

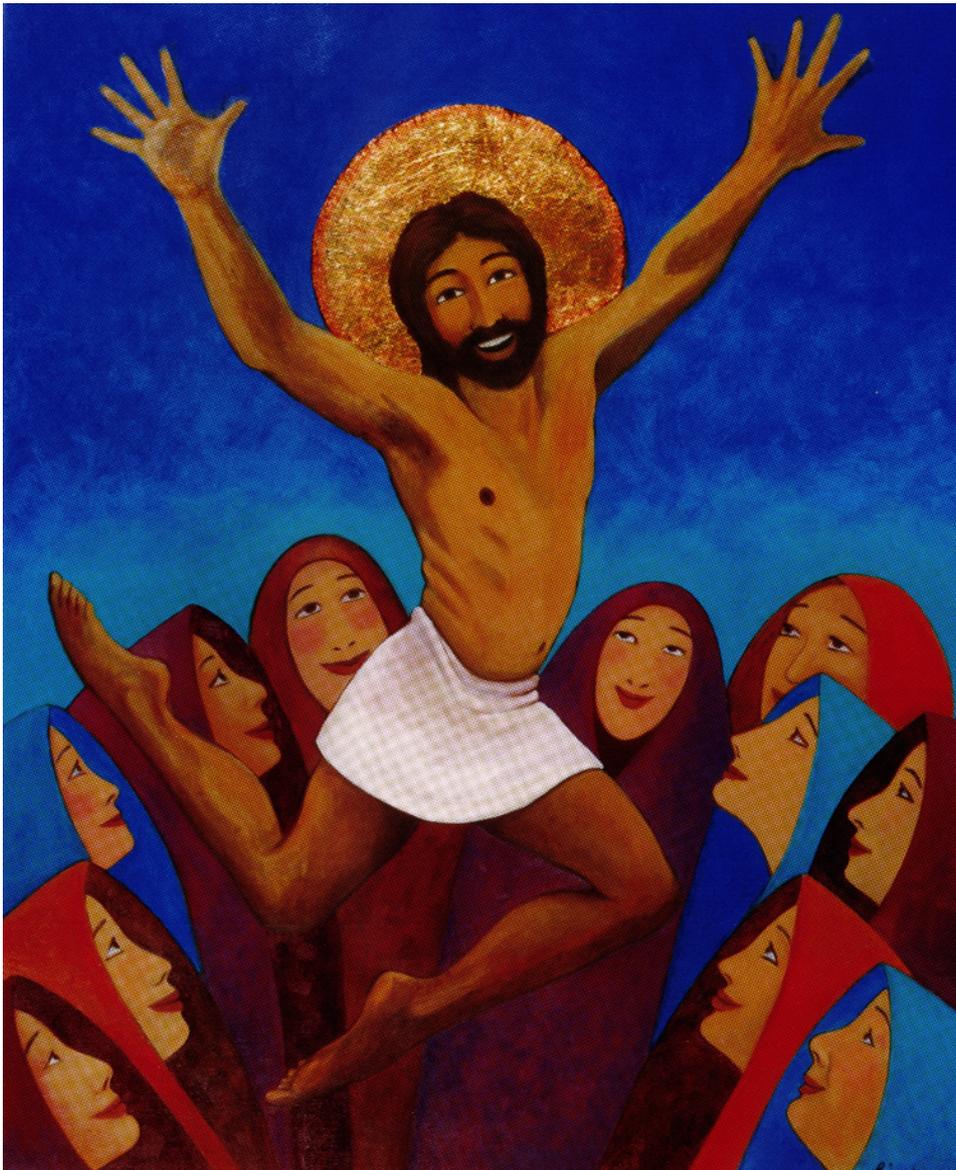


# KNØX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

## Order of Service 12 November 2023

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**DO NOT GRIEVE AS OTHERS DO  
WHO HAVE NO HOPE**

## 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.

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.

When we pray the Lord's Prayer, you are welcome to use the language that is most natural to you.

### The Call to Worship:

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

**JESUS, WHO DIED, ROSE AND OPENED THE GATES OF HEAVEN;  
JESUS, SHARING HIS LIFE WITH THE LIVING AND THE DEAD;  
JESUS, THROUGH WHOM WE RECEIVE A LIVING HOPE.**

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

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

### Hymn:

Michael

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)



1. All our hope on God is founded:  
who else can our hope renew?  
Still through change and chance God guides us,  
only good and only true.

God unknown, grace alone,  
calls our hearts to be God's own.

2. Well does the almighty Giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow!  
With delight our souls are nourished;  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
At God's hand love does stand;  
joy awaits each new command.
3. Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray God's trust;  
what with care and toil we're building,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power,  
hour by hour,  
is our temple and our tower.
4. In glad hymns to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the love in Christ made known.  
Hear Christ's call, one and all;  
you who follow shall not fall.

*Joachim Neander (1650-1680)*  
*tr. Robert Bridges (1844-1930), alt.*

### **Prayer of Approach**

The eternal Word,  
which was from the beginning,  
took on flesh, became real in the world.

A child was born in Bethlehem;

**SO WE HAVE HOPE.**

A carpenter heard the call to put down the tools,  
to leave the workshop.

A Messiah began his ministry of challenge and love;

**SO WE HAVE HOPE.**

Calling those around him  
to take on the life of the children of God,  
he formed them into a new community of love.  
He walked on the water, and called them to do the same.  
They did remarkable things in his name;

**SO WE HAVE HOPE.**

On an Easter morning,  
he was found not to be in the tomb.  
He put angel echoes in their ears,  
so they found themselves whispering "he is not here,  
he is risen indeed".

**HE IS RISEN INDEED,  
SO WE HAVE HOPE.**

We follow the Christ,  
who died, who is risen,  
who shares with the world his eternal life.  
**CELEBRATING HIS PRESENCE AMONG US,  
WE PEOPLE OF HOPE,  
OFFER OUR SILENT PRAISE.**

*Silence*

We offer also our grief for the world -  
for its war and its hunger,  
for its cruelty and lack of compassion.  
We think of the ways that our living has contributed not to hope,  
but to despair.

And 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.**

### **The Theme Prayer:**

O God, whose love for the world  
was shown through the grace of Jesus, the Christ,  
you assure us, through his resurrection,  
that we,  
and also those whom we have loved and lost,  
are kept, safe and sound,  
within a love that never dies.  
**THROUGH KNOWING THIS,  
MAY OUR HEARTS FIND A GENTLE AND ABIDING PEACE,  
FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT AND HOPE  
OF THE ENTIRE WORLD.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,  
whose prayer we use, when together saying:

**E TO MATOU MATUA I TE RANGI,  
KIA TAPU TOU INGOA.  
KIA TAE MAI TOU RANGATIRATANGA.  
KIA MEATIA TAU E PAI AI  
KI RUNGA TE WHENUA  
KIA RITE ANO KI TO TE RANGI.  
HOMAI KI A MATOU AIANEI  
HE TARO MA MATOU MO TENEI RA.  
MURUA A MATOU HARA,  
ME MATOU HOKI E MURU NEI  
I O TE HUNGA E HARA ANA KI A MATOU.  
AUA HOKI MATOU E KAWEA KIA WHAKAWAIA;  
ENGARI WHAKAORANGIA MATOU I TE KINO:  
NOU HOKI TE RANGATIRATANGA,  
TE KAHA, ME TE KORORIA,  
AKE AKE AKE.  
AMINE.**

### **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.*

**The First Lesson:** Psalm 78: 1-7

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

**The Second Lesson:** 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

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

**Hymn:**

Singing Love

Colin Gibson (1933-2022)



1. He came singing *love*  
And he lived singing *love*;  
He died singing *love*.  
He arose in silence.  
For the *love* to go on we must make it our song:  
You and I be the singers
2. He came singing *faith* . . .
3. He came singing *hope* . . .
4. He came singing *peace* . . .

Colin Gibson (1933-2022)

**Sermon:** Encourage one another with these words

Generally, sermons are posted on our website shortly after the service at:

<http://www.knoxchurch.co.nz/sermons.html> Hard copies of the sermons are available before and after the service – ask the person at the door. A video of this sermon being practised is available from 10:00am today:

[https://youtu.be/qDMmQV\\_f6gc](https://youtu.be/qDMmQV_f6gc)

**Music for Reflection**

**Hymn:**

St Clement

Clement Cotterill Scholefield (1839-1904)



1. The day you gave us, God, has ended,  
the darkness falls at your behest;  
to you our morning hymns ascended,  
your praise shall sanctify our rest.

2. We thank you that your church unsleeping,  
while earth rolls onward into light,  
through all the world a watch is keeping,  
nor rests from worship day or night.
3. As o'er each continent and island  
the dawn leads on another day,  
the voice of prayer is never silent,  
nor dies the song of praise away.
4. The sun that bids us rest is waking  
your children 'neath the western sky,  
and hour by hour fresh lips are making  
your wondrous deeds resound on high.
5. So be it God; your throne shall never,  
like earth's proud empires, pass away;  
your kingdom stands, and grows for ever,  
till all your creatures own your sway.

*John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt.*

### **Prayers for Others and Ourselves**

To the minister's words, "So we say our prayers",  
you are invited to respond "**GOD, HEAR OUR PRAYER**".

### **The Offering and Dedication**

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

Conscious of the goodness of the gift of life,  
mindful of the blessings of this day,

**WE MAKE OUR OFFERING TO GOD.**

May God bless our hands to do the work of Christ,

**OUR HEARTS TO CATCH THE MOVEMENT OF THE SPIRIT,**

our mouths to speak the truth of God,

**AND OUR HOPE TO GIVE HOPE TO OTHERS.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus,

**AMEN.**

### **Notices**

**Hymn:**

Hyfrydol

Rowland Huw Prichard (1811-1887)



1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown:  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.
2. Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave:  
thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.
3. Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be,  
let us see thy great salvation,  
perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love and praise.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

**Benediction and Sung Amen**

**Postlude:** Festival  
Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Following the service, morning tea and coffee are served in the church

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## NOTICES

**This Week: 12 November – 18 November**

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship  
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

**Next Week: 19 November – 25 November**

Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship  
12.00pm Lunch at Black & White Café  
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

**PILLARS 2023** – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> is the last Sunday for donations to Pillars. PILLARS is a group that looks after families who have family members in prison. Food, especially Christmas type food, toiletries, gifts suitable for children and teenagers etc. all welcome and will be well used. This is the thirteenth year Knox has donated goods to PILLARS.

**Sunday lunch 19 Nov** – Join us for lunch and a friendly chat at the **Black and White Café, 45 Merrin St, Avonhead**. Meet at around 12pm. Please make sure you add your name to the attendance list at the church entrance. Or send an email to [jannekenuysink@gmail.com](mailto:jannekenuysink@gmail.com), no later than Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Knox Life - Summer Edition** - It's time to be thinking about the next publication of Knox Life which is due out in December. Let's make it a bumper edition! Thank you so much to all those who contributed to the June edition, our regular contributors of course, but also some new people. Remember this is our Christmas issue, so if you have any Christmas stories, photos or memories do please think about sharing them. Items please to Lynda in the office: [office@knoxchurch.co.nz](mailto:office@knoxchurch.co.nz).

**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. For further information or options contact: [office@knoxchurch.co.nz](mailto:office@knoxchurch.co.nz) Ph: 379 2456.**



**You are Invited to:**

***West Papua's National Day***

***"Morning Star" Flag Raising***

**12 noon Friday 1 December 2023**

**Bridge of Remembrance**

**Cashel St West**

**Keynote Speaker: Goldriz Ghaharaman MP**

- ★ **Stand in solidarity with suffering West Papuans**
- ★ **Learn what you can do**
- ★ **An inter-agency occasion**

**Organised by: [West Papua Action – Canterbury](#)**

**Coordinator: Brian Turner - 021 129 4305 / [bhturner41@gmail.com](mailto:bhturner41@gmail.com)**

*The "Jesus laughing and loving" project was created by the Church of Scotland in 2004. By way of envelope, filing cabinet, and lost shuffled paper, the material came to Matthew, who's releasing the paintings and reflections one by one until the papers run out.*

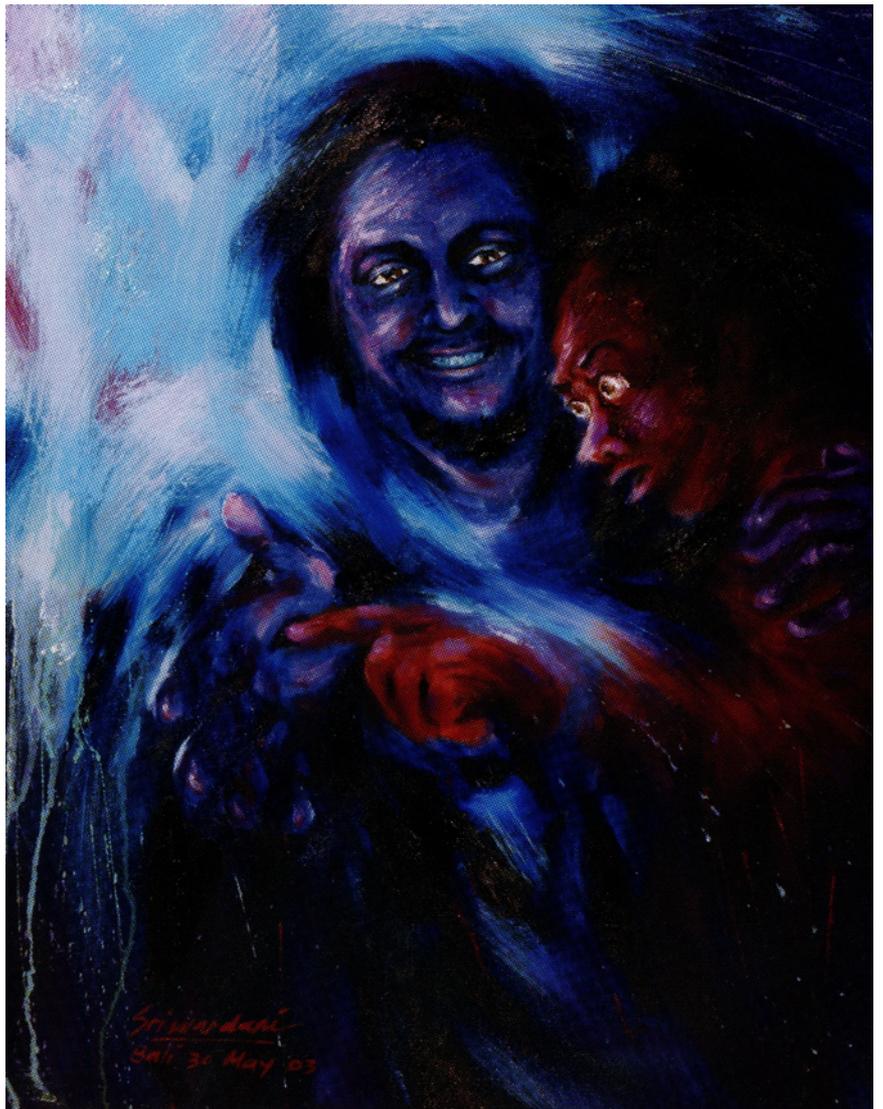
## **NUMBER TWELVE OF THIRTY FIVE**

"Come, See and Believe", by Ni Ketut Ayu Sri Wardani, Den Pasar, Indonesia.

This painting describes the appearance of Jesus Christ after his resurrection to Thomas, known as one of the 12 chosen disciples of Jesus. The relationship of these disciples with Jesus was intimate and it is possible that they were together almost all the time. But Thomas doubted and found Jesus' resurrection difficult to accept. But in a display of God's grace, Jesus stood one day right in front of Thomas

and said "Come, place your finger on my wounded palm, and you will see". Oh, how shocked Thomas must have been. In shame and amazement, his blush could surely be seen. No doubt what he saw with open eyes was beyond his comprehension, just as if he were dreaming. Trembling, he came closer to Jesus to touch his wounded palm, then he shouted in gladness "O Lord, my God!"

I am interested in the scene that pictures a common occurrence among believers. Many do believe in Jesus Christ as God, just like Thomas did. Jesus assures us of his being with us and of his protection. And yet people doubt his works. Regardless of our circumstances, let us focus



on Jesus response. He gently and patiently allowed Thomas to experience the truth of his resurrection through touch and sight. Jesus' loving kindness endures forever among all His people. That is His way of accepting us as we are, despite our sin. "Don't let yourselves fail to believe!" This is the message Jesus wants to tell to all believers, including you and me - blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.



## The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Psalm 123
- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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