



# KNØX CHURCH

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## Order of Service

6 April 2025

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# THE MANIFESTO

- a flag of dawn -

a communion service for the fifth Sunday of Lent

## 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 Greeting

The Introit: Lent Prose (plainsong)

### The Call to Worship:

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

**JESUS, GOING BACK HOME TO READ SCRIPTURE FOR THE PEOPLE;  
JESUS, ADOPTING THE ANCIENT HOPE AND DREAM;  
JESUS, DECLARING THE RAISING OF THE FLAGS OF DAWN.**

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

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

## Hymn:

Irish

From Collection of Hymns and Sacred Poems, Dublin, 1749



1. "Your kingdom come!" - on bended knee  
the passing ages pray;  
and faithful souls have yearned to see  
on earth that kingdom's day.
2. But the slow watches of the night  
not less to God belong;  
and for the everlasting right  
the silent stars are strong.
3. And lo! already on the hills  
the flags of dawn appear;  
gird up yourselves, you prophet souls,  
proclaim the day is near:
4. The day in whose clear shining light  
all wrong shall stand revealed,  
when justice shall be throned with might,  
and every hurt be healed:
5. When knowledge, hand in hand with peace,  
shall walk the earth abroad, -  
the day of perfect righteousness,  
the promised day of God.

*Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929)*

## Prayer of Approach

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the flags of dawn appear;  
gird up yourselves, you prophet souls,  
proclaim the day is near:

**THE DAY IN WHOSE CLEAR SHINING LIGHT  
ALL WRONG SHALL STAND REVEALED,  
WHEN JUSTICE SHALL BE THRONED WITH MIGHT,  
AND EVERY HURT BE HEALED.**

We wonder what incredulity  
might have stolen into the hearts and minds  
of the people of Nazareth  
when Jesus announced the coming of that day.

**A NICE IDEA,  
BUT MAYBE ONLY A NICE IDEA.**

The people's doubts notwithstanding,  
Jesus the dreamer speaks in faith and hope  
of justice, freedom and love,  
**THEN EMBARKS ON HIS JOURNEY.**

The manifesto adopted and shared,  
out into the world he goes to change the world.  
**BLESS HIM FOR HIS CONFIDENCE,  
PRAISE HIM FOR HIS LOVE.**

*Silence*

We know, O God,  
that along his way he will come across resistance,  
the odd cruel laugh at his naiveté.  
**IN THE DAYS OF THE CROSS,  
GREAT WILL BE THE COST.**

We confess that, in our lives,  
we have contributed to the hostile attitude of the world  
towards people who seek the better way.  
Therefore 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:**

In the commencing of his ministry,  
Jesus set the flags of dawn upon the hills.  
Drawing from a deep faith,  
a compelling vision and an old prophecy,  
he stepped forward into living with powerful grace and truth.

**GIVE US COURAGE TO FOLLOW HIM,  
AND SKILL IN PLACING OUR FLAGS OF DAWN  
ON THE HILLTOPS OF OUR DAYS.**

For we pray this in the name of Jesus,

**OUR LENTEN LORD,  
AMEN.**

### **The Notices**

**The Gospel Lesson:** Luke 4: 16-21

This is the gospel of Christ.

**PRAISE TO CHRIST, THE WORD.**

**Knox Singers:** There is a green hill far away  
arr. June Nixon (b. 1942)

**Sermon:** The Year of the Lord's Favour

*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/KkV42b-LOiM>*

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

To the minister's words, "Jesus, our Lenten Lord",  
you are invited to respond "**WIN US TO YOUR MANIFESTO**".

**. . . 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:

Ombersley

William Henry Gladstone (1840-1891)



1. Lord of all being, throned afar,  
thy glory flames from sun and star;  
centre and soul of every sphere,  
yet to each loving heart how near!
2. Sun of our life, thy quickening ray  
sheds on our path the glow of day;  
star of our hope, thy softened light  
cheers the long watches of the night.

3. Our midnight is thy smile withdrawn,  
our noontide is thy gracious dawn,  
our rainbow arch thy mercy's sign;  
all, save the clouds of sin, are thine.
4. Lord of all life, below, above,  
whose light is truth, whose warmth is love,  
before thy ever-blazing throne  
we ask no lustre of our own.
5. Grant us thy truth to make us free,  
and kindling hearts that burn for thee,  
till all thy living altars claim  
one holy light, one heavenly flame.

*Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809-1894)*

*We sit for*

**The Invitation and Institution**

**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.*

## **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.**

## **The Lenten Litany:**

O Christ,  
at the start of your journey to the cross,  
you set out clearly the nature of your ministry.  
Speaking of the Year of the Lord's favour,  
you called your people to work for freedom.  
Along the Lenten path,  
**LEAD US LORD JESUS.**

O Christ,  
the cost will be high,  
but your commitment is strong and your goal is good.  
Along the Lenten path,  
**LEAD US LORD JESUS.**

God of love,  
as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us,  
so may we give ourselves to you,  
living according to your will.  
**KEEP OUR FEET FIRMLY IN THE WAY WHERE CHRIST LEADS US,  
THIS LENT, AND ALL OUR DAYS. AMEN.**

## Hymn:

Dunedin

Vernon Griffiths (1894-1985)



1. Forth in your name, O Lord, I go,  
my daily labour to pursue;  
you, only you, resolved to know,  
in all I think, or speak, or do.
2. The task your wisdom has assigned  
O let me cheerfully fulfil;  
in all my works your presence find,  
and prove your good and perfect will.
3. You may I set at my right hand,  
whose eyes my inmost substance view,  
and labour on at your command,  
and offer all my works to you.
4. Give me to bear your easy yoke,  
and every moment watch and pray,  
and still on things eternal look  
and hasten to your glorious day;
5. for you delightfully employ  
whate'er your bounteous grace has given,  
and run my course with even joy,  
and closely walk with you to heaven.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.*

## Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Praeludium in G minor BuxWV149  
Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

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

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## NOTICES

**This Week: 6 April – 12 April**  
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship  
4.00pm Film Group  
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

**Next Week: 13 April – 19 April**  
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship  
11.30am Shalom  
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

**Sunday 6 April: Film Group 4.00pm in the Chapel.** The early history of New Zealand has so many close ties with Queen Victoria - including her first Prime Minister, Lord Melbourne, who insisted on our treaty in 1840. The film **The Young Victoria** (2009) is set in those tumultuous first years of her reign. Superbly acted (starring Emily Blunt and Rupert Friend) this film is a joy to watch and gives us great insight into this amazing woman. **Note the change of time and venue.**

**Easter Day Breakfast** - Following on the tradition, we will be celebrating Easter Day with breakfast on Sunday 20 April to be served from 8.30am – 9.15am in the Knox Lounge. Menu: Fruit and Cereal, Scrambled Eggs with Bacon, Toast and Spreads, Tea/Coffee. Cost: \$10 per person. There are clipboards by both doors to be filled in by Sunday 13 April. We need to get an idea of numbers for food ordering but there will be enough food for extras.

**Valerie Heinz Art Exhibition** - Valerie Heinz was a longtime member of Knox Church and an accomplished artist. A retrospective exhibition of some of her paintings is being held at Chambers Gallery, 80 Durham Street South in Sydenham (just over the bridge on the left). The exhibition continues this week from Tuesday to Thursday 10am - 4pm. **NB.** No longer on until Saturday as previously notified.

**Sunday Lunch** - The third Sunday in April this year will be Easter Day. Therefore, we won't be having Sunday lunch together at the Black and White Café this month, due to the café being closed. We hope to see you there again in May!

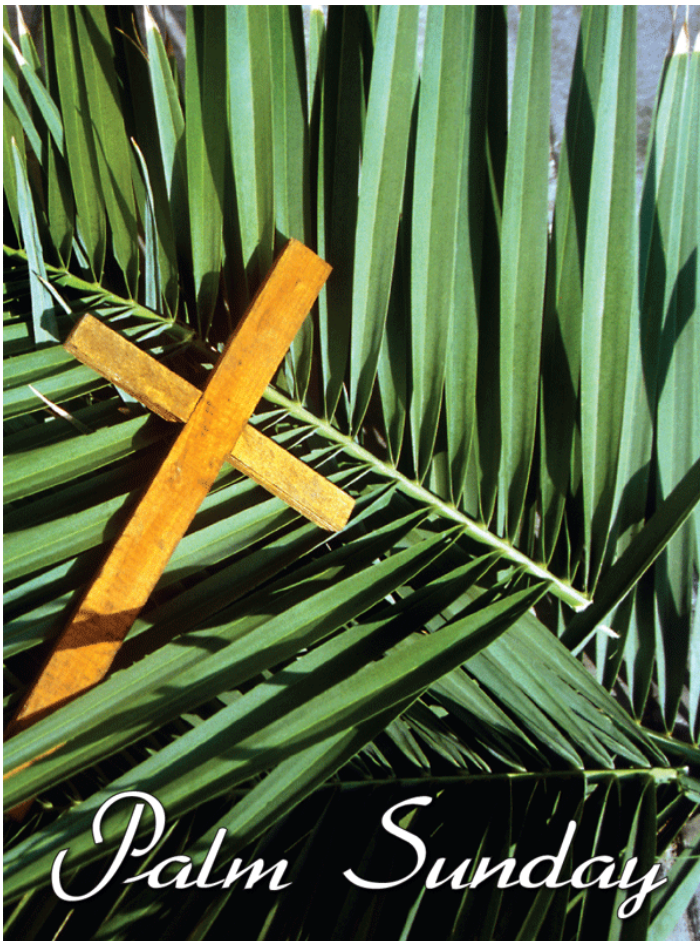
**Knitted ANZAC poppies – available this morning.**



Donations would be appreciated and will be forwarded to the RSA.

**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 SUNDAY**

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, and we'll begin our service with a Palm procession. Please gather before the service in the Hall of the Knox Centre, where we'll distribute palm branches and do our Call to Worship. Singing our processional hymn "All glory, praise and honour", we'll be led by the Knox Singers outside, to walk along the Bealey Avenue footpath towards Victoria Street, entering the church by the big doors. If you'd like a shorter route, you can enter the church through the new foyer, and if you'd rather not process at all, then feel free not to gather in the Hall, but go straight (as you normally would) to the church.



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

- Luke 19: 28-40
- Luke 9: 18-21

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