



"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 10th January 2021

Theme: Fresh Epiphanies Preacher: Jess Dreadon

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. Congregational responses are in bold italics

Lighting of the fellowship candle (Robin McKee)

**Welcome to Worship** 

We praise God together from Isaiah 63:7-9

I will tell of the kindnesses of the LORD, the deeds for which he is to be praised, according to all the LORD has done for us –

yes, the many good things he has done for Israel, according to his compassion and many kindnesses.

He said, 'Surely they are my people, children who will be true to me'; and so he became their Saviour.

In all their distress he too was distressed, and the angel of his presence saved them.

In his love and mercy he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.

## **Opening Hymn 65: Holy, Holy, Holy**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Between the stanzas of the prayer we will quietly sing:

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

### **Notices**

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

Readings (Reader: Tric Nelson)

Matthew 2: 13-23 (p.4 NT)

Children come to the front

All-age time

Song: My God is so big

My God is so big, so strong and so mighty There's nothing my God cannot do My God is so big, so strong and so mighty There's nothing my God cannot do

The mountains are his
The rivers are his
The skies are his handy works too

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty There's nothing my God cannot do There's nothing my God cannot do There's nothing my God cannot do

Sermon: Fresh Epiphanies

Hymn: God is working His Purposes Out

God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year.
 God is working his purpose out, and the time is drawing near.
 Nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

- 2. From utmost east to utmost west, where human feet have trod, by the mouth of many messengers goes forth the voice of God, "Give ear to me, ye continents, ye isles, give ear to me, that the earth may be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.
- 3. March we forth in the strength of God, with the banner of Christ unfurled, that the light of the glorious gospel of truth may shine throughout the world. Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin, to set the captives free, that the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.
- 4. All we can do is nothing worth unless God blesses the deed. Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide till God gives life to the seed. Yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be, when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

**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*)

# **Prayers for others**

# After each stanza we will sing:

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

The Lord's Prayer (sung WOV 676)

Hymn 455: Be Thou My Vision

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.



**Congregational Meeting - Sunday 24**<sup>th</sup> **January:** The meeting is to vote on a Call to Hamish Galloway as Minister for Cashmere Presbyterian, and will be held after morning tea, chaired by Rev Jonathan Barb.

**Bible reading at home:** Anne Shave has prepared a very simple Bible reading guide for use at home over the next few weeks. There are six short gospel readings per week, plus one question to ponder each day. Please feel free to pick up a copy of the little booklet from the foyer or contact Anne if you would like a copy emailed to you.

**Pastoral Care & Hospital Visiting:** As we do not always hear when someone is sick or has gone into hospital, we may miss out on visiting them, so please tell Hamish, or Gail in the office, if you know of anyone in this situation.

**Rosters:** Gail will be preparing the new rosters next week. Please let her know if you would be prepared to add your name to the list of volunteers. Can existing and new helpers also advise of any dates they are not available.

Church Rosters	This week – 10 January	Next week – 17 January
Door Duty	Peter & Tric Nelson,	The new rosters will be
	Barbara White	prepared next week!
Morning Tea & Coffee	Murray & Patricia Heath	If you are available for next
Bible Reading		Sunday, please let me know
Candle Lighting	Robin McKee	(Gail)
Food Trolley	Shona Lyford	Peter & Tric Nelson
Money Counting (Monday)	Anne Shave	Annette McAdam



Rest on the Flight into Egypt by Luc-Olivier Merson, 1879, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston