



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service

7 April 2024



Resurrection Revealed in “The Land of Almost Awake”

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.

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

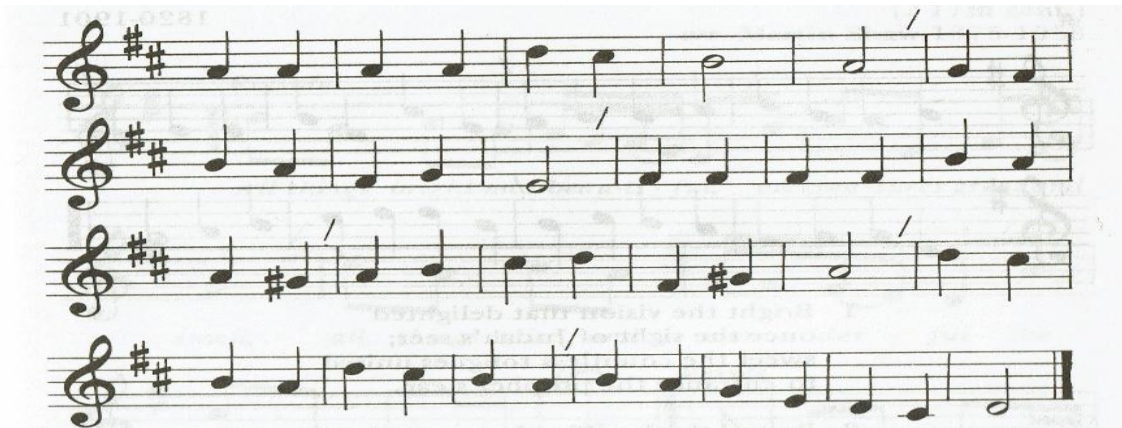
The Call to Worship:

Frederick A. Styles *Worship For An Easter People* 'Volume 2' (Ontario: enThusia Enterprises 1978) p. I-34.

The peace of God be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Hymn:



Praise with joy the world's Creator (tune WOV68)

1. Praise with joy the world's Creator,
God of justice, love and peace,
source and end of human knowledge,
force of goodness without cease.
Celebrate the maker's glory -
power to rescue and release.
2. Praise the Son, who feeds the hungry,
frees the captive, finds the lost,
heals the sick, upsets the powerful,
fearless of both fate and cost.
Celebrate Christ's constant presence -
friend and stranger, Guest and Host.
3. Praise the Spirit sent among us,
liberating truth from pride,
forging bonds where race and gender,
age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit's treasure -
foolishness none dare deride.
4. Praise the Maker, Son and Spirit,
one God in community,
calling Christians to embody
oneness and diversity.
Thus the world shall yet believe, when
shown Christ's vibrant unity.

Wild Goose Resource Group (used by permission)

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

O God of all eternity,

Along with all humanity in so many diverse understandings and expressions,

We come to worship and offer our praise for the miracle and wonder of creation,

We marvel at the universe that stretches in such vastness that as science grasps each revelation of truth a new mystery is opened to us.

In the ongoing quest for understanding each new insight reveals fresh understanding.

People and peoples of the past scattered across this earth in search of new pasture.

Now human technologies link us together in a global community while the Risen Christ continues to unite us in the spirit of our humanness.

When folk's imaginings in the ancient times framed a fearful and distant deity true holiness was born a child among us.

Jesus lived our life suffered our grief and died through the inhumanity and dominance of the few over the many.

Through the power of love Christ was raised to breathe the divine empowering spirit into a world of fear and doubt.

We come to worship this morning with praise and thankfulness.

LAMENT

As summer's dryness edges into autumn's splendour the memory of extreme natural events is still raw in many communities.

Renewal after devastation is often a long and painful process.

Change often brings exciting expectation to some but also dashes the hopes of others.

Hope becomes locked in prisons of practicality and past disasters are recycled as eternal truth.

Promise is so often weighed down by doubt as all but the most fearless huddle behind the locked doors of past tradition.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

But into every human huddle trapped by timidity,

comes the breath of the Risen Christ

propelling fearful folk beyond where they would dare to dream.

Thanks be to God.

We conclude our opening prayers using the words we believe Jesus taught his disciples.

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 forever.
Amen.

Passing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you all **And also with you**
We share the peace together.

Introduction To First Lesson

The First Lesson: Acts 4:32-35

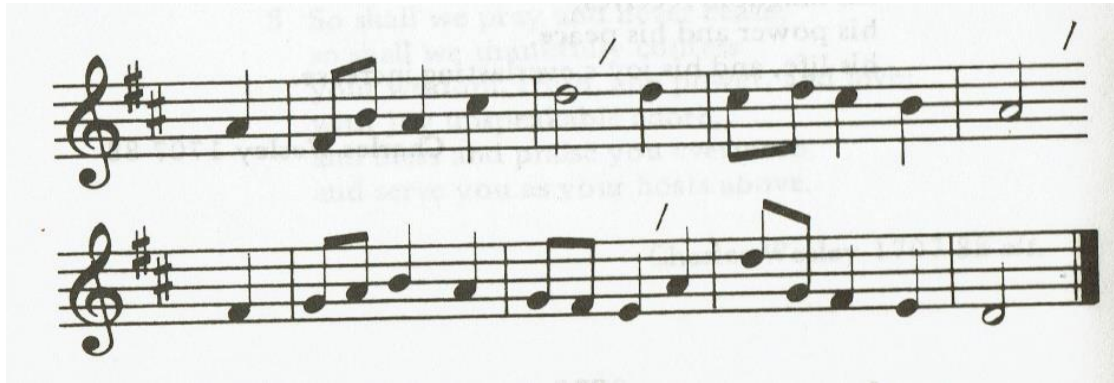
In this is the Word of God
THANKS BE TO GOD.

Introduction To The Gospel

The Gospel Lesson: John 20: 19-31

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

Hymn:



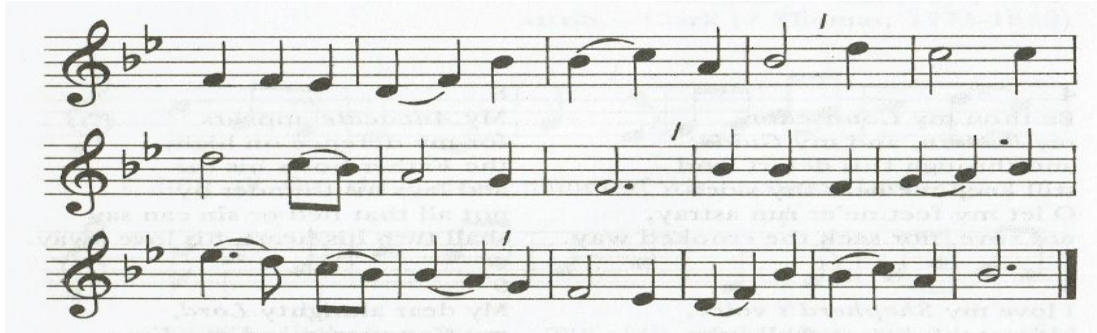
WOV 320 Breathe on me, breath of God

1. Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love
and do what thou wouldst do.
2. Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.
4. Breathe on me, breath of God;
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

Sermon: Resurrection Revealed In “The Land of Almost Awake”

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.

Hymn:



WOV 136 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. For him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice;
3. People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.
4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
the weary find eternal rest;
and all who suffer want are blessed.
5. Where he displays his healing power
death and the curse are known no more;
in him the tribes of Adam boast
more blessings than their father lost.
6. Let every creature rise and bring
the highest honours to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the long amen.

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Jennifer McKinnon

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

Notices

Hymn:



WOV480 Forth in your name, O Lord I Go (TiS571 Words)

- 1 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,
my daily labour to pursue,
you, Lord, alone, resolved to know
in all I think, or speak, or do.
- 2 Each task Thy wisdom has assigned
Still let me cheerfully fulfil,
in all my works your presence find,
and prove Thy acceptable will.
- 3 You may I set at my right hand,
whose eyes my inmost substance view,
and labour on at Thy command,
and offer all my works to Thee.
- 4 Give me to bear your easy yoke,
and every moment watch and pray,
and still to things eternal look,
and hasten to your glorious day:

5 For you delightfully employ
all that your bounteous grace has given,
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with Thee to heaven.

Charles Wesley

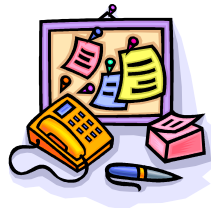
Commissioning and Benediction and Sung Amen

Frederick A. Styles *Worship For An Easter People* 'Volume 3' (Ontario: enThusia Enterprises 1981) p.IV-5

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: 7 April – 13 April

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
	04.00pm	Film Group in Lounge – A Man called Otto
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Next Week: 14 April – 20 April

Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship
	11.30am	Len's study group (Shalom) in Committee Room
Wednesday	10.00am	Bible Study

Sunday 7 April 4pm: A Man Called Otto (2022). Tom Hanks stars as "The grumpiest man in the world". This film is based on the Swedish film 'A Man Called Ove' and tells the story of Otto Anderson, a grumpy widower set in his ways. When a family with young children moves in next door, his world is turned upside down. Marisol, the family's wife and mother, sweeps into his life and gradually he is transformed.

Shared Lunch: Due to unforeseen circumstances the shared lunch set for 14 April is cancelled.

Sunday lunch 21 April – Join us for lunch and a friendly chat at the **Black and White Café, 45 Merrin St, Avonhead**. Meet at around 12 pm. Please, add your name to the attendance list at the church entrance if you are planning to join us, or, send an email to jannekenyuysink@gmail.com, no later than Wednesday the 17th.

Study Book – there is a study book entitled “With Love to the World” going spare. See table in new foyer. If you would like to sample the goods that these bible reading notes offer, please take advantage of this one. Annual cost is \$52.00 to be paid to Knox’s bank account. Advise Trudy Heney or the office if you are interested.

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 ph: 379 2456.

Knitted ANZAC Poppies



Knitted ANZAC poppies – available this morning. Donations would be appreciated and will be forwarded to the RSA.

Jubilate Singers presents


Gabriel Fauré

A centennial celebration


Featuring his much-loved Requiem plus Pavane, Sicilienne, Cantique de Jean Racine, Après un Rêve, Madrigal and more.

Conducted by Philip Norman

Knox Church
28 Bealey Avenue
Saturday 13 April 2.00pm

 www.trybooking.co.nz/RGC
Advanced booking \$30/\$10
(Full/student) or cash at the door.
Includes afternoon tea.

www.jubilate.org.nz

A promotional poster for Jubilate Singers. The background is red. In the center, a man in a dark suit and white shirt stands at a podium, gesturing with his hands. Behind him is a faint outline of the Eiffel Tower. The text on the left provides details about the performance of Gabriel Fauré's works. The Jubilate Singers logo is in the top right corner. At the bottom, there are logos for The Lion Foundation and Ardyle Welsh Finnigan Limited.

Organic Brass

On Saturday 20 April Addington Brass Band will perform a concert featuring Grant Bartley, organist at Knox Presbyterian Church, beginning at 7.30pm. Featuring the third movement of Saint-Saens "Organ" Symphony, plus a selection of great music that shows the full force, excellence and finesse of Addington Brass. This will also be an opportunity to introduce Addington's newly formed Workshop Band. Led by Music Directors Adrian Dalton and Matthew Harris, with the powerful combination of brass and organ, this promises to be an entertaining and enjoyable evening. Tickets at the door. All welcome.



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ADDINGTON BRASS PRESENTS

Organic Brass '24

Featuring Organ Soloist **Grant Bartley**
Saint-Saens Organ Symphony (Final Movement)



7.30pm Saturday 20 April 2024
Knox Presbyterian Church
28 Bealey Ave, Christchurch Central

Addington Brass Band
Music Director **Adrian Dalton**

Introducing
Addington Workshop Band
Music Director **Matt Harris**

Tickets available at the door. Cash sales only.
Adults \$20, Seniors, students and unwaged \$10
Under 18s free

www.addingtonbrass.co.nz





The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Luke 24: 36-48
- Acts 3: 1-2, 6-8, 11-19

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Keeping in Touch

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and putting it in the offering bag.

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