

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**Epiphany 5  
Waitangi Day**

*Preacher: David Coster*

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.

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

**Order of Worship**

*Please stand as the Bible is processed in.*

Fellowship Candle lit by Cecile Pierce

**Call to Worship**

Grace and peace to you from God.

Kia tau ki a koutou, te atawhai me te rangimārie o te Atua.

***God fill you with truth and joy.***

***Mā te Atua koe e whakaū, ki te pono me te hari.***

The Lord be with you.

Kia noho a Ihowā ki a koutou.

***The Lord bless you.***

***Mā Ihowā koe e manaaki.***

This is the day which the Lord has made.

Ko te rā tēnei i hangā e Ihowā.

***Let us rejoice and be glad in it.***

***Kia hari, kia koa tātou.***

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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**We sing:** Where mountains rise to open skies

1. Where mountains rise to open skies  
your name, O God, is echoed far,  
from island beach to kauri's reach,  
in water's light, in lake and star.
2. Your people's heart, your people's part  
be in our caring for this land,  
for faith to flower, for aroha  
to let each other's mana stand.
3. From broken word, from conflict stirred,  
from lack of vision, set us free  
to see the line of your design  
to feel creation's energy.
4. Your love be know, compassion shown,  
that every child have equal scope:  
in justice done, in trust begun  
shall be our heritage and hope.
5. Where mountains rise to open skies  
your way of peace distil the air,  
your spirit bind all humankind,  
one covenant of life to share!

Shirley Murray

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### **Prayer of Invocation**

You call,

**we answer.**

You come close,

**we are enfolded in love.**

You go deep,

**we are caught by the surprise of your grace.**

Though we face many troubles, you shelter us in your steady love. You are the keeper of promises and your steadfast love endures forever. Be mindful of us, the works of your hands;

**enfold us in your love always.**

### **Prayer of Confession**

In the midst of our business as usual, you come close; you draw us in and invite us to travel through life trusting you. You assure us that, in the deep places, we will find new life in abundance.

**You ask us to take risks – to cast ourselves fully into the depths of community where we will find our true selves and be empowered by your Spirit to serve.**

We hear your invitation but we do not always respond in faith. Because of fear, habit or closed hearts, we hold back and do not always follow your lead. When we recognize how we have fallen short, we can be tempted to run away. What you offer is exactly what we need, yet we often reject your love with negative self-talk and resistance.

***Search for us again, O Holy Spirit, and may we be mindful of who we are in your love so we can become all you have created us to be.***

### **Words of Assurance**

When we call, God who is all love answers and gives us strength for our weariness. Though we fall short, the love of God draws near to us again and again bringing us out of our fear and resistance and into our calling as people who reflect Christ's love.

***We have strength for the task and love for the journey – this is our good news today. Thanks be to God. Amen***

### **Notices**

**We pass the peace of Christ to each other.**

### **Time with the children**

### **We sing: God, companion of our journey**

1. God, companion of our journey,  
help in times of dark despair,  
comforter in times of sadness,  
present in the joy we share.
2. Thanks we give for each new challenge,  
praise we sing for this new start.  
Guide us in the path we've chosen,  
may your love-song fill our heart.
3. Lord of earth and sky and ocean,  
God of great and little things,  
creatures furred and feathered know you,  
yours the tune the bellbird sings.
4. All creation bows before you,  
conscious of the life you give.  
May aroha unify us,  
God in whom we move and live.
5. Take our lives and use our talents;  
give us freedom to explore  
all the ways that we may serve you,  
trust and love you ever more.

## Introduction to the Reading (Reader: Rosemary Troughton)

### Psalm 144:9-15 - Responsive

<sup>9</sup> I will sing a new song to you, O God;

upon a ten-stringed harp I will play to you,

<sup>10</sup> ***the one who gives victory to kings, who rescues his servant David.***

<sup>11</sup> Rescue me from the cruel sword,

and deliver me from the hand of aliens, whose mouths speak lies,

and whose right hands are false.

<sup>12</sup> ***May our sons in their youth***

***be like plants full grown,***

***our daughters like corner pillars,***

***cut for the building of a palace.***

<sup>13</sup> May our barns be filled,

with produce of every kind;

may our sheep increase by thousands, by tens of thousands in our fields,

<sup>14</sup> ***and may our cattle be heavy with young. May there be no breach in the walls, no exile, and no cry of distress in our streets.***

<sup>15</sup> Happy are the people to whom such blessings fall; happy are the people whose God is the LORD.

## Matthew 6: 19-24

### Prayer before the Sermon

**Sermon:** Who do you listen too?

**We sing:** Called as partners in Christ's service (Tune WOV 374(i) "Austria")

1. Called as partners in Christ's service,  
called to ministries of grace,  
We respond with deep commitment  
fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing,  
side by side and friend with friend,  
Equal partners in our caring  
to fulfill God's chosen end.
2. Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,  
Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
Let us follow, never faltering,  
reconciling folk on earth.  
Men and women, richer, poorer,  
all God's people, young and old,  
Blending human skills together  
gracious gifts from God unfold.

3. Thus new patterns for Christ's mission,  
in a small or global sense,  
Help us bear each other's burdens,  
breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision,  
words of challenge, said with care,  
Bring new power and strength for action,  
make us colleagues, free and fair.
4. So God grant us for tomorrow  
ways to order human life  
That surround each person's sorrow  
with a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living,  
our compassion to increase,  
Messengers of faith, thus giving  
hope and confidence and peace.

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*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.*

### **Dedication of Offering**

***O God, we hold in our hands gifts from our lives to give to your work today. Receive them and bless them, we pray, and inspire us to believe that they and we may be part of your great mission through Jesus Christ, our Lord who taught us to pray...Lord's Prayer (676) sung***

### **Prayers for the world and ourselves**

#### **We sing: God bless our land**

1. God bless our land, in every generation,  
God bless our people growing as one nation,  
God bless our islands, home and whenua,  
*Aotearoa, Aotearoa.*
2. God bless our land in common cause and caring,  
each bringing treasures, baskets for the sharing,  
grieving the wrongs of history no more -  
*Aotearoa, Aotearoa.*
3. God bless our land, its beauty and its blending  
into communities of warm befriending,  
proud in the cultures settled on our shore -  
*Aotearoa, Aotearoa.*

4. God bless the child whose feet are firmly planted here in our place of freedoms daily granted, seedbed and soil for peace and aroha - *Aotearoa, Aotearoa.*

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## Benediction

## Threefold Amen

*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.*

## Music for Worship - Waitangi Weekend

Preludes: *You Raise Me Up. Rolf Løvland, Brendan Graham, arr Dan Coates.  
The Chimes of Gloucester Cathedral IV, C Lee Williams, transcribed  
Herbert Brewer. Largo, Andante.*

Processional: *God of Nations.*

Offertory: *Blow through the valleys. Bill Bennett, arr. David Dell  
Blow through the valleys and sing in the rimu;  
O Spirit of God fill the earth;  
Guide us to truth that you give in your power,  
O Spirit of God our new birth.  
Let mercy enfold us and justice be real,  
our races in partnership live in this land.  
The God of the whenua binds us together,  
by leading us on to hold each other's hand.*

Postlude: *The Chimes of Gloucester Cathedral IV. Allegro.*



**Rosters:** Rosters for the three months starting 27<sup>th</sup> February will be prepared soon. Those already on the rosters, can you please let me know (1) whether you are happy to continue on the rosters, and which ones, and (2) any dates you are not available.

**New helpers would be welcome!** If you are not already but would be willing to go on to one or more of the rosters, please let me know. Details of the duties are below, to give you an idea of what you would be signing up for!

Contact Gail in the church office – ph 332 7129, email [cashmere.church@xtra.co.nz](mailto:cashmere.church@xtra.co.nz)

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.

**Wednesdays at One concert series:** A weekly feast of music at the Catholic Pro-Cathedral, Manchester Street. Concerts begin at 1:10 pm. Cost of entry to each concert is \$10. Additionally, the Cathedral Café opens at 12.45 to provide delicious and good value food. Vaccine pass & limited numbers. Updates: [www.cathedral.org.nz](http://www.cathedral.org.nz)

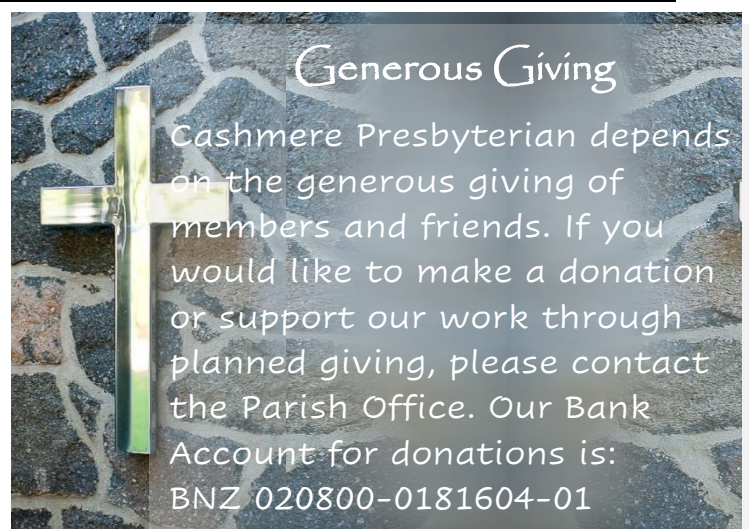
- *February 16* Alexandra Lomeiko International violin virtuoso
- *February 23* Veronica van der Knaap Piano favourites: Schubert Impromptus & Chopin Mazurkas
- *March 2* CBS Soloists (including Anne Shave) Liszt Via Crucis – The Way of the Cross
- *March 9* Margot Button & Friends Angelic voices
- *March 16* Jeremy Woodside Digital display on the high-spec hybrid
- *March 23* Tim Emerson & Friends

See noticeboard for poster advertising further concerts in the series.

Church Rosters	This week: 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Next week: 13 <sup>th</sup> February
Door Duty	Ian Gray, Margaret Ford, Robin McKee	Kathleen Anderson, Elisabeth Cooch, Barbara White
Morning Tea & Coffee	Noelene Kent, Lyn Cordner	David & Jane Kim
Bible Reading	Rosemary Troughton	Jill Fenton
Candle Lighting	Cecile Pierce	Elizabeth Taggart
Food Trolley	Richard Leete	Annette McAdam
Money Counting (Monday)	David Troughton (Tues)	Shona Lyford

**Leading Worship over the next few weeks:**

13 <sup>th</sup> February	Hamish Galloway
20 <sup>th</sup> February	David Coster
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Anne Shave
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Hamish Galloway



## Joint Church Leader's Message of Support to Tonga

***"... Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9***

We are watching the news reports from Tonga with great care and concern for the people of Tonga. The eruptions of Hunga-Tonga-Hunga-Ha'apai have caused considerable harm and we are only beginning to see the extent of the damage. So far we know three people have lost their lives. Acid rain, ash and other debris cover the land and sea. Water supplies, food crops, homes and infrastructure have been damaged and destroyed. Many are worried and anxious but people are looking after each other. They are praying, singing and cleaning up – as they do after every disaster.

In Aotearoa New Zealand and in many places, people with family in Tonga are anxiously awaiting news. Our prayers are also for you and for the speedy restoration of full communications.

We know the people of Tonga will need help to get through this period, to recover and rebuild their lives and livelihoods. If you can make a donation, please give generously to Appeal for Tonga supported by the: *Anglican Church of Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia (Anglican Missions), Methodist Church of New Zealand, Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), Baptist Churches of New Zealand, and Christian World Service.*

Donations will be distributed to local Tongans so they can address the most immediate needs and then used as part of the longer term recovery.

Your prayers, consideration and support of those affected by the eruptions, tsunami and their aftermath are so important and we thank you for showing your compassion to the people of Tonga at this time.

In our common appeal, we commend the following alternative avenues through which to make a donation:

### **Christian World Service**

<https://cws.org.nz/donate-now-tonga/>

Phone: 0800 74 73 72

PO Box 22 652 Christchurch 8140

### **Anglican Missions**

<https://angmissions.org.nz/appeals/emergency-appeal-for-tonga>

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