



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service 3 April 2022



RESTING AT BETHANY

In the photo of this church in modern-day Bethany, note the palms (growing for tomorrow) and the barbed wire security fence out the back.

What might the fence be trying to keep out?

What might be perceived as threatening the peace of the house?

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, STOPPING ALONG HIS LENTEN WAY FOR TIME WITH FRIENDS;
JESUS, DRAWING LOVE AND CARING FROM THOSE AROUND HIM;
JESUS, WHOSE RESURRECTION WE AWAIT.**

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Lewis folk melody

Scottish traditional



1. Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the space where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we may see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.
2. Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace;
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.
3. In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our lives and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for hearts to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!

Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020)

Prayer of Approach

Were we on a costly road to Jerusalem,
with a growing sense of what it meant,
perhaps we would pause,
as maybe Jesus paused,
to find a quiet centring.

MAY GOD ENFOLD US IN LOVE.

Were we on a journey with Jesus,
through the plight of the poor,
the hypocritical shouting
and the stealing from the purse,
perhaps we would seek a space
where all are fed.

**MAY GOD OPEN TO US
THE HOUSE OF FIGS.**

Were we in possession
of costly perfume,
and of a growing mind to break it open,
to weep and wash the feet of Christ,
perhaps we would seek the courage
to do what is in the heart,
and to declare our love and worship.

**MAY GOD GIVE US GRACE
TO BE AT PEACE
AND SIMPLY BE.**

In the company of those around us,
the family of faith in the House of Figs,
we offer our silent prayer.

Silence

We confess to God
and to one another
that Judas also is present in the house of figs -
that he is present in each one of us
when we lie and steal,
when we engage in psychological violence,
when we cover our greed
by putting on masks of respectability.
Through deliberate fault
and through ignorance,
we defile the household of humanity.

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:

In a house in Bethany, O God,
Jesus received the blessing of rest
and good company.
He found a place where your love came true
through the unfeigned hospitality of friends.

Also in a house in Bethany,
he rose to the defense of Mary
who most beautifully had expressed her love.

**MAY WE PONDER BOTH THE SAFETY OF THAT HOUSE,
AND THE CHALLENGE POSED BY JUDAS IN ITS MIDST,
THAT WE, LIKE JESUS,
MAY BE TRUE TO OUR LENTEN CALLING.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,
drawing on the words we believe he gave us,
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.**

*In a suitably physically remote way,
we exchange a sign of peace with one another.*

*Our next Sunday School day will happen once we've moved into a Green traffic
light setting, and will operate in way consistent with whatever constraints are
recommended.*

The First Lesson:

Psalm 126

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

The Gospel Lesson: John 12: 1-8

This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

Hymn:

St Anne

probably William Croft (1678-1727)



1. Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:
2. under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure:
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God
to endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone:
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away:
they fly forgotten as a dream
dies at the opening day.
6. Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Sermon: Praying for the broken peace

Generally, sermons are posted on our website shortly after the service at:
<http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/sermons.html> A video of this sermon being
practised is available from 10:00am today: <https://youtu.be/VZnuiR9bgfw>

Music for Reflection

Hymn:

Sine Nomine

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)



1. Give thanks for life,
the measure of our days,
mortal, we pass through
beauty that decays,
yet sing to God our hope,
our love, our praise,
Alleluia!
2. Give thanks for those
who made their life a light
caught from the Christ-flame,
bursting through the night,
who touched the truth, who
burned for what is right,
Alleluia!
3. And for our own, our living
and our dead,
thanks for the love by
which our life is fed,
a love not changed by time
or death or dread,
Alleluia!
4. Give thanks for hope,
that like the wheat, the grain
lying in darkness
does its life retain,
in resurrection
to grow green again.
Alleluia!

Shirley Murray (1931-2020)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*To the minister's words, "Dare we pray for the restoration of faith and life?",
you are invited to respond **"MAY CHRIST ENABLE US SO TO PRAY"**.*

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

Jesus was offered food and hospitality in Bethany.

MAY GOD BLESS THE FOOD WE OFFER.

Jesus refused to let the poor be a means for Judas' wealth.

MAY GOD BLESS THE MONEY WE OFFER.

Jesus was enabled to take up again
his journey to the cross.

**MAY GOD BLESS THE HEARTS AND MINDS
OF ALL WHO SEEK TO SERVE.**

We pray this in the name of the Christ of Bethany,
AMEN.

Notices

The Lenten Litany:

O Christ,
along your way to Jerusalem,
you received with gratitude
time with the people who loved you.
You rested within the home they opened to you;
you enjoyed sharing with them the gift of life.
Along the Lenten path,
LEAD US LORD JESUS.

O Christ,
when Judas intruded with lies, hypocrisy and violence,
you defended the victimised,
protected the vulnerable.
You gave your absolute "no"
to the forces of destruction.
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:

Blaenwern

William Penfro Rowlands (1860-1937)



1. God who sets us on a journey
to discover, dream and grow,
lead us as you led your people
in the desert long ago;
journey inward, journey outward,
stir the spirit, stretch the mind,
love for God and self and neighbour
marks the way that Christ defined.
2. Exploration brings new insights,
changes, choices we must face;
give us wisdom in deciding,
mindful always of your grace;
should we stumble, lose our bearings,
find it hard to know what's right,
we regain our true direction
focused on the Jesus light.
3. When we set up camp and settle
to avoid love's risk and pain,
you disturb complacent comfort,
pull the tent pegs up again;
keep us travelling in the knowledge
you are always at our side;
give us courage for the journey,
Christ our goal and Christ our guide.

Joy Dine (1937 – 2001)

Benediction and Amen

Postlude

During the current Covid containment level, we are not having our usual post-service morning tea. Should you wish to linger in the church for company and conversation, please do - just remember to maintain suitable physical distancing.

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NOTICES

This Week: **3 April - 9 April 2022**
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: **10 April - 16 April 2022**
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

PUBLIC QUESTIONS GROUP - Those who have expressed an interest last year in the Knox Public Questions group are invited to gather after today's service (3 April) for a quick meeting. We'll take a look at our terms of reference and have talk about what sorts of things we envisage coming up for the group to work on this year. You can view the terms of reference which have been posted on the website: [http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/data/news/202203210000 Public Questions Group Terms of Reference.pdf](http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/data/news/202203210000_Public%20Questions%20Group%20Terms%20of%20Reference.pdf) A few printed copies are available on the table at the back of the church. Let's meet in the Lounge.

Sunday lunch 10 April – Join us for lunch and a friendly chat after church at Urban Eatery (Oderings Garden Centre, Barrington). We meet at around 12pm. Note that, due to Easter being the third Sunday, this month's event is on the second Sunday. Please add your name to the attendance list at the church entrance or, you can send an email to jannekenuysink@gmail.com, but no later than Wednesday the 6th.



Knitted ANZAC Poppies

Available this morning.
Donations would be appreciated
and will be forwarded to the RSA



Easter Day Breakfast



Covid permitting, it is hoped to have Breakfast on Easter Day, Sunday 17th April 2022. Breakfast consists of cereal, fruit, scrambled eggs, bacon, tomatoes and toast will be served from 8.30am – 9am. Cost \$5 per person.

There are lists at both doors if you wish to take part. Numbers must be in by Sunday 10th April.

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: 379 2456 or Janet Wilson, Donations Secretary janmwil507@gmail.com Ph: 338 7203.



Who did what at Bethany, and where exactly?

The anointings of Jesus's head or feet are events recorded in the four gospels. The account in Matthew 26, Mark 14, and John 12 takes place on the Holy Wednesday of Holy Week at the house of Simon the Leper in Bethany, a village in Judaea on the south-eastern slope of the Mount of Olives, and he is anointed by Mary of Bethany, the sister of Martha and Lazarus. The event in Luke features an unknown sinful woman, and is in the northern region, as Luke 7 indicates Jesus was ministering in the northern regions of Nain and Capernaum. The honorific anointing with perfume is an action frequently mentioned in other literature from the time; however, using long hair to dry Jesus's feet, as in John and Luke, is not recorded elsewhere, and should be regarded as an exceptional gesture.[1] Considerable debate has discussed the identity of the woman, the location, timing, and the message.

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Palm Sunday

Next Sunday (10 April) is Palm Sunday; usually we would begin the service by gathering in the Knox Centre Lounge, picking up our palm branches and processing down Bealey Ave, then through the main doors of the church in Victoria Street. Current physical distancing requirements are such that it's not appropriate for us to squeeze a large group into a small space (the Lounge). So this year we're doing things differently. As you come into church, you'll be given a palm branch which you'll take with you to your usual seat in church. At the beginning of the service, during the processional hymn, we'll process the Bible in, from the Victoria Street doors down to the lectern. We invite you, as that happens, to wave your palm branch. It seems to us that this is the best way of being Covid-wise, while still making something of the Palm Sunday drama. As you leave the church at the end of the service, you may care to leave your palm branch at the foot of the communion table.



A full reading of the Gospel according to Mark

7:00pm, Maundy Thursday - 14 April, 2022

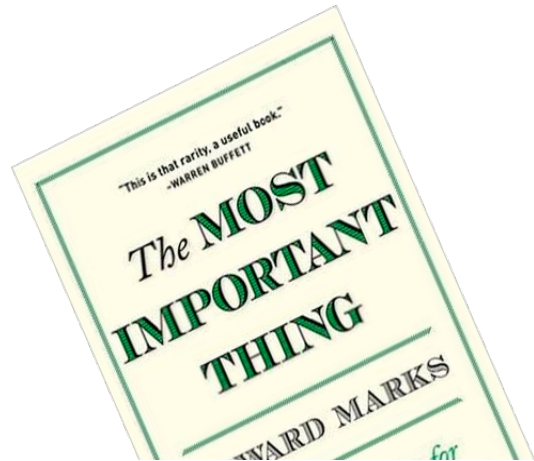
Instead of a regular Tenebrae service this year, we are pleased to welcome Ben Ashby, who with the minister will read Mark's gospel from beginning to end. A full reading of the earliest gospel gives a heightened sense of the crazy momentum of Jesus' three year ministry and the "equivocal" state of the Jesus community on the first Easter.

**A Service for Good Friday
10:00am - 15 April**

To distract from the tragedy



soldiers gamble



priests call on higher priorities



officials wash their hands



friends deny all knowledge

. . . whatever's necessary



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29
- Luke 19: 28-40

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and putting it in the offering bag.

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