat of Love, Love that will not let go,
Here is our hope, that in God we are not separate,
and we sing alleluia, we sing alleluia
to praise the power that made the stone roll away.
3. Christ Spirit, dance through the dullness of humanity
to the music of God, God who has set us free!
You are the pulse of the new creation's energy;
with a great Alleluia, a great Alleluia,
we praise the power that made the stone roll away.

Shirley Murray (1931-2020)

Sermon:

The matter of Judas

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/GT3yVvD_bgg The script is available at: <http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/sermons.html>, and hard copies are available in the church foyer.

Music for Reflection: Blue Planet II: Earth Theme
Hans Zimmer (b. 1957)

Hymn:

Sursum Corda

Alfred Morton Smith (1879-1971)



1. Search us, O God, and know our hearts today;
try us, O Saviour, know our thoughts, we pray.
Make home within our hearts, and ever be
a warming flame whose love can set us free.
2. We praise you, God, for opening up the way
to conscience clear and darkness brought to day.
Fill us with fire; where once we burned with shame,
bless our desire to sing with joy your name.
3. God, take the church, and make it wholly yours
until our world with your life over-pours;
take all our will, our anger, self and pride;
we ask that, all in all, you will abide.
4. Spirit of God, revival comes from you.
Your people's hope is that we yet may do
great service to the God we met in prayer,
and in the world, with love, our blessings share.

James Edwin Orr (1912-1987)

alt. Matthew Jack (b. 1963)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Ken Booth

To Ken's words, "Help us search our hearts, O God"

you are invited to respond **"AND NURTURE IN US CHRIST'S LOVE FOR ALL".**

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

As we continue our Easter walk,
may God grow good things in us.

**MAY WE RELEASE WHAT MUST BE RELEASED,
TAKE UP WHAT MUST BE TAKEN UP,
AND KNOW THE JOY
OF BEING THE PEOPLE OF CHRIST.**

May God bless the offering we make,
**THIS DAY AND EVEN TOMORROW.
AMEN.**

Notices

Hymn:

Dunedin

Vernon Griffiths (1894-1985)



1. Forth in your name, O Lord, I go,
my daily labour to pursue;
you, only you, resolved to know,
in all I think, or speak, or do.
2. The task your wisdom has assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfil;
in all my works your presence find,
and prove your good and perfect will.
3. You may I set at my right hand,
whose eyes my inmost substance view,
and labour on at your command,
and offer all my works to you.
4. Give me to bear your easy yoke,
and every moment watch and pray,

and still on things eternal look
and hasten to your glorious day;

5. for you delightfully employ
whate'er your bounteous grace has given,
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with you to heaven.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788), 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

This Week: 16 May – 22 May 2021

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
	4.00pm	Knox Film Group – See Below
	10.00am	Bible Study
Monday	7.30 pm	Fireside Group in Lounge
Saturday	2.00pm	Book Launch: John England's Cranes Ever Flying

Next Week: 23 May - 29 May 2021

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
Monday	7.30pm	Knox Fireside Group – See Below
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Knox Fireside Group - The next meeting of the Knox Fireside Group will be held on Monday May 17 at 7 30pm in the Knox Lounge. Jonet Ward will speak about her trip to Antarctica. All welcome.

Congregational Meeting - A congregational meeting will be held immediately after the church service on Sunday 30 May. Tangata Atumotu Trust wishes to lease a number of rooms upstairs in the Knox Centre and congregational approval must be obtained before that can be progressed.

Knox Singers concert: save the date!! Saturday 26 June 7.30pm and Sunday 27 June 2.30pm. The programme includes Haydn Missa Brevis, Cantique de Jean Racine, plus works by Bruckner and others.

Knox Life - The next issue of Knox Life will be produced in June. Please think about making a contribution to our church magazine - your thoughts, comments, reviews, poems, photos - send them in to the office by May 31. All contributions welcome.

Next Sunday is the Day of Pentecost - The liturgical colour for Pentecost is red, so how about we rummage around in our wardrobes and see if we can find something red to wear to church - even if it's as simple as a red handkerchief poking out the top of a pocket?



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS 2021

Our annual service for the blessing of the animals is happening earlier than usual this year, on 20 June. As ever, Matthew would be happy to include any pet photos in the slide show, but he'll be on annual leave until just a couple of days before the service, so please email him your photos by Tuesday 1 June (minister@knoxchurch.co.nz). He'll then be able to produce the slide show before going on leave.

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

VENUE: Knox Centre, 28 Bealey Ave

DATE: 22 May, 2pm

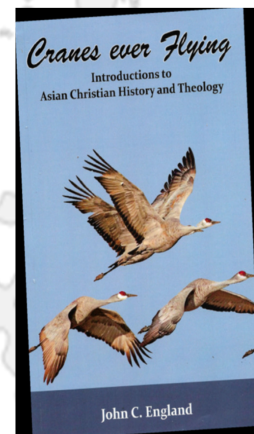
- Our partners in Asia
- Panel discussion and book-launch

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:

- Romans 8:22-27
- John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

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