



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service

16 June 2024



EPHEMERA

eternity

the second 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.

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:

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

**JESUS, AN EPHEMERAL LIFE FROM WHOM EMERGED AN ETERNITY;
JESUS, LEAVES ON THE EARTH, CLOUDS IN THE HEAVENS;
JESUS, LIFE, COLOUR AND NURTURE TO THE FAITHFUL.**

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Kremser

Eduard Kremser (1838-1914)



1. Sing praise and thanksgiving, let all creatures living
now worship their maker with gladness and song;

all glory and honour we bring to God, singing:
O praise to the Almighty,
sing praise to our God!

2. Our lives of God's making Christ brings to their waking
in darkness we've been held in deep, gracious care,
now into the light we are called from our sleeping:
O praise to the Almighty,
sing praise to our God!
3. God, frame our desiring to do your requiring,
that unto your glory be all that we do;
and here, as we worship, give faith and give healing:
O praise to the Almighty,
sing praise to our God!

*Paul Gerhardt (1607-1676),
tr. Margaret Barclay (b. 1923),
adapted by Colin Gibson, then again by Matthew Jack.*

Prayer of Approach

Living, breathing,
singing, praying,
hoping, feeling,
crying, dying,
stumbling, rising -

**ALL GOD'S CREATURES
JOIN THE SONG.**

Seeing the Christ,
as he lives with grace,
noticing the ones whom he gathers
learning to love,
healing and being healed,
hoping anew -

**IT IS LIKE A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS,
A WAKING UP OF LIFE.**

And feeling like our desiring
now is being framed
by a longing to be true,
and to manifest a dignified image,
**WE WONDER AT THIS INNER RENEWING
OF SPIRIT AND HOPE.**

Bring praise to the Almighty;
SING PRAISE TO OUR GOD.

Silence

Is it a mystery, we wonder,
that some of God's living creatures
did not find in Jesus a new song to sing?
Or was it to be expected?
For there was suspicion and jealousy.
There was conspiring and killing.
"May his life", they said,
"be nasty, brutish and short;
**MAY HIS OUTER NATURE
BE MARKED BY STRIPES
AND BLEEDING".**

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 who breathed the Spirit of Life
into dust taken from the ground,
speak to us through Autumn leaves,
falling sparrows
and the colours of the world,
**THAT OUR INNER NATURE MIGHT FIND RENEWAL,
AND SING, WITH ALL LIVING THINGS,
THE PRAISE THAT IS RIGHT TO BRING.**

For we pray it in the name of Jesus,
using the words he gave 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.**

We exchange a sign of peace with one another.

A Word from the Artist: Pete Majendie

A series of Readings, Reflections and Musics

Reading: Isaiah 40: 6-11

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

Flowers fade and grass withers;
THE WORD OF OUR GOD WILL STAND FOREVER.



I would like you to inhale deeply. Smell these leaves; earthy, of the ground from whence we came.

Pick up some leaves. What you hold in your hand is death. Some closer to dust, some more beautiful, some transparent, - all dead.

The leaves mark the end of a season, the beginning of a new one. Good Friday marks the end of a season. The end of the temple and all its ritual - all that went on there foreshadowed Jesus. It is a new season, God is doing a new thing. The end of God dealing with a chosen few - God has now added everyone.

Reflection: Leaves and Word

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/oZVah1mqNI8>

We remain seated to sing

Hymn:

St Anne

probably William Croft (1678-1727)



1. Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:
2. under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure:
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God
to endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone:
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away:
they fly forgotten as a dream
dies at the opening day.
6. Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Reading: 2 Corinthians 4: 16-18

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

While the outer nature is wasting away,
**GOD RENEWS OUR INNER NATURE
DAY BY DAY.**

Reflection: The colour of our world

Knox Singers:

Praise to God in the highest
arr. Sidney Campbell (1909-1974)



Reading: Matthew 10: 26-31

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

No sparrow falls to the ground outside your Father's care;
AND ARE YOU NOT WORTH MANY SPARROWS?



*"Are not two sparrows sold for a penny?
Yet not one of them will fall to the ground
outside your Father's care."*

*To God nothing within His creation is
worthless.*

*Feathers: speak of protection
speak of soaring
speak of transformation &
beauty*

*Pray - for protection for those who have
none - from war, famine, poverty,
homelessness*

*-That the warm, nurturing, protective love of
God would enfold them.*

Reflection: Sparrow Value

Hymn:

Aurelia

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876)



1. The church on earth is learning
through Jesus Christ the Lord,
the value of the sparrow,
how great the love of God.
So lead us, Christ, to ponder
how human sparrows dare
within our cut and thrusting
to nurture and to care.
2. A job is disestablished,
a living gone away;
a worker wonders deeply
how now the bills to pay;
the church on earth is learning
through Jesus Christ the Lord,
the value of the sparrow,
how great the love of God.
3. A people is devalued,
a language banished far
from government departments -
a hurting cult'ral scar.
The church on earth is learning
through Jesus Christ the Lord,
the value of the sparrow,
how great the love of God.
4. In kura, school and college
as meals are redefined,
and cheapening of menu
is now the prize to find,
the church on earth is learning
through Jesus Christ the Lord,
the value of the sparrow,
how great the love of God.

5. God, in our daily living,
may your great truth prevail;
with voice and spirit finding
best ways to sing your will.
The church on earth is learning
through Jesus Christ the Lord,
the value of the sparrow,
how great the love of God.

Matthew Jack (b. 1963)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

*To the minister's words "May the Word of Life",
you are invited to respond "**BRING LIFE TO ALL**".*

The Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering

Trying to be comfortable, O God,
with our living within what is ephemeral,
WE HEAR A WORD OF THAT WHICH ENDURES.

Trying to live in a world where colour and life are sometimes hard to see,
WE HEAR A WORD OF VIBRANT, RISEN LIFE.

Witnessing the ways in which our culture dismisses the small,
WE HEAR A WORD THAT VALUES THE SPARROW.

So, now we come to make our offering.
**WILL YOU BLESS WHERE IT GOES
HOW IT WORKS,
AND WHAT DISRUPTION IT MIGHT MAKE.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus, friend of the sparrows;
AMEN.

Notices

The Coffee Grounds

Hymn:

Regent Square

Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879)



1. Glory to our God, Creator,
glory be to Christ, our Sun,
glory be to God the Spirit,
great Redeemer, Three in One!
Glory, glory, glory, glory,
while eternal ages run.
2. Glory be to One who loved us,
came our loyalties to claim;
glory be to God who won us,
caught our spirits in the flame;
Glory, glory, glory, glory,
to the One whose love remains.
3. Glory be to God in this day,
with our current weal and woe;
glory be to God who calls us,
in whose name we've far to go.
Glory, glory, glory, glory,
to the God in Christ we know.
4. 'Glory, blessing, praise eternal!'
thus the choir of angels sings;
'Honour, riches, power, dominion!'
thus its praise creation brings;
Glory, glory, glory, glory,
from our hearts our worship springs!

Horatius Bonar (1808-1889), alt. Matthew Jack

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Ceremonial March
Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

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

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Pete's notes on The Chair



The tree rings (showing the whole life story of the tree) continue through the chair - the story of the tree is in the chair. The chair has a beauty - as you do.

Consider resting in what God has done. Salvation is a done deal. There is a difference though between resting and sitting out.

Get off your seat and be a blessing; or sit down when you're not supposed to (Rosa Parks).

Think of the time you could have sat down; tired, worn out, but so much to do, so many demands. Pray that you will let yourself rest in God's grace.

Or, think of a time you stood up and gave up your seat, realising you were made for a time such as this. That would have been hard. Pray grace and strength to live with the consequences.

Pete's notes on the handmade flax paper

a piece of which you are welcome to take home

Handmade flax paper – transparent 100% pure flax.

Hard to recognise where it came from. A thing of beauty which had to undergo a long and bruising process to get there.

Chopped in the guillotine, boiled in caustic soda for 3 hours, rinsed for 3 hours, put through a waste disposal unit, the pulp is then fed into a kitchen food processor for 10 minutes.

The resulting fine pulp is then ready to be suspended in water to form paper.

The transformation of the flax leaves to something that is strong but translucent is a long process, that is a metaphor of what we experience as we grieve.

The gold leaf represents an aspect of the treasure you have lost, and is now a part of the fabric of your life and who you are becoming.



NOTICES

This Week: 16 June – 22 June
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
12.00pm Lunch at Black & White Café
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: 23 June – 29 June
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
11.30am Shalom in Committee Room
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

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.

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.

Royal School of Church Music (Canterbury) Annual General Meeting 7:00pm, Monday 24 June

While this meeting will include the usual business for an annual meeting (reception of reports, adoption of budget, etc.), the business will be followed by a couple of delightful things.

Matthew has been asked to repeat the talk he delivered to a very small audience at February's RSCM function "Past, Present, Future - Hymnody".

And Jeremy Woodside will be giving a short organ recital. Everyone is welcome - free entry.

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.

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.

LAST WEEK'S PRAYERS FOR OTHERS AND OURSELVES

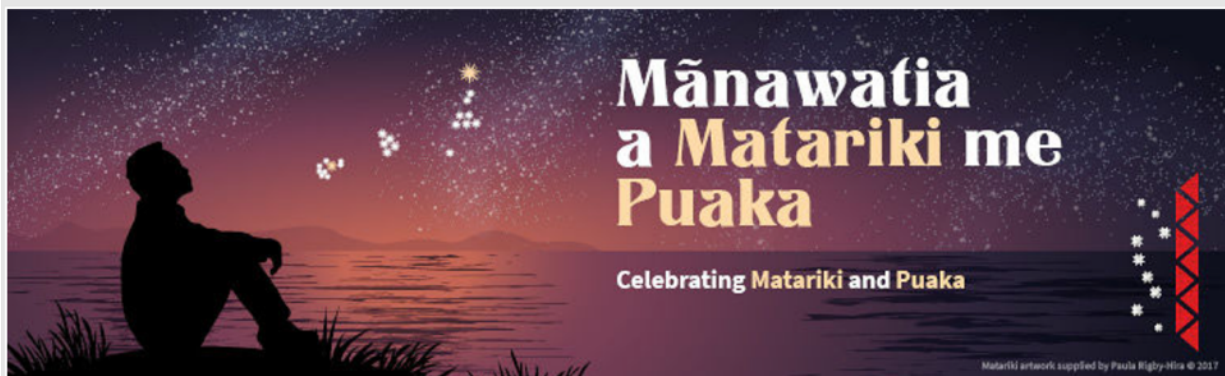
A number of people mentioned that last week's prayers for others featured one that they found really moving. So I'm happy to print it here. We had looked at three Majendie artworks all featuring crucifixion motifs.



*Having considered three works all featuring crucifixion,
the naughty child who lives in our prayers
dares us to pray that no one ever again ought to be crucified.
It's a silly prayer, of course,
because cruelty seems so often to be hard-wired.
But, hearing the naughty dare of the child,
we wonder about a world without cruelty -
where everyone is kind,
and no one hates,
where hands and hearts are open,
and no vulnerable word is ever spurned.
We think, perhaps, O God,
that we might be imagining that new creation
of which, in faith and hope, our Jesus spoke.
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies!
God of the cross,
HEAR OUR PRAYER.*

Christchurch City Libraries are holding a number of events around Matariki, including this open day at the Rehua Marae in Springfield Road, St Albans. If you have ever seen the wharenui off in the distance down the entrance path, and wondered what it was, this could be a good opportunity to be welcomed to look around.

Events › Matariki ki Rehua Marae



Matariki ki Rehua Marae

Saturday, June 29, 2024  Add to Calendar

1:00PM – 4:00PM

Rehua Marae

Description

Join Māori Library Services at Rehua Marae on Springfield Road, St Albans for more storytelling, crafts and Matariki activities.

Kai | food and craft stalls are available, so there's bound to be something for the whole whānau.

Program: [Matariki](#)

Suitable for:

Adults (ages 18+)
Babies (ages 0-2)
Kids (ages 5-12)
New adults (ages 18-24)
Older adults (ages 60+)
Preschoolers (ages 2-5)
Teens (ages 12-18)

Type: [Community events](#)

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Language: English

Additional Details:

79 Springfield Rd St Albans

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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CHURCH

Tickets: \$25

(purchased at the door on the day)



The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Psalm 107: 1-3, 23-32
- Mark 4: 35-41

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