



# KNØX CHURCH

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## Order of Service

27 April 2025

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## AN EASTER-BORN "NO" TO THE BULLY

a service after ANZAC Day

## 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 city 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, WHOSE NAME WAS HUSHED UP BY OLD AUTHORITY;**

**JESUS, WHOSE PEOPLE REFUSED TO REMAIN SILENT;**

**JESUS, IN WHOSE POWER BULLIES FALL AND SAINTS RISE UP.**

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

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

### Hymn:

Miles Lane

William Shrubsole (1759-1806)



1. All hail the power of Jesus' name;  
let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem  
to crown him Lord of all.
2. All hail the power of Jesus' name;  
we humans prostrate fall;  
rejoicing, in our risen lives,  
to crown him Lord of all.
3. All hail the power of Jesus' name;  
in shame, the bully falls;  
his pomp and show, and fear and want  
shall crown him Lord of all.
4. We hail the power of Jesus' name,  
whose Easter life enthralls;  
so now, O Christ, re-work our hearts  
to crown you Lord of all.

*Verse 1, Edward Perronet (1726-1792)*  
*Verses 2-4, Matthew Jack (b. 1963)*

### **Prayer of Approach**

What is the power, O God, in Jesus' name?

A power that fells angels  
and re-works the human heart?

**ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME.**

What is the power in the name,  
above the power of the bully,  
the dictator, the silly tin god?

**ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME.**

What is the power flowing from that Easter,  
that tsunami of life, that killing of death?

**ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME.**

Whatever it is,  
we think that we have seen it in Christ,  
who was killed by hanging on a tree,  
and who yet was raised to victory and life.

**ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME.**

Though early believers were told not to speak of his power,  
they did.

Shoulder by shoulder with them,  
we also say

**ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME.**

*Silence*

In a world of bullies,  
where authority is perverted  
where fear is created,  
and children cry,  
we acknowledge our misuse of power.  
And 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:**

Peter and his friends  
were called before a religious council in Jerusalem.  
They were reminded that they were told,  
with great force in a fragile authority  
not to speak of Jesus.  
With a new-born Easter faith,  
they rejected the authority that bade them be silent.

**GIVE US DISCERNMENT, O GOD,  
THAT IN OUR PLACE AND TIME,  
WE ALSO MIGHT KNOW HOW TO HANDLE BAD AUTHORITY.**

May the bully stumble and fall,  
**WHILE THE RIGHTEOUS RISE AND SING.**

For we pray this in the name of Jesus,  
drawing on what he taught us, together saying,

**E TO MATOU MATUA I TE RANGI,  
KIA TAPU TOU INGOA.  
KIA TAE MAI TOU RANGATIRATANGA.**

KIA MEATIA TAU E PAI AI  
 KI RUNGA KI TE WHENUA  
 KIA RITE ANO KI TO TE RANGI.  
 HOMAI KI A MATOU AIANEI  
 HE TARO MA MATOU MO TENEI RA.  
 MURUA A MATOU HARA,  
 ME MATOU HOKI E MURU NEI  
 I O TE HUNGA E HARA ANA KI A MATOU.  
 AUA HOKI MATOU E KAWEA KIA WHAKAWAIA;  
 ENGARI WHAKAORANGIA MATOU I TE KINO:  
 NOU HOKI TE RANGATIRATANGA,  
 TE KAHA, ME TE KORORIA,  
 AKE AKE AKE.  
 AMINE.

### 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.*

### The First Lesson: Acts 5: 27-32

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

### Hymn:

Liebster Jesu

Later form of melody by Johann Rodolph Ahle (1625-1673)



1. Blessèd Jesus, at your word  
 we are gathered all to hear you;  
 let our hearts and minds be stirred  
 now to seek and love and fear you;  
 by your gospel pure and holy  
 teach us, Lord, to love you solely.

2. All our knowledge, sense and sight  
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,  
till your Spirit breaks our night  
with your beams of truth unclouded;  
you alone to God can win us,  
you must work all good within us.
3. Glorious Lord, yourself impart,  
light of light from God proceeding;  
open lips and ears and heart,  
help us by your Spirit's leading;  
hear the cry your Church now raises;  
Lord, accept our prayers and praises.

*Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684)*

**Sermon:** Hey, bully! The answer is "no".

*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/LPgPSCxads8>*

**The Second Lesson:** Psalm 118: 14-23

**Hymn:**

Londonderry Air

Irish traditional melody



1. Fold to your heart your sister and your brother:  
where pity dwells, the peace of God is there;  
to worship rightly is to love each other,  
each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.  
For he whom Jesus loved has truly spoken:

the holier worship, which he deigns to bless  
restores the lost, and binds the spirit broken,  
and feeds the widow and the fatherless.

2. Follow with reverent steps the great example  
of him whose holy work was doing good:  
so shall the wide earth seem our Father's temple,  
each loving life a psalm of gratitude.  
Then shall all shackles fall: the stormy clangour  
of wild war music o'er the earth shall cease;  
love shall tread out the baleful fire of anger,  
and in its ashes plant the tree of peace.

*John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), alt.*

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

*led by Jennifer McKinnon*

### **The Offering and Dedication**

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering*

Called into a culture, O God,  
of tyrants falling,  
of justice being done,  
and the poor being fed,  
we bring this offering.

**BLESS IT IN THE NAME OF JESUS.  
AMEN.**

### **Notices**

#### **Hymn:**

Hymn for ANZAC Day

Colin Gibson (1933-2022)



1. Honour the dead, our country's fighting brave,  
honour our children left in foreign grave,  
where poppies blow and sorrow seeds her flowers,  
honour the crosses marked forever ours.

2. Weep for the places ravaged with our blood,  
weep for the young bones buried in the mud,  
weep for the powers of violence and greed,  
weep for the deals done in the name of need.
3. Honour the brave whose conscience was their call,  
answered no bugle, went against the wall,  
suffered in prisons of contempt and shame,  
branded as cowards, in our country's name.
4. Weep for the waste of all that might have been,  
weep for the cost that war has made obscene,  
weep for the homes that ache with human pain,  
weep that we ever sanction war again.
5. Honour the dream for which our nation bled,  
held now in trust to justify the dead,  
honour their vision on this solemn day:  
peace known in freedom, peace the only way.

*Shirley Murray (1931-2020)*

**Benediction** and **Sung Amen**

*We sit.*

*The Bible is not processed out of the church today.*

## An ANZAC Day Litany

**A Narrative**

**Knox Singers:** This is my commandment  
James Whitbourn (1963-2024)  
Trumpeter: Vickie van Uden

*We stand for*

**The ANZAC Ode:**

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old.  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
we will remember them.

**WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.**

*A period of silence*



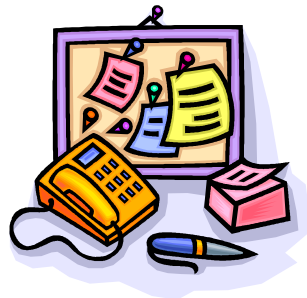
*As the organ postlude begins, we sit*

**The Postlude:**     Nimrod, from Enigma Variations  
Edward Elgar (1857-1934)

***Since the postlude is part of the ANZAC Litany,  
we ask for no applause today***

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

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## NOTICES

**This Week:**            **27 April – 3 May**  
Sunday                10.00am    Morning Worship  
                             11.30am    Shalom  
Wednesday          10.00am    Bible Study

**Next Week:**          **4 May – 10 May**  
Sunday                10.00am    Morning Worship  
Wednesday          10.00am    Bible Study

**Today 11.30am - Shalom Group in lounge:** Film clips and discussion on land alienation in West Papua including the loss of rainforest - the "lungs of the Pacific" with Grant Rosoman, a forestry expert with Greenpeace International and Wensi Fatubun, a West Papuan PhD student at Canterbury University.

**Concert at Knox** - You are all warmly invited to attend a free musical concert at Knox Church on Sunday afternoon 4 May starting at 2pm. The concert is to celebrate Ken Shields' "milestone" birthday and will include performances by Jeremy Woodside (Organ), the Knox Singers, Graeme Wilkinson (Saxophonist), Accord Harmony Singers and Teresa Shields (Soloist). The concert will be followed by afternoon tea in the Knox lounge.

**Film Group** – No film this month.



You are invited to a Forum on:

## SOCIAL HOUSING

Where are we going with it?

**Keynote Speaker:** Jill Hawkey  
Executive Director  
Christchurch Methodist Mission  
- Provider of Housing Services  
across the Upper South Island

**When:** 6 pm  
Thursday 1 May  
(refreshments from 5.30 pm)  
Koha please

**Where:** Knox Centre  
cnr Bealey Ave & Victoria St

*Organised by EcuAction*

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Presbyterian Church  
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# Pastoral email

Tēnā koutou katoa,

As many of you will know, Pope Francis, the first Latin American leader of the Roman Catholic Church, died on Monday after suffering ill health for some time.

Pope Francis was well known around the world, and is remembered for his compassion for the poor, his warmth, his promotion of peace, his concern for the marginalised, and for his humility. He encouraged the church to be welcoming and hospitable to people. We give thanks for his strong Christian witness.

It is rather poignant that he died just after Easter Sunday, when he was able to travel around St Peter's Square in his popemobile after bestowing his blessing for the city and the world. Resurrection day was celebrated.

As preparations are made for his funeral and for the process of electing a new Pope, we keep in our prayers our brothers and sisters in the Catholic faith and all those that mourn at this time.

Yours in Christ

Right Rev Rose Luxford,  
Moderator



*October 2013; Pope Francis lost his chair, and didn't seem to mind.*



## The Bible reading for next week will be:

- Acts 9: 1-20

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