



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service 10 April 2022



EVEN THE STONES SHOUT OUT! **a service for Palm Sunday**

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*All glory, praise and honour
to you, redeemer, king,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.*

1. You are the king of Israel,
great David's royal son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
the king and blessed one.
All glory . . .
2. The company of angels
are praising you on high,
while we and all creation
together make reply.
All glory . . .
3. The people of the Hebrews
with palms before you went:
our praise and prayer and anthems
before you we present.
All glory . . .
4. To you before your passion
they sang their hymns of praise:
to you now high exalted
our melody we raise.
All glory . . .
5. Their praises you accepted;
accept the prayers we bring,
in every good delighting,
our great and gracious king.
All glory . . .

*Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821)
tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.*

Prayer of Approach

While he is humble
and riding on a donkey,
while he makes no great noise,
the people see in him
something that makes them sing.

**BLESSED IS THE ONE
WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!**

At his arrival in their place,
they grab whatever is at hand,
cloaks and branches
to express their joy
with an abandoned "devil may care".

GLORY IN THE HIGHEST HEAVEN!

When Christ is present among the people,
when it is realised that God is in the moment,
when God's love rides on into human life,
it is as if even the stones on the ground are singing.

EVEN THE STONES SHOUT OUT!

With those who welcomed Jesus on that special day,
and with those who over the centuries
have proclaimed the joy and peace he brings,
we too would add our praise.

**ALL GLORY, PRAISE AND HONOUR
TO YOU, REDEEMER, KING!**

Silence

Within the crowd, however,
are some Pharisees -
calling for the praise to stop.
For them, the presence of God in Christ
is threatening and bad.

**DO THEY FEAR THE JOY OF THE PEOPLE?
DO THEY FEAR THE LOSS OF THEIR INFLUENCE?**

We do not know -
but we know that when joy is silenced
and when truth is suppressed,
when the powerful begin to feel insecure,
bad things happen in the world.
So, recognising something of the Pharisee in ourselves,
for the world, and our hurting of it, 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:

Not turning back,
but committing himself to the final stretch of his Lenten road,
Jesus, the blessed One,
receives the praises of the people.

**GIVE US THE SPIRIT OF WELCOME, O GOD,
THAT WE, AND EVEN THE STONES ON OUR GROUND
MAY FIND OUR VOICE OF PRAISE.**

And as the week proceeds,
and the voices of those around us
lose their joy,
framing their cries of "crucify",

**MAY WE NOT FAINT,
BUT EVER SAY:
"BLESSED IS THE ONE
WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD".**

We pray this in the name of the Palm Sunday Jesus,
using the words he taught 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 118: 1-2, 19-29

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

The Gospel Lesson: Luke 19: 28-40

This is the gospel of Christ.
PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

Hymn:

Love Unknown

John Nicholson Ireland (1879-1962)



1. My song is love unknown,
my Saviour's love to me,
love to the loveless shown,
that we might lovely be.
O who am I
that for my sake
my Lord should take
frail flesh, and die?
2. Sometimes we strew his way
and his sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day
hosannas to our King.
Then "Crucify!"
is all our breath
and for his death
we thirst and cry.
3. Why, what has our Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!
Yet we at these
ourselves displease,
and 'gainst him rise.
4. Here might I stay and sing,
no story so divine;
never was love, dear King,
never was grief like thine.
This is my friend,
in whose sweet praise
I all my days
could gladly spend.

Samuel Crossman (1624-1684), alt.

Sermon: Tell them to be quiet

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/XHCJE1i3F3c>

Should you wish to listen to the whole of the BBC radio interview with Rowan Williams, you can access it at: https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p0bz1sjk?fbclid=IwAR1bTjozTvPvsY15cB9znKzSpl_bCL1176Df12A2m0J6FT7qbNU6M8YZ-sQ

Music for Reflection

Hymn:

Leoni

Thomas Olivers (1725-1799)



1. Community of Christ,
who make the Cross your own,
live out your creed and risk your life
for God alone:
the God who wears your face,
to whom all worlds belong,
whose children are of every race
and every song.
2. Community of Christ,
look past the Church's door
and see the refugee, the hungry,
and the poor.
Take hands with the oppressed,
the jobless in your street,
take towel and water, that you wash
your neighbour's feet.
3. Community of Christ,
through whom the word must sound --
cry out for justice and for peace
the whole world round:

disarm the powers that war
and all that can destroy,
turn bombs to bread, and tears of anguish
into joy.

4. When menace melts away,
so shall God's will be done,
the climate of the world be peace
and Christ its Sun;
our currency be love
and kindness our law,
our food and faith be shared as one
for evermore.

Shirley Murray (1931-2020)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Janet Wilson

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

The people parted with their coats and cloaks
to celebrate the presence in their city
of the One who came in the name of the Lord.

**WE ALSO WOULD OFFER WHAT WE HAVE
IN CELEBRATION OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD.**

May God bless the money and food which we bring,
**TO THE BLESSING OF THE WORLD
AND THE GLORY OF GOD. AMEN.**

Notices

The Lenten Litany:

O Christ,
on the day of your triumphal entry,
when the Pharisees instructed you to silence the crowds,
you told them it was impossible,
for even the stones on the ground were singing.
You challenge us to find a voice,
to speak for love and justice,
to free others to grow and live.
Along the Lenten path,
LEAD US LORD JESUS.

O Christ,
we know that part of the story
will be the falling away of the song of praise,
and the rising up of the call for you to be crucified.
As we look back on this day of singing, shouting stones,
we may share some of your hurt and pain,
learning something of the cost of discipleship.
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)

based on George William Kitchin (1827-1912) alt.

Benediction

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.



NOTICES

This Week:	10 April - 16 April 2022
Sunday	10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am Bible Study
Next Week:	17 - 23 April 2022
Sunday	10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am Bible Study



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 today, Sunday 10th April.



Knitted ANZAC Poppies

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

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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 momentum of Jesus' three year ministry and the "equivocal" state of the Jesus community on the first Easter.

To create a distance

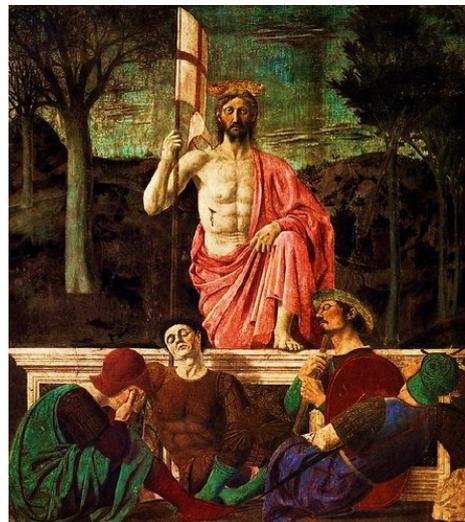
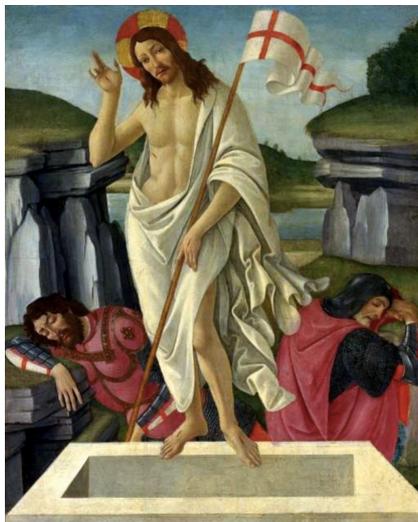
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a service for Good Friday - 10:00am, Friday 15 April



Truth and Hope

Easter Day Service - 10:00am, Sunday 17 April 2022





The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Luke 24: 1-12
- Acts 10: 34-43

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