

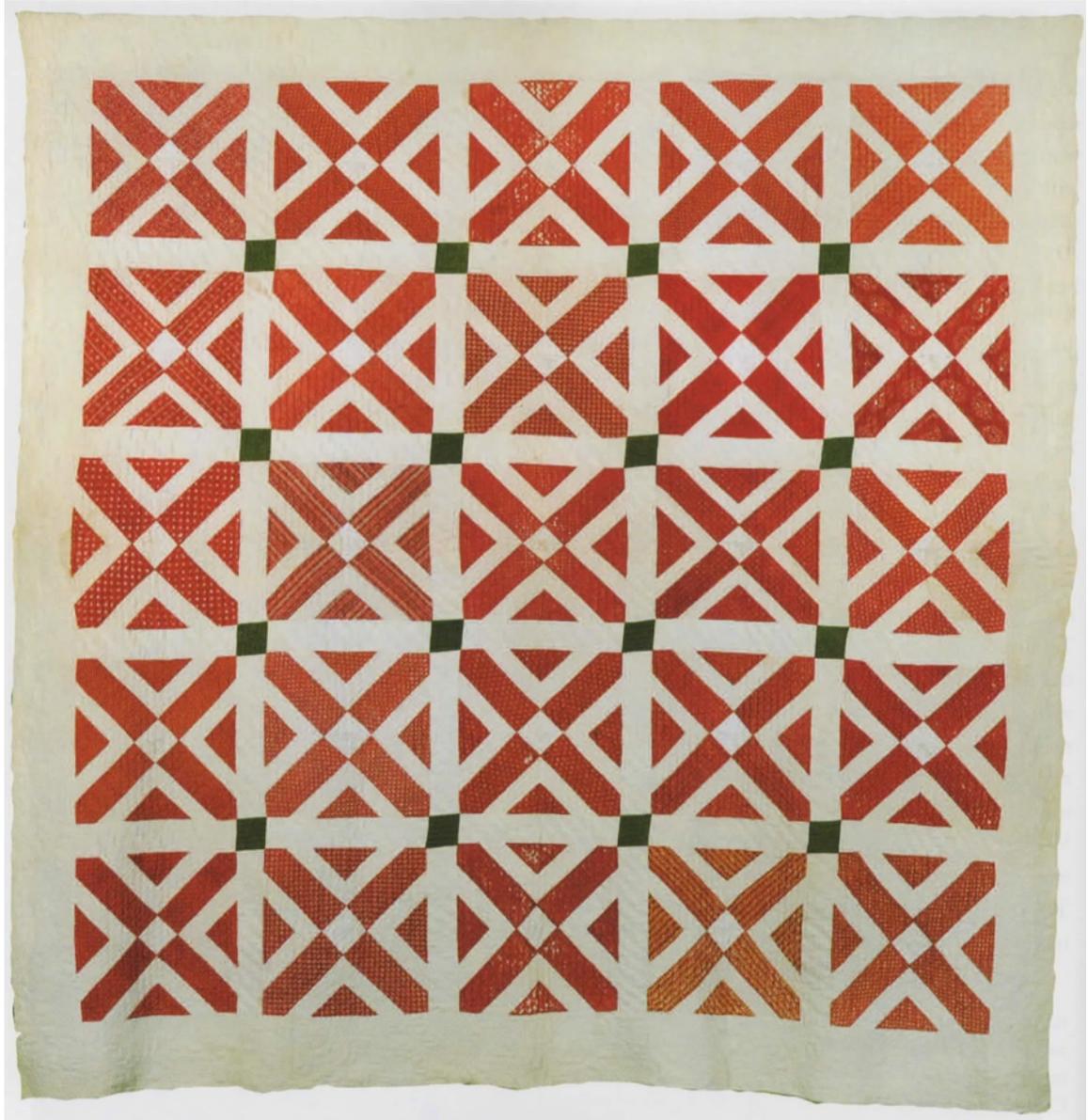


KNOX CHURCH

love faith outreach community justice

Order of Service

5 May 2024



A PATCHWORK OF FRIENDS

A COMMUNION SERVICE

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.

This is a communion service. The table at Knox is an open one. Members of any church, as well as any who are seeking God sincerely, are welcome to receive communion here.

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, SPEAKING WITH CONFIDENCE ABOUT THE LOVE OF GOD;
JESUS, DECLARING HIS DISCIPLES TO BE HIS FRIENDS;
JESUS, CALLING US NOW TO ABIDE IN HIS LOVE.**

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. God be with you.
MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI. GOD BLESS YOU.

Hymn:

Normandy

Basque Carol



1. The great love of God is revealed in the Son,
who came to this earth to redeem every one.
That love, like a stream flowing clear to the sea,
makes clean every heart that from sin would be free.
2. It binds the whole world, every barrier it breaks,
the hills it lays low, and the mountains it shakes.
It's yours, it is ours, O how lavishly given!
the pearl of great price, and the treasure of heaven.

Daniel Thambyrajah Niles (1908-1970)

Prayer of Approach

*"That love like a stream flowing clear to the sea
makes clean every hear that from sin would be free."*

Is there a great love, O God,
that flows like a river to the great wide sea,
**THAT CARRIES ALONG WITH IT
ALL WHO, BY GRACE,
COME CLOSE TO ITS EDGE?**

Is there a great love that break barriers
and shakes low the mountains,
**THAT BINDS THE WHOLE WORLD
AND MAKES THE PEOPLE WHOLE?**

Today, we will hear such a love described as Jesus speaks to his disciples,
telling them that no more are they servants of the Master,
BUT FRIENDS OF THE LORD.

We will hear him calling them to abide
in the love that hallows their humanity
AND BRINGS THEM INTO THE COMMUNITY OF PEACE.

As we prepare ourselves to hear of such love,
WE OFFER OUR SILENT PRAISE.

Silence

It may also be,
that in hearing of the great love of God,
we may feel thoughts coming into our minds
**OF WRONGS DONE,
AND RIGHTS OMITTED,
OF FRIENDS WE HAVE HURT,
AND OF THE WORLD IN PAIN.**

So, for our part in all of that, 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:

The disciples of Jesus, O God,
heard him call them "friends",
inviting them to do his commandments
and abide in his love,
thus finding perfect joy.

**MAY WE HEAR HIM SAY THE SAME TO US,
AND THUS BE FREED TO BE TRUE FRIENDS
BOTH TO YOU AND OUR NEIGHBOURS.**

For we pray it in his name.

AMEN.

The Notices

The Gospel Lesson: John 15: 9-17

This is the gospel of Christ.

PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.

Anthem: Ave Maria from Cavalleria Rusticana
Pietro Mascagni (1863-1945)
Soprano: Amanda Atlas

Sermon: Quilts, quakes, schools and social beings

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/2Y-o29pITPs>

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

To the minister's words "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you", you are invited to respond "**ABIDE IN MY LOVE**".

. . . **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 Offering and Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering.

Blessed are you, O God of all creation.
Through your goodness, we bring what we have gathered,
using the talents that you have given us.
It will further the work of your kingdom.
BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER.

Blessed are you, O God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.
BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER.

Blessed are you, O God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us our spiritual drink.
**BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER,
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, 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.

Communion Hymn:

Suantrai

Irish traditional melody



1. This is my will,
my one command,
that love should dwell
among you all.
This is my will,
that you should love
as I have shown
that I love you.
2. No greater love
a man can have
than that he die
to save his friends.
You are my friends
if you obey
what I command
that you should do.
3. I call you now
no longer slaves;
no slave knows all
his master does.
I call you friends,
for all I hear
my father say
you hear from me.
4. You chose not me,
but I chose you,
that you should go
and bear much fruit.
I chose you out
that you in me
should bear much fruit
that will abide.
5. All that you ask
my father dear
for my name's sake
you shall receive.
This is my will,
my one command,
that love should dwell
in each, in all.

James Quinn (1919 - 2010)

We sit for

The Invitation, Institution and the Setting Apart of the Elements

The Great Eucharistic Prayer:

May God be with you.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Lift up your hearts.

WE LIFT THEM TO GOD.

Let us give thanks to the world's creator.
IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.

It is right indeed . . .

The Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God:

Jesus, Bread of Heaven,
HAVE MERCY ON US.

Jesus, recreating your people where they stand,
HAVE MERCY ON US.

Jesus, foretaste of the new creation,
GRANT US YOUR PEACE.

The Communion

*For the distribution, please come forward to the table,
receive some bread, dip it in the cup, and return to your seat. If you prefer
gluten free bread, some is available on the plinth in front of the bread servers.
Non-alcoholic grape juice can be taken from the trays held by the glass servers.*

Communion Anthem: Panis Angelicus
Cesar Franck (1822-1890)
Soprano: Amanda Atlas

The Prayer After Communion

Eternal God,
we give you thanks and praise
that while we were still far off
you met us in your Son, and brought us home.
**MAY WE WHO SHARE HIS BREAD
LIVE HIS RISEN LIFE;
WE WHO DRINK HIS CUP
BRING LIFE TO OTHERS;
WE WHOM THE SPIRIT LIGHTS
GIVE LIGHT TO THE WORLD,
THAT ALL YOUR CHILDREN SHALL BE FREE,
AND THE WHOLE EARTH LIVE TO PRAISE YOUR NAME.
AMEN.**

Hymn:

Wolvercote

William Harold Ferguson (1874-1950)



1. O Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
Lord, be for ever near me,
my master and my friend:
I shall not fear the battle
if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide.
2. O let me feel you near me:
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
Lord, speak to reassure me,
to chasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
true guardian of my soul.
3. Lord, let me see your footmarks
and in them plant my own;
that I may follow boldly
and in your strength alone:
O guide me, call me, draw me,
uphold me to the end;
and then in heaven receive me,
my Saviour and my friend.

John Ernest Bode (1734-1820)

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Prelude in F minor, BWV 534
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

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NOTICES

This Week: 5 May – 11 May
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
4.00pm Film Group – Green Book (in Chapel)
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: 12 May – 18 May
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
11.30am Shared lunch
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Film Group - Sunday 5 May 4pm: Green Book (2019) - This Oscar winning film is inspired by a true story. In 1962 the African American pianist Don Shirley made a concert tour of the Deep South, USA. His driver and bodyguard was an Italian American Frank Vallalonga. They had to rely on the "Green Book" which listed the establishments where black people could safely stay in the highly segregated southern states. Through racism, danger, humour and humanity they formed a deep friendship. As there is a workshop being held in the Lounge over the weekend we will probably set up in the Chapel or the Hall, depending on numbers.

Sunday lunch 19 May – 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 15th.

Public Questions Group: Having decided that we would like to attend to at least one local and one national issue this year, the group will meet after church today, in the chapel (around 11:20am) to choose a couple of issues. During the week, Matthew re-emailed the "focus" material sent out on 22 February, but a couple of printed copies will be available for those who may not have been "in the loop".

Shared Lunch – 12 May in the Lounge. Bring a small plate of finger food which can be left in the Lounge before Church or brought with you after coffee/tea in the Church. If you forget but would like to attend, please come along anyway as there is always enough to share. All are welcome. Yvonne Barnes.

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Monday 6th May 7pm | **Knox Church**

Vivaldi Recorder Concerto in C major RV 443

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Solo Recorder – **Luka Reardon**

Violin – **Mark Menzies** | Cello – **Tomas Hurnik**
University of Canterbury students' ensemble

Back to Classic

Monday 29th July 7pm

Oxford Terrace Baptist Church

String Trios (on period instruments)

Mozart Divertimento KV 563

and other hidden gems of classical music

Violin – **Mark Menzies**

Cello – **Tomas Hurnik** | Viola – **Henry Nicholson**

Back to Romantic

Monday 9th December 7pm

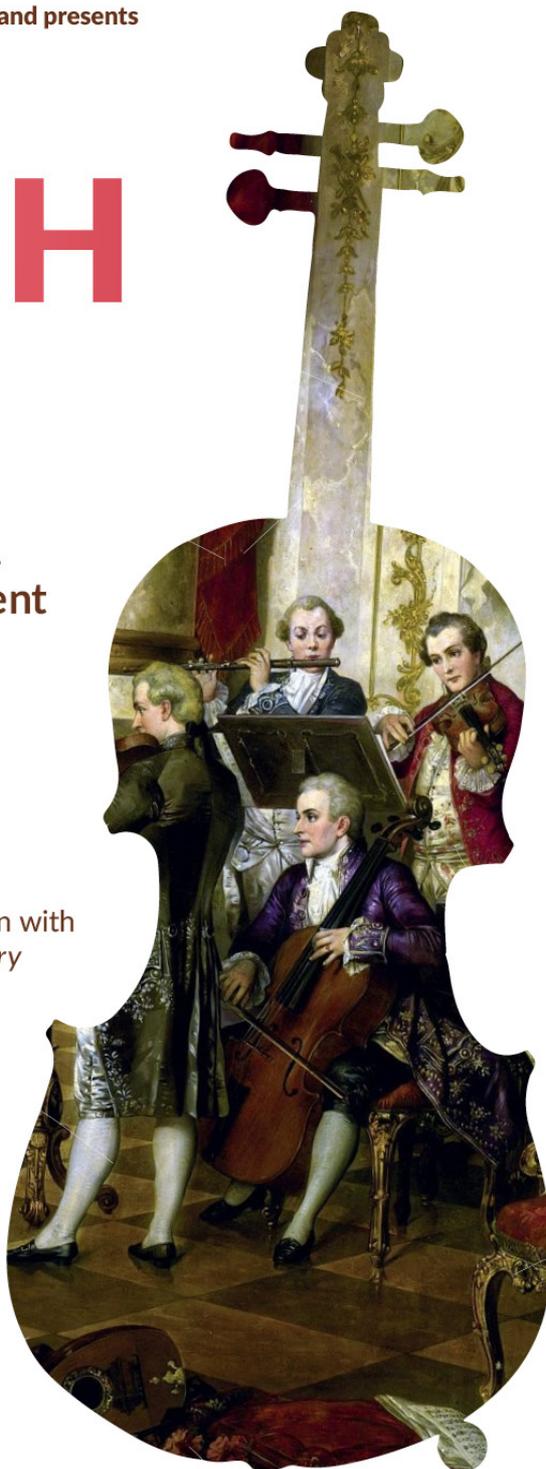
Oxford Terrace Baptist Church

String Quartets: Dvořák “American” string quartet

and other hidden gems of romantic music

Violin I – **Mark Menzies** | Violin II – **Rakuto Kurano**

Viola – **Henry Nicholson** | Cello – **Tomas Hurnik**



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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 THIRTY THREE OF THIRTY FIVE

"The Maoao village wedding", by Dick Bibimauri, Malaita, Solomon Islands.



A village wedding in our part of Malaita in the Solomon Islands is always a happy affair. The whole village is involved because everyone is extended family - no invitations have to be sent out as everyone will come anyway.

There will have been much planning and growing of fruit and vegetables. If the bride is from a nearby village, she will have been carried to the groom's village with much joking and laughter.

Pigs are always part of the celebrations, as "bride price" and as delicious meat when roasted "village style".

There is music, dancing, games and much hilarity. I know that Jesus enjoyed weddings, and he really would enjoy a Solomon Island wedding. Perhaps he would bring his own guitar to lead singing.



Bible readings for next week will be:

- Acts 1: 1-11
- Luke 24: 44-53

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