



KNOX CHURCH

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Order of Service

12 April 2026

RESURRECTION



A Service in which we look at various interpretations of the Resurrection.

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.

Welcome: –

Our theme is “Interpreting the Resurrection.”

The Call to Worship:

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

JESUS, OVERCOMING THE FEAR OF THE DISCIPLES BEHIND LOCKED DOORS

JESUS, OVERCOMING OUR FEARS AND UNCERTAINTIES IN A WORLD OF TURMOIL

JESUS, ASSURING THE DISCIPLES THAT THEY WILL HAVE THE POWER OF GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT

JESUS, ASSURING US THAT THAT SAME POWER IS AVAILABLE TO ASSIST US.

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

MA IHOWA KOE E MANAAKI, GOD BLESS YOU

Hymn: AA146 – We are an Easter People

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'We are an Easter People'. It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 'We are an Easter people, ours is an Easter faith, the yeast is rising in our hearts, our wine has vintage taste.' The third system is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the lyrics: 'Christ is risen, Christ is risen, risen in our lives.'

1. We are an Easter people,
ours is an Easter faith,
the yeast is rising in our hearts,
our wine has vintage taste.

Christ is risen, Christ is risen, risen in our lives.

2. We are an Easter people,
ours is an Easter faith,
our tears are freed to flow and heal
our shattered hopes and hearts.
3. We are an Easter people,
ours is an Easter faith,
our fears have died, we rise to dream,
to love, to dance, to live.

Words: Bill Wallace: Music: Alison Carey

Prayer of Praise

Amazing God, we indeed are an Easter People, ours is an Easter faith
CHRIST IS RISEN, CHRIST IS RISEN, RISEN IN OUR HEARTS
And through all we endure, including shattered hopes and hearts and health we
can affirm
CHRIST IS RISEN, CHRIST IS RISEN, RISEN IN OUR LIVES
So in gratitude for your empowering spirit within us and lifting us to new heights,
we can say again
CHRIST IS RISEN, CHRIST IS RISEN, RISEN IN OUR HEARTS
And we affirm all this and more as we sing seated the prayer Jesus taught:

Hymn: WOV 676 – Lord’s Prayer

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OUR FATHER Richard Gillard and John Smith
Adapted and arr. Guy Elwyn Jansen 1935-

The musical score is written on a single staff in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (Bb). The lyrics are: "Our Father in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Do not put us to the test, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen." The score includes various guitar chords such as Bb, Dm, Cm7, F7, Bb, Eb, Gm, Bdim, Cm, G, Bb, Eb, F7, Bb/D, Eb, F, Gm, Eb, D, Cm, F7, Bb, Dm/Bb, Cm7/Bb, F7/Bb, Bb, Dm, Cm7, F7, and Bb.

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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.

Introduction to the Readings:

Saint John's Gospel is a fascinating conundrum!

On the one hand, some scholars, notably of the 'Jesus Seminar' describe the book as the creation of a writer who had no personal contact with Jesus and who took certain themes of Jesus and expounded them in a way quite different to the Synoptic or similar Gospels of Matthew, Mark & Luke. Such scholars want to date John's Gospel well after the turn of the first century (CE), some as late as 175 years after the life of Jesus.

Other scholars link the writer closely with the Apostle John, if not the apostle himself, John son of Zebedee, who after the fall of Jerusalem in BCE 90, went to Ephesus where he is said to have died at a ripe old age.

Scholars of this train of thought believe that the Gospel was written before the turn of that first century Common Era and was primarily written to help bridge the world of Jewish Christianity with that of the wider Greek and Hellenistic world of Asia Minor.

In comparison to the shorter and snappier discourses and parables of the other gospels, John's Gospel contains longer passages of explanation and interpretation. Our particular reading contains three such passages:

- Jesus appearing to the frightened disciples behind locked doors
- Jesus confronting doubting Thomas
- And finally, the author offering an explanation for the purpose of the Gospel.

Our second reading from the Epistle or Letter of 1 Peter and chapter 1, verses 3-9 and entitled 'A Living Hope', is encapsulated in the statement of verse 3, "Blessed be the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By his great mercy he has given us a new birth and a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead".

Scholars tend to agree that this letter was written by the Apostle Peter or someone closely associated with him as the faith spread into Asia Minor .

And the letter's key purpose is to reassure the early Christian communities to hold firm to their faith in Christ despite the persecutions and humiliation they are experiencing.

Surely too, a source of encouragement for us also in these more secular and belittling of faith days.

The letter, if written by the Apostle Peter was probably compiled in Rome about 32-34 years after the life of Jesus.

The First Lesson: John 20: 19-31

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

The Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1: 3-9

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

Music for Reflection: Chant Donne – Maurice Durufle (1902-1986)

Reflection: “Interpreting the Resurrection”

Hymn: WOV93 – God is Love

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ABBOT'S LEIGH 87.87 D Cyril Vincent Taylor 1907—



1. God is love, the heavens adoring,
God is love, let earth rejoice.
All creation's music soaring
And exalting with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundations
And who spread the heavens above,
Breath of life in all creation,
God is love, eternal love.

2. God is love, forever enfolding
All the world in one embrace
With unfailing grasp is holding
Every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
Under sorrow's iron rod,
Then they find the selfsame aching
Deep within the heart of God.

3. God is love, and though with blindness
Sin afflicts our human hearts,
God's eternal loving kindness
Holding, guiding, grace imparts.
Pain and death and hell shall never
O'er us final triumph gain;
God is love, so love for ever
O'er the universe must reign.

Timothy Rees (adapted)

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

led by Bobbi Laing.

The Offering during which we sing, while seated, the hymn:

Hymn: AA127 - Take my gifts

127 Take my gifts

TALAVERA TERRACE J = 120

Colin Gibson

Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of
all loved me, gave me light and food and shel- ter,
gave me life and set me free. Now, be-cause your

1. Take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me,
gave me light and food and shelter,
gave me life and set me free.
Now, because your love has touched me,
I have love to give away;
now the bread of love is rising,
loaves of love to multiply!

2. Take the fruit that I have gathered
from the tree your Spirit sowed,
harvest of your own compassion,
juice that makes the wine of God;
spiced with humour, laced with laughter –
flavour of the Jesus life,
tang of risk and new adventure,
taste and zest beyond belief.

3. Take whatever I can offer -
gifts that I have yet to find,
skills that I am slow to sharpen,
talents of the hand and mind,
things made beautiful for others
in the place where I must be;
take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me.

Shirley Murray

Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering.

As we have sung O God, please bless these gifts
THAT THEY MAY BRING NEW HOPE AND LIFE TO THOSE BEYOND AS
WELL AS WITHIN THIS PARISH.

In the name and through the power of the resurrected Jesus Christ we pray

AMEN

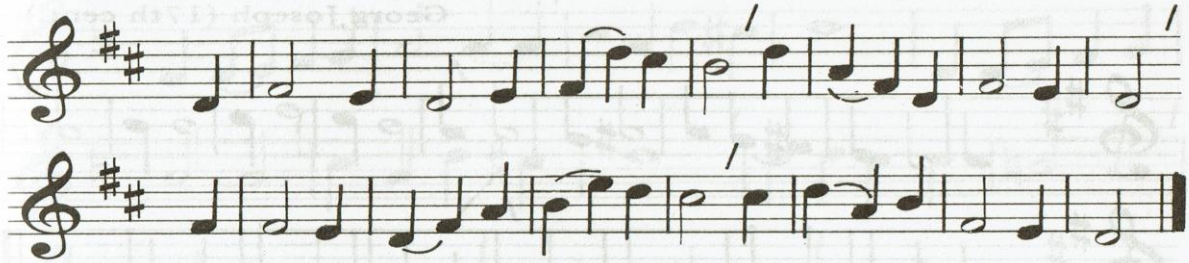
Notices: All are welcome to morning tea here in the church at the conclusion
of this service.

Hymn: WOV 168 – Immortal Love (selected verses)

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STRACATHRO 86.86

Melody by Charles Hutcheson 1792-1860
harm. David Evans 1874-1948



May be sung to BISHOPTHORPE 34

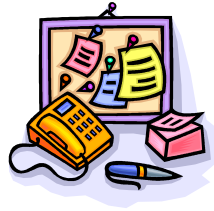
1. Immortal love for ever full,
for ever flowing free,
for ever shared, for ever whole,
a never-ebbing sea.
2. Blow, winds of God, awake and blow
the mists of earth away;
shine out, O Light divine, and show
how wide and far we stray.
5. In joy of inward peace, or sense
of sorrow over sin,
God is his own best evidence;
his witness is within.
6. So warm, sweet, tender, even yet
a present help is he;
and faith has still its Olivet,
and love its Galilee.
8. In love alone, too great to tell,
his saving name is given;
to turn aside from him is hell,
to walk with him his heaven.

John Greenleaf Whittier 1807-92

Benediction and Sung Amen

Postlude: Allegro risoluto from Plymouth Suite – Percy Whitlock (1903-1946)

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

This Week: 12 April – 18 April
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
11.30am Shalom
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Next Week: 19 April – 25 April
Sunday 10.00am Morning Worship
12.00pm Lunch at Urban Eatery
Wednesday 10.00am Bible Study

Sunday lunch (19 April) – Join us for lunch and a friendly chat after church at Urban Eatery (Oderings, Barrington). We meet at around 12pm. Please, add your name to the attendance list at the church entrance or, send an email to jannekenyuysink@gmail.com. To confirm numbers with the venue it would be appreciated if names were in by Wednesday the 15th.

Book Launch - “Hinewai Reflections” by Hugh Wilson

Next Sunday, 19 April, Hugh Wilson’s book “Hinewai Reflections” will be available for collection in the Knox Hall, any time between 1 and 4pm. If you have ordered a copy, please come along and pick it up. If you haven’t ordered a copy of this delightful and beautiful book there will be some available for purchase at \$80 each - EFTPOS available. All profit goes to support the wonderful Hinewai reserve above Akaroa on Banks Peninsula.

Hugh will be present to sign the books and will speak at 3pm. Tea and coffee will be available.

Film Group - Sunday 3 May at 4.00pm in the Lounge: Captain Phillips (2013). This film portrays a true event. In 2009 a U.S. container ship was hi-jacked by Somali pirates. It shows that dangerous situations can be solved with honour as the Captain, portrayed by Tom Hanks, surrenders himself in order to save his crew.



Knitted ANZAC poppies – available this morning. Donations would be appreciated and will be forwarded to the RSA.

Easter Sunday flowers - As requested, meanings are as follows:

- The white lily represents purity, modesty and holiness.
- The hydrangeas represent heartfelt gratitude.
- The rose in orange and yellow represent God's love, joy, friendship and divine wisdom.
- The iris is often associated with the Bible through the symbolism of God's covenant, the resurrection of Christ and purity. In Greek "Iris" means Rainbow.

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The Bible readings for next week will be:

- Luke 24: 13-27
- Luke 24: 28-35

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