



# KNØX CHURCH

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## Order of Service 10 April 2022

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

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## 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, RIDING INTO THE CITY ON A LOWLY COLT;**

**JESUS, DRAWING SPONTANEOUS PRAISES FROM THE PEOPLE;**

**JESUS, UNTO WHOM EVEN THE STONES WILL SING.**

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

**MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.**

### **Hymn:**

St Theodulph

Later form of melody by Melchior Teschner (1584-1635)



*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)



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



# LEAD US LORD JESUS.

**KEEP OUR FEET FIRMLY IN THE WAY WHERE CHRIST LEADS US,  
THIS LENT, AND ALL OUR DAYS.  
AMEN.**

## Crucifer

[illegible]

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 . . .

*based on George William Kitchen (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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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

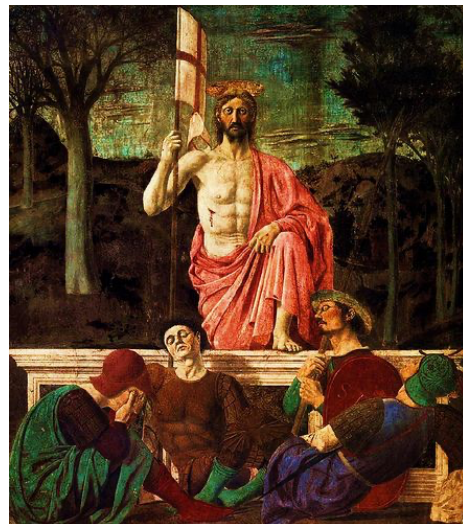
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a service for Good Friday - 10:00am, Friday 15 April



## 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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