

CASHMERE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“The Stone Church on the Hill”

Mission Statement

To worship God, follow Christ,
transforming the world in the
power of the Spirit

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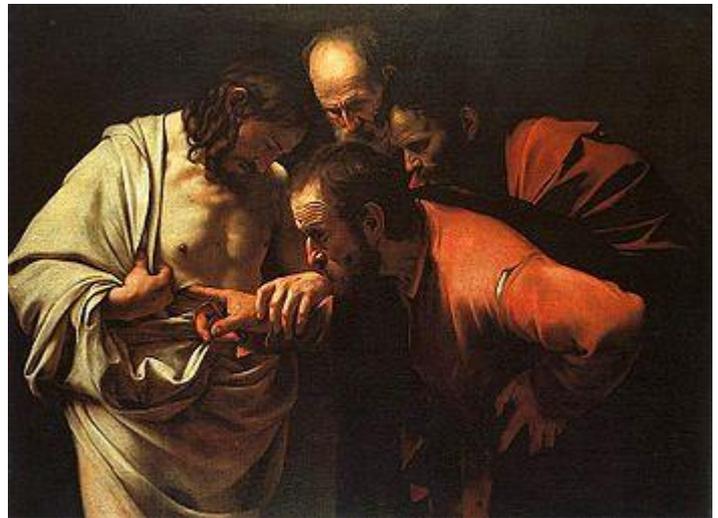
Sunday 11th April 2021
2nd Sunday of Easter

Theme: Testing Truth

“Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

Thomas

Preacher: Hamish Galloway



The Incredulity of Saint Thomas
by Caravaggio, c. 1602

A very warm welcome to you all, whether this is your first time or thousandth time in church. You are welcome whether you have a deep and mature faith in Christ; are uncertain and still seeking; or have no faith. If you are new to church, please do not hesitate to ask one of those on duty if you have any questions.

You are invited to stay for morning tea after the service.

Order of Worship

*Please stand as the Bible is processed in.
Congregational responses are in bold italics.*

Lighting the Fellowship Candle (*Elizabeth Taggart*)

Welcome

Opening Hymn 183: I danced in the morning

Prayers of Praise and Confession

Notices (one of the elders)

Passing the Peace: *We offer each other the 'right hand of fellowship' as a sign that all are welcome and accepted by God.*

Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2 (p.298 NT)

All Age Sermon: Testing Truth (Hamish)

During this time, we will hear this reading & sing these Hymns

John 20: 19-31 (p.146 NT)

Jesus Loves me This I Know (WOV 166)

These Things Did Thomas Count as real (Together in Song 649)

1. These things did Thomas count as real:
the warmth of blood, the chill of steel,
the grain of wood, the heft of stone,
the last frail twitch of flesh and bone.
2. The vision of his sceptic mind
was keen enough to make him blind
to any unexpected act
too large for his small world of fact.
3. His reasoned certainties denied
that one could live when one had died,
until his fingers read like Braille
the markings of the spear and nail.
4. May we, O God, by grace believe
and thus the risen Christ receive,
whose raw, imprinted palms reached out
and beckoned Thomas from his doubt.

Offering: *Our freewill offering to support the mission and Church of Jesus Christ will be received. As God gives to us, so let us give to God and to all those who wait for the love of God in so many ways. Donations for the Food Bank are placed in a supermarket trolley.*

Dedication of the offering *(please stand)*

Prayer for Others:

The prayer will be interspersed with the singing of Open Our Eyes Jesus

Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch him,
and say that we love him.
Open our ears, Lord,
and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord,
we want to see Jesus.

We will sing the Lord's Prayer (WOV 676)

Hymn: God sent His son

God sent His son, they called Him Jesus
He came to love, heal and forgive
He lived and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove my savior lives

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living, just because He lives*

How sweet to hold a newborn baby
And feel the pride and joy He gives
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days, because He lives

Because He lives ...

And then one day, I'll cross the river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then, as death gives way to victory
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He reigns

Because He lives ...

Benediction

Amen, amen, amen (sung)

*Please remain standing as the Bible is processed out.
Thank you for sharing in worship this morning. Please come through to the hall for morning tea.*



Offerings

Thank you to everyone who donates to the life and mission of this parish. A couple of times recently we have received in the offerings plate donations in a white envelope with no identification on it. If this is you, you may want to contact Gail in the office and be allocated a Giving Number so that your contributions can be recorded and a combined receipt issued at the end of the Financial Year.

Musical Sing-a-long afternoon – 23rd May

Cath Dale is organising another entertaining afternoon of music and singing, concentrating on songs from the musicals, and is asking whether anyone has music scores and words for either South Pacific or Oklahoma! If you do, please speak to Cath.

New Duty Rosters

Gail will be preparing the new rosters soon, for the period May to August. *More people willing to help with the various duties would be great, so if you are able to help with any of these, please let her know.*

Please also advise any dates when you are *not* available.

Duty	Brief overview of tasks involved
Door Duty	Arrive by 9.30am; ensure heaters, lights, sound system etc are on; greet people at the doors and hand out the Bulletins; take up the offerings; tidy up and close up at the end of the service
Morning Tea	Set up before the service starts; be ready to serve the tea/coffee etc. straight after the service; tidy up and put away at the end.
Bible Reading	Read the allocated Bible passages during the service
Candle Lighting	Read out the prayer during the lighting of the fellowship candle
Food Trolley	Collect the food offerings on the Sunday, or early in the week, and take them to the City Mission
Money Counting	Monday mornings, around 10am, sit with Gail whilst she counts the Offerings from Sunday.

Presbytery Retreat

Sunday 2nd & Monday 3rd May 2021, with an optional extra day on Tuesday 4th May

Venue: Hanmer Springs Forest Camp, 243 Jollies Pass Road, Hanmer Springs 7334

Sunday evening meal & Monday lunch provided.

Accommodation: own arrangements

Theme: Speech for the Speechless: Exploring Lament as God's Gift in the Midst of Suffering.

Rev Malcolm Gordon will invite us into a series of reflections on the Biblical practice of lament, rooted in both the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. Lament is a practice that provides an alternative to fatalism: that whatever is happening must be meant to happen - and engages our relationship with God in circumstances which would otherwise deny or stifle it. It is a practice that can enrich our own spiritual lives, as well as deepening our pastoral capacity to "walk through the valley of the shadow of death."

Malcolm will draw upon his song-writing and creative worship leading as part of the retreat. He is currently in the final year of his doctoral study on the spirituality of suffering in Early Christianity, and continues to teach in worship and Presbyterianism at KCML.

Register here: <https://forms.gle/JxHmDm2r9wznhaWA7>

The Alpine Presbytery Newsletter is produced weekly, and a copy is on the notice board in the foyer. Speak to Gail if you would like to subscribe to receive it directly.

<i>Church Rosters</i>	This week – 11th April	Next week – 18th April
Door Duty	David & Jane Kim, Jill McAra	Warren & Andrea Campbell, Elisabeth Cooch
Morning Tea & Coffee	Janet Aldridge Kathleen Anderson	Cecile Pierce Shirley Wilson
Bible Reading	<i>Family Service</i>	Annette McAdam
Candle Lighting	Elizabeth Taggart	Ann Jennings
Food Trolley	Elisabeth Cooch	Richard & Barbara Leete
Money Counting	Shona Lyford (<i>Monday</i>)	



Generous Giving

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