



# KNOX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

## Order of Service

9 June 2024



# OF THE CROSS

the first of two services  
during which we reflect on artworks by Peter Majendie

## 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, DWARFED BENEATH THE TERRIBLE WAVE OF THE WORLD;  
JESUS, RISING IN THE WONDERFUL WISDOM AND GRACE OF GOD;  
JESUS THE LIVING ONE, THE GIVER OF PEACE AND LIFE.**

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

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

### Hymn:

Christ, be our light

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)



1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Chorus:*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your Church  
gathered today.

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us,  
make us your living voice.

*Chorus*

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

*Chorus*

4. Longing for shelter people are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

*Chorus*

5. Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

*Chorus*

*Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)*

### **Prayer of Approach**

Longing for light and truth, wondering about food for the hungry,  
and hope for the hopeless, this gathering of people comes.

**GRACIOUS GOD, HERE WE ARE.**

Longing for peace and the putting of things right,  
questioning how the Word and the Living Voice will be spoken,  
a Christchurch crowd bends its knee.

**SPEAKING GOD, HERE WE ARE.**

Longing for shelter, for the warmth of home,  
this "only today" gathering of souls comes to this nexus of time.

Tracks to the horizontal,  
**TRACKS TO THE VERTICAL,**

tracks to the North and South,  
**TO THE EAST AND WEST,**

to the Left and Right,  
**TO THE STRAIGHT AND GAY,**

the intersection of the paths we travel  
finds our meeting here,  
**IN THIS HOUSE OF PRAYER.**

Bless our gathering,  
**AND BE OUR LIGHT.**

Christ be our Light,  
shine in our hearts.  
shine through the darkness.  
**CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT.**  
**SHINE IN YOUR CHURCH,**  
**GATHERED TODAY.**

*Silence*

In the healing but searching light that shines,  
we acknowledge the thoughts, words and deeds  
owned by us  
that have not been "light".

We offer not only them,  
but the myriad blind spots  
because of which we have hurt the world.  
Help us love one another . . .

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:

God, somehow your road and ours have met;  
you have been revealed to us as suffering love.  
The great weight of the world  
presses your edges in the One who carries a cross.

**IN THE COMPANY OF THESE WORKS OF ART,  
SPEAK TO US THIS DAY  
OF THE LIGHT YOU HAVE FOR US,  
THE LIFE YOU GIVE US.**

Christ be our Light,  
**SHINE IN YOUR CHURCH,  
GATHERED TODAY.**

For we pray this in the name of Jesus,  
who taught us to pray, 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.**

*We exchange a sign of peace with one another.*

**A Word from the Artist:** Pete Majendie

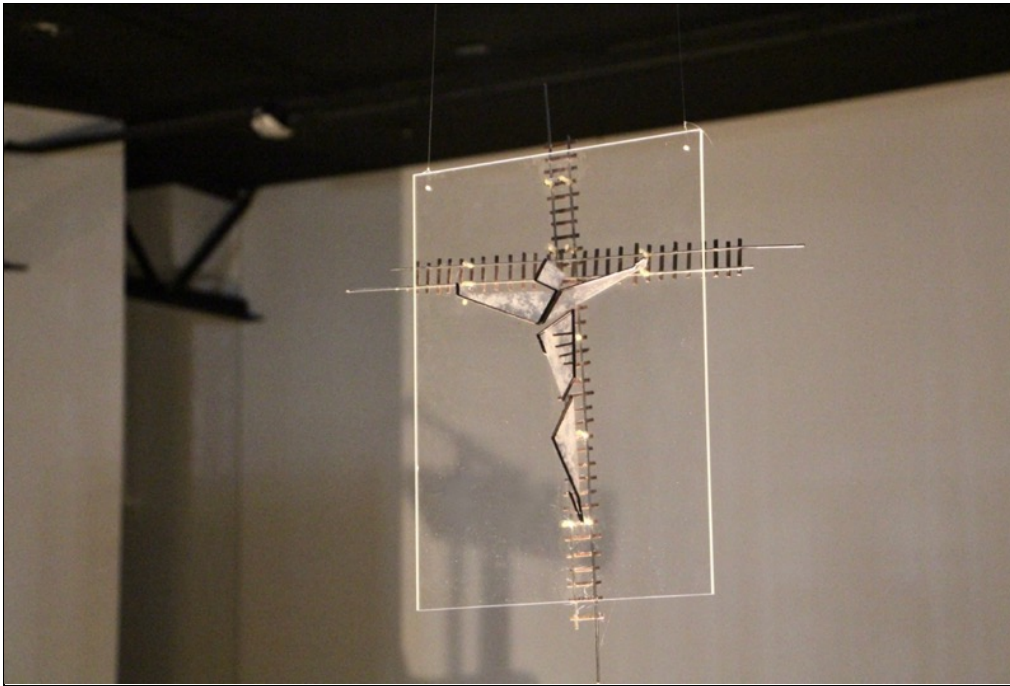


# A series of Readings, Reflections and Musics

**Reading:** John 19: 16b-22

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

He is crucified in a public place.  
**HE CANNOT BE MISSED.**



Jesus at the crossroads.

In the light of his journey, contemplate your journey.

Where could it lead?

Where could it come from?

**Reflection:** Railroaded

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/sdPQx0Nn30Q>

We remain seated to sing

**Hymn:**

Fulda

William Gardiner (1770-1853)



1. Where cross the crowded ways of life,  
where sound the cries of race and clan,

above the noise of selfish strife  
we hear your voice, O Son of Man.

2. In haunts of wretchedness and need,  
on shadowed thresholds dark with fears,  
from paths where hide the lures of greed  
we catch the vision of your tears.
3. From tender childhood's helplessness,  
from human grief and burdened toil,  
from famished souls, from sorrow's stress  
your heart has never known recoil.
4. O Master, from the mountain side  
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
among these restless throngs abide,  
and tread the city's streets again:

*Franks Mason North (1850-1935) alt.*

**Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1: 20-25

In this is the Word of God.

**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

While the Christ is misunderstood by many,

**MAY GOD'S WISDOM FIND US OUT.**



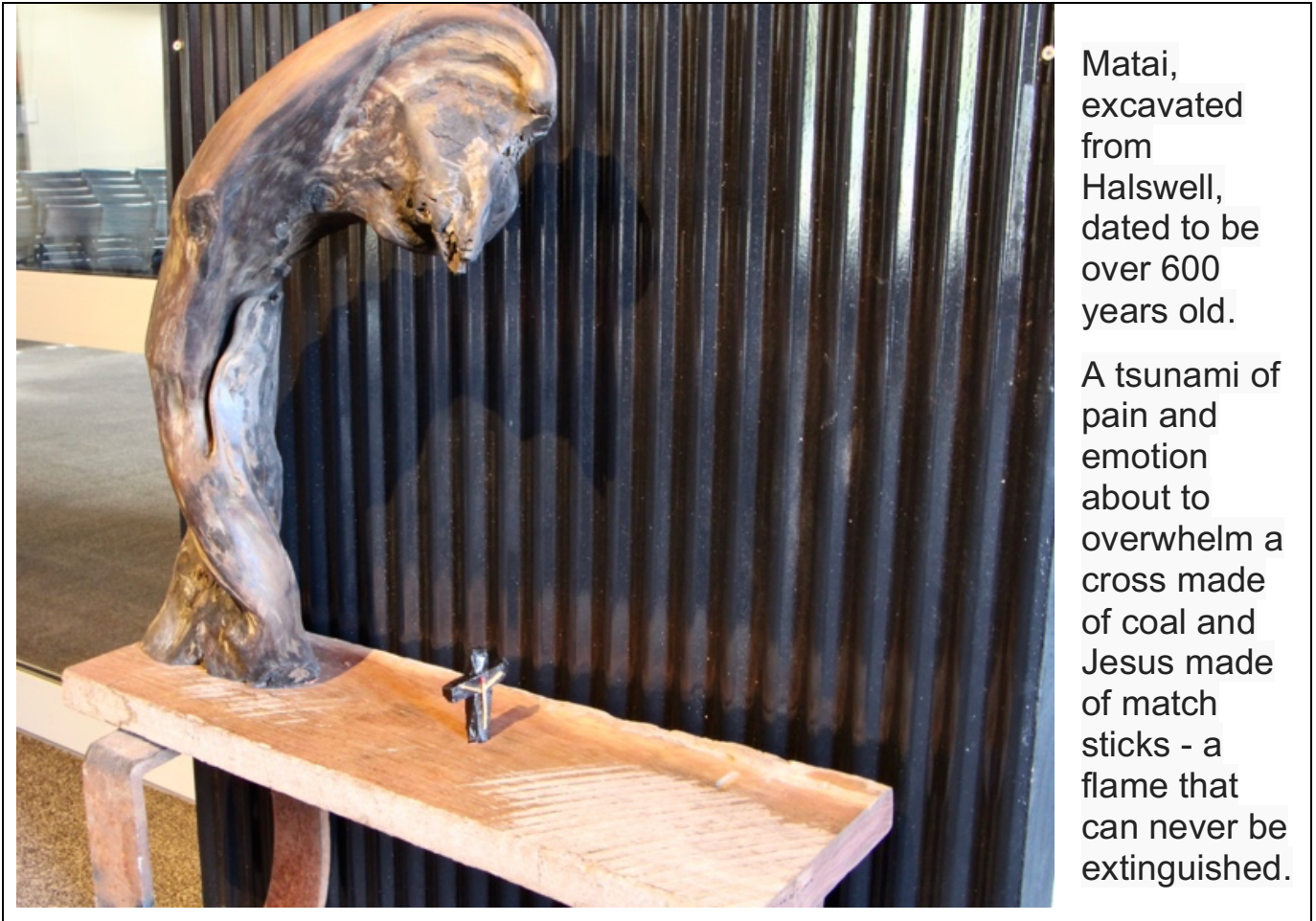
**Reflection:** The Cross man

**Music for Reflection:** Solitude  
Herbert Brewer (1865-1928)

**Reading:** Mark 14: 55-64

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

A wave of hatred wells up behind him.  
**HE TURNS HIS FACE  
TO TRUTH AND LIGHT.**



**Reflection:** The Wave

**Hymn:**

Stuttgart

Melody attrib. Christian F. Witt (1660-1716)



1. In the cross of Christ I glory,  
towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.



2. Through the cross, Christ's love empowers us  
worldliness and self deny;  
by his Spirit it inspires us  
him, through love, to glorify.
3. When the woes of life o'ertake us,  
hopes deceive and fears annoy,  
never shall the cross forsake us,  
from it shines our peace and joy.
4. Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
by the cross are sanctified;  
peace is there that knows no measure,  
joys that through all time abide.
5. In the cross of Christ I glory,  
towering o'er the wrecks of time;  
all the light of sacred story  
gathers round its head sublime.

*John Bowring (1792-1872), alt.*

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

*To the minister's words "God of the cross",  
you are invited to respond "**HEAR OUR PRAYER**".*

### **The Offering and Dedication**

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

Having received,  
**WE SEEK NOW TO GIVE.**

Having been blessed,  
**WE LONG TO BLESS OTHERS.**

May the food and the money find themselves to the right places,  
**AND MAY ALL OUR GIFTS  
FIND LOVING WAYS TO BE USED.**

For we pray it in the name of Jesus,  
**AMEN.**

### **Notices**

**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 and Sung Amen**

**Postlude:** 1st movement, Trio Sonata no. 1 in Eb, BWV 525  
JS Bach (1685-1750)

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

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## NOTICES

<b>This Week:</b>	<b>9 June – 15 June</b>
Sunday	10.00am Morning Worship
	11.30am Shalom in Committee Room
	11.30am Shared Lunch in Lounge
Wednesday	10.00am Bible Study

<b>Next Week:</b>	<b>16 June – 22 June</b>
Sunday	10.00am Morning Worship
Wednesday	10.00am Bible Study

**Shared lunch in Lounge** – All welcome. Just bring a small plate of finger food which can be left in the kitchen or lounge before Church. If you wish to attend but had forgotten about it, come along anyway as there is always enough to share.

**Sunday lunch 16 June** – Join us for lunch and a friendly chat at the **Black and White Café, 45 Merrin St, Avonhead**. Meet at around 12pm. Please, add your name to the attendance list at the church entrance if you are planning to join us, or, send an email to [jannekenuysink@gmail.com](mailto:jannekenuysink@gmail.com) no later than Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Te Whare Roimata** - Call out for tinned foods e.g. baked beans, spaghetti etc. (something to make a meal from).

**Film Group** - No film for June. Regular viewings will resume on Sunday 7 July with The Miracle Club (2023). Details later.

**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.

## Next week's Majendie works

In next week's service, which we've called "Ephemera", we'll be engaging with works that feature "passing things": leaves, sparrows, nests, coffee painting. We'll reflect on how a wooden chair relates to the living tree from which it was made. Maybe also we'll be considering how colourfully we see the world - and how "rich colouring" might be different from garishness. We're really grateful to Pete for loaning us works that give us such rich possibilities for spiritual engagement.



## This year's Matariki service

Knox will be observing Matariki on Sunday 30 June this year. One of the conventions at Matariki in te Ao Maori is to speak out, in community, the names of those who have died in the last year. We have done this a few times now, and people find it meaningful. Please spend the next while thinking about whether you have a name that comes to mind.



# Lay my Burden Down



Jeremy Woodside  
Organ



Special guest Lana Law  
Saxophone

## Featuring music of:

Francis Pott, Bach, Bedard's Sonata for saxophone and organ,  
and the NZ Premiere of Lay my Burden down by Iain Farrington

**Saturday 22 June 2024, 4.00pm**

**OXFORD TERRACE BAPTIST CHURCH**



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**Tickets: \$25**

(purchased at the door on the day)

## The Nail Man

Which one was it  
that held the nails  
and then hammered them  
into place?

Did he hit them  
out of anger,  
or a simple  
sense of duty?

Was it a job  
that had to be done,  
or a good day's work  
in the open air?

And when they  
clawed past bone  
and bit into wood,  
was it like all the others,  
or did history  
shudder a little  
beneath the head  
of that hammer?

Was he still there,  
packing away his tools,  
when 'It is finished'  
was uttered to the throng,  
or was he at home  
washing his hands  
and getting ready  
for the night?

Will he be  
among the forgiven  
on that Day of Days,  
his sin having been slain  
by his own savage spike?

*Steve Turner*

## **HARD AS NAILS**

Love's as warm as tears.  
Love is tears.  
Pressure within the brain.  
Tension at the throat,  
Deluge, weeks of rain,  
Haystacks afloat,  
Featureless seas between  
Hedge, where once was green.

Love's as fierce as fire.  
Love is fire.  
All sorts – internal heat,  
Clinkered with greed and pride;  
Lyric desire, sharp-sweet,  
Laughing, even when desired;  
And that empyreal flame  
Whence all love came.

Love's as fresh as Spring.  
Love is Spring.  
Bird-song, hung in the air,  
Cool smells in a word  
Whispering "Dare! Dare!"  
To sap, to blood  
Telling "Ease, safety, rest  
Are good, not best."

Love's as hard as nails.  
Love is nails.  
Blunt, thick, hammered through  
The medial nerves of One  
Who, having made us, knew  
The thing He had done  
Seeing (with all that is)  
Our cross, and His.

C.S. Lewis



### The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Isaiah 4: 6-11
- 2 Corinthians 4: 16-18
- Matthew 10: 26-31

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