



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service

24 April 2022



DAYS MADE BY GOD

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 sanctuary flowers today have been provided by Bee Bryant and Ken Booth to mark, with gratitude, their wedding anniversary.

The Call to Worship:

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

JESUS, IN WHOSE PRESENCE WE GATHER;

JESUS, WHOSE RESURRECTION DAY WE CELEBRATE;

JESUS, WHOSE LIFE ENLIVENS THE WORLD.

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Bunessan

Gaelic melody



1. This day God gives me
strength of high heaven,
sun and moon shining,
flame in my hearth,
flashing of lightning,
wind in its swiftness,
depths of the ocean,
firmness of earth.
2. This day God sends me
strength to sustain me,
might to uphold me,
wisdom as guide.
Your eyes are watchful,
your ears are listening,
your lips are speaking,
friend at my side.
3. God's way is my way,
God's shield is round me,
God's host defends me,
saving from ill.
Angels of heaven,
drive from me always
all that would harm me,
stand by me still.
4. Rising, I thank you,
mighty and strong One,
king of creation,
giver of rest,
firmly confessing
threeness of persons,
oneness of Godhead,
trinity blest.

James Quinn (1919-2010), alt.

Prayer of Approach

Jesus from Nazareth
went about the land,
preaching good news
and healing the people.

IT WAS A DAY WHICH GOD HAD MADE.

He taught the people about the kingdom of God;
he assured them of the love that embraced them.
He captured their hearts and minds,
and gave them the gift of faith.

IT WAS A DAY WHICH GOD HAD MADE.

On an Easter morning,
when all seemed dead and sad,
and when the doom-merchants said "God is dead",
he was found no longer to be in the tomb.
Mystery and wonder bloomed like flowers.

IT WAS A DAY WHICH GOD HAD MADE.

And on an Easter evening,
when doors were locked
and people were frightened,
"Peace be with you", he said.
He was found among them again.

IT WAS A DAY WHICH GOD HAD MADE.

And in our place and time,
to our sense of need and wonder,
does he come again?
Is it our doors he opens?
Is it our fear upon which he breathes his peace?

**COULD IT INDEED BE TRUE,
THAT THIS VERY DAY
IS A DAY WHICH GOD IS MAKING?**

In quiet faith that this is so,
we keep our silent worship.

Silence

We confess to God
and to one another
that sometimes, during these days of God,
we are clumsy,
and sometimes we are malicious.
The end result, regardless, is damage to creation
and hurt among the people.
Offering our sorrow that this is the case, 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 Easter grace and life,
to a frightened group of disciples,
hiding behind doors that were locked,
your living Christ appeared.
Easter was brought not just to the tomb,
but into the hearts of your people.
**GIVE US A SENSE ALSO, O GOD,
OF EASTER BEING A POWER IN OUR LIFE,
THAT WE MAY SAY OF THIS DAY,
AND ALL OUR DAYS,
"THIS IS THE DAY THAT OUR GOD HAS MADE".**

We pray this in the name of peace-bringer,
even Jesus, the Christ of Faith,
in whose name we pray together, when 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: 19-24

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

The Gospel Lesson: John 20: 19-28

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

Hymn:

Ellacombe

melody from Mainz Gesangbuch, 1833



1. The day of resurrection!
earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from earth up to the sky,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.
2. Our hearts be pure from evil
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light;
and listening to his accents
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own 'All hail' and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.
3. Now let the heavens be joyful
and earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph
and all that is therein;

let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord has risen,
our joy that has no end.

John of Damascus (c.675-749)

trans: John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.

Sermon: And then? After Easter . . .

*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/m4-BUrR24PE>*

Music for Reflection: Andante in G
Caleb Simper (1856-1942)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Jennifer McKinnon

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

If last week's Easter is to animate next week's service,
if food is to feed not just the stomach, but also the soul,
it will be only because God blesses what we offer.

**GOD BLESS THE MONEY, THE FOOD AND THE PEOPLE,
TO THE COMING OF FORGIVENESS AND FAITH.**

We pray this in the name of the One in whose creativity we rejoice,
Jesus the peace-bringer.

AMEN.

Notices

Hymn:

Nun Danket

Later form of melody by Johann Crüger (1598-1662)



1. Now thank we all our God,
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom the world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us.
God, keep us in your grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God
our Maker now be given,
to Christ and Spirit too,
our help in highest heaven:
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be ever more.

*Martin Rinkart (1586-1649), tr. Catherine Winkworth
(1827-1878), alt*

We remain seated today for the

Benediction

An ANZAC Day Litany

A Narrative

We stand for

The ANZAC Ode:

They shall grow not old
as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

We sit for

The Postlude: Improvised Fantasia on 'Abide with me'
Daniel Cooper (b. 1997)

***Since the postlude is part of the ANZAC Litany,
we ask for no applause today***

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: **24 - 30 April 2022**
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: **1 – 7 May 2022**
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study



Knitted ANZAC Poppies

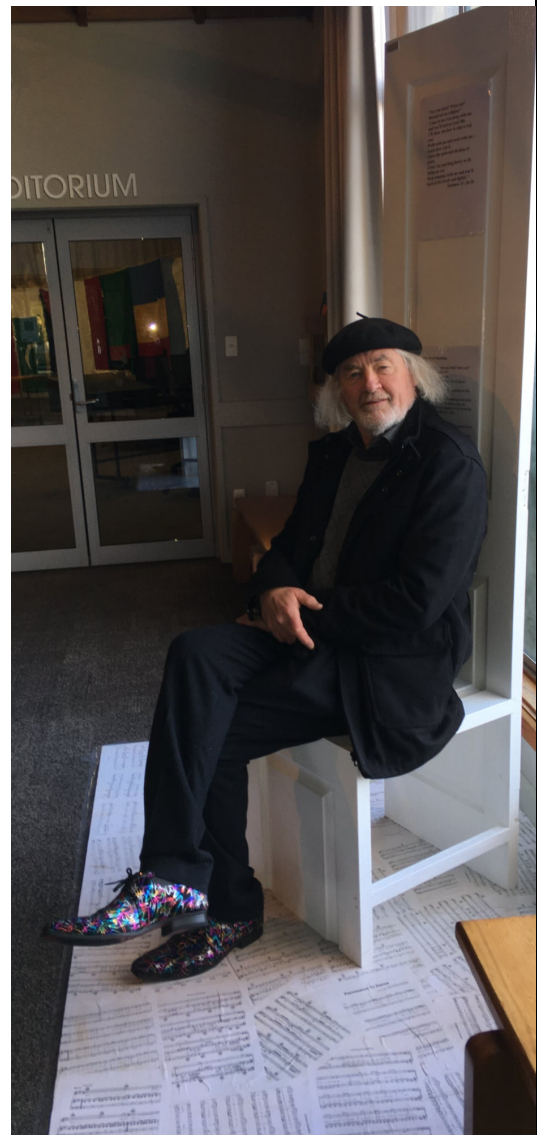
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and will be forwarded to the RSA

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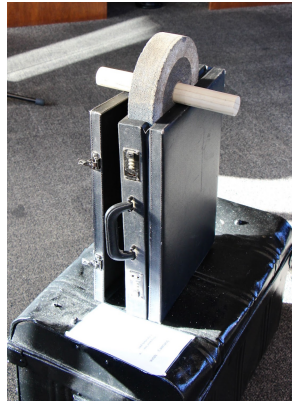
The Gospel of Matthew

- an exhibition by Pete Majendie -

Pete Majendie created an exhibition for display at South West Baptist Church late last year, and has agreed to display most of the works at Knox. On Sundays 1 and 8 May, Matthew will be using some of the works as aids to reflection in our worship. Pete will be present at both services, so he can engage with us afterwards to answer any questions we have. We also will organise for the church to open some time during the week between the two Sundays, so you can spend a longer engagement with the works. This will be a really stimulating few interactions.



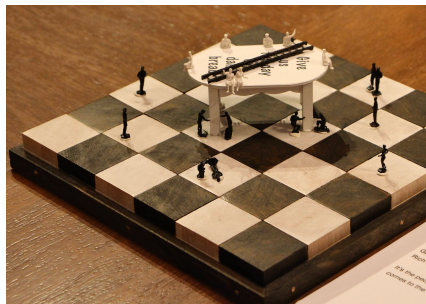
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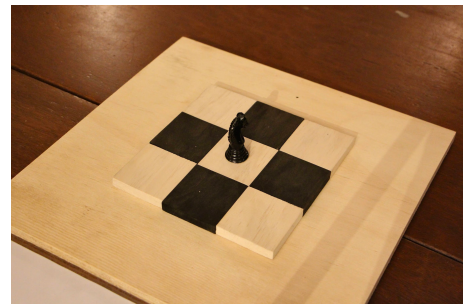
Briefcase grindstone



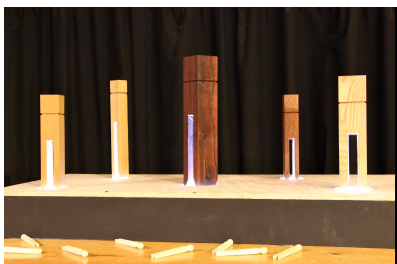
The gospel as music



Game playing



Your move



Square pegs



My burden is light (noun)



Wine bottle holder and lunchbox



The Bible readings for next week will be selected from Matthew's Gospel once the minister has chosen three artworks to reflect on.

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and putting it in the offering bag.

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