



"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 28th April 2024** Fifth Sunday of Easter

Theme: Fruitful Living Preacher: Hamish Galloway



A very warm welcome to you all, whether this is your first time or thousandth time in church. You are welcome whatever your age, gender, marital status, disability, poverty or wealth, race or sexuality. 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.

**Children are welcome** to sit anywhere in the church, but if they wish to be more active then there are a selection of toys and books at the very back.

A request to please remember to wear your **Name Badges.** If you do not have one, please leave a note for Gail and she will print one for you.

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

# **Order of Worship**

Please stand as the Bible is processed in.

**Lighting the Fellowship Candle** 

(Elizabeth Taggart)

Welcome

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 22:25-31) Let our praise for all that God has done resound within and beyond these walls.

When all people turn to God and worship God, the poor shall eat and be satisfied, and justice and peace will surely embrace present and future generations.

Therefore, in thanksgiving for all that God has done, let our lives and our love proclaim the message of God's gracious and liberating acts.

Opening Hymn 65: Holy, Holy, Holy

**Prayers of Praise and Confession** 

The Lord's Prayer (WOV 676)

#### **Notices**

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

#### **Childrens Time**

**Song:** Let there be loved shared among us

Let there be love shared among us, Let there be love in our eyes. May now your love sweep this nation, Cause us, O Lord to arise. Give us a fresh understanding of Christian love that is real. Let there be love shared among us, Let there be love.

Readings (Reader: Elisabeth Cooch)

1 John 4: 7-21 (p.300 NT) John 15: 1-8 (p.138 NT)

**Sermon:** Close Connections

**Hymn**: You are the vine, we are the branches

You are the vine, we are the branches. Keep us abiding in You. You are the vine, we are the branches.

Keep us abiding in You.

(Men)(Women)And we'll goand we'll goin Your love,in Your loveand we'll go,and we'll goin Your name,in Your namethat the worldthat the worldwill surely know,will surely know

(All): that You have power to heal and to save.

You are the vine, we are the branches.

Keep us abiding in You.

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Keep us abiding in You.

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**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**

**Hymn 658:** Let us with tongues and talents employ

# We will sing God Defend New Zealand

E Ihowā Atua. God of Nations at Thy feet, In the bonds of love we meet, O ngā iwi mātou rā Āta whakarangona; Hear our voices, we entreat, God defend our free land. Me aroha noa Guard Pacific's triple star Kia hua ko te pai; Kia tau tō atawhai; From the shafts of strife and war, Manaakitia mai Make her praises heard afar, God defend New Zealand. Aotearoa

#### **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.



Healing Service, with Communion, will be held today at 11.30am. In every act of worship, the Church celebrates the grace of God who desires wholeness of body, mind and spirit for all people. At a service of healing, we focus on that aspect of God's character. We bring to God our own frailty and brokenness - felt not just in physical illness, but in guilt, anxiety and all the burdens which weigh us down. We also bring our concerns for others and for the world. Above all, we come to the God who knows our needs before we ask, and whose love revealed in Jesus Christ is stronger than suffering and death. All are welcome to attend this service.

**Quiet day Saturday 22nd June:** Last winter a number of members of our congregation enjoyed a lovely quiet day at Te Waiora Retreat House, in Hororata, and we have booked the same cosy venue this year for what we hope will be a similarly restful and prayerful day. The cost is \$20 per person. Shared transport will depart from Cashmere Presbyterian at 8:45am, returning by 4pm. Further details will be provided soon, but please mark your diaries now!



Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	11.00am	Prayer Meeting at the Dewar's home	
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am	Quilts & Crafts Group (offsite today)	
	11.00am	Forum (Family Room)	
Thursday 2nd May	10.0000	Dro Cohool Music	

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 10.00an Pre-School Music Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April 10.00am Morning Worship

Church Rosters	This week: 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Next week: 5 <sup>th</sup> May
Door Duty	Elisabeth Cooch, Helen Wells,	Ian Gray, David & Jane Kim
	Cath Dale	
Morning Tea & Coffee	Cecile Pierce, Jill McAra	Margaret Ford, Jill McAra
Bible Reading	Elisabeth Cooch	Karen Glithero
Candle Lighting	Elizabeth Taggart	Helen Wells
Food Trolley	Margaret Ford	Ian Shaw
<b>Money Counting</b>		Rouie Swan

