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**Mission Statement**

*Cashmere Presbyterian Church will make the life and teachings of Jesus Christ known and will share in God's loving purposes of truth, justice, peace and wholeness for all people and the world.*

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**Lent 3**

*Preacher: Dr Anne Shave*

*"Is the Lord here with us or not?" (Exodus 17:1-7)*

A very warm welcome to you all, and a very special welcome to all who are visiting today; we value your presence and look forward to getting to know you.

You are invited to stay for Morning Tea, which will be served in the Lounge after the service.

**Order of Worship**

(Congregational responses are in bold italics)

*Please stand as the Bible is processed in.*

**Lighting of the fellowship candle** (*Joyce Lockhart*)

**Welcome and notices**

**Hymn:** O praise our great and gracious Lord! (Tune: Ellacombe, 335)

O praise our great and gracious Lord,  
And call upon His name;  
To strains of joy tune every chord,  
His mighty acts proclaim.  
Tell how He led His chosen race  
To Canaan's promised land;  
Tell how His covenant of grace,  
Unchanged shall ever stand.

He gave the shadowing cloud by day,  
The moving fire by night;  
To guide His children on their way,  
He made their darkness light.  
We also have a sure retreat,  
A Saviour ever nigh;  
And clearest light to guide our feet,  
A Word from God on high!

We, too, have manna from above,  
The bread that came from Heaven;  
And Jesus, from His hand of love,  
Has living waters given.  
A Rock we have, from which a spring  
In rich abundance flows;  
That Rock is Christ, our Priest, our King,  
Who life and health bestows.

O Lord, we lean upon Thy Word,  
And Thee our heavenly Guide;  
So shall we find death's fearful flood  
Serene as Jordan's tide;  
And safely reach that happy shore,  
The land of peace and rest,  
Where we shall worship and adore,  
In God's own presence blest.

He gave the shadowing cloud by day,  
The moving fire by night;  
To guide His Israel on their way,  
He made their darkness light;  
And have we not a sure retreat,  
A Saviour ever nigh,  
The same clear light to guide our feet,  
The day-spring from on high?

**Prayer of confession and thanksgiving**

Be with us, Spirit of God;

***nothing can separate us from your love.***

Breathe on us, breath of God;

***fill us with your saving power.***

Speak in us, wisdom of God;

***bring strength, healing and peace.***

*Silence is kept.*

The Lord is here.

***His Spirit is with us.***

The Spirit of truth will convict the world  
of guilt about sin, righteousness and judgement.

***We have grieved the Holy Spirit.***

***In sorrow we confess our sins.***

*Silence is kept.*

Lord God,  
we rejoice in your greatness and power,  
your gentleness and love,  
your mercy and justice.  
Enable us by your Spirit  
to honour you in our thoughts,  
and words and actions,  
and to serve you in every aspect of our lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
***Amen.***

**Prayer song:** “In the Lord, I’ll be ever thankful” (Taizé) – sing twice.

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful  
In the Lord, I will rejoice  
Look to God, do not be afraid  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near!  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

**We pass the peace of Christ**

**Time with the children**

**Song:** Kum ba yah (Come by here)

Verse 1: Kum bay ya, my Lord, kum bay ya;  
Kum bay ya, my Lord, kum bay ya;  
Kum bay ya, my Lord, kum bay ya,  
O Lord, kum bay ya

Verse 2: Someone’s crying, Lord, Kum bay yah ...

Verse 3: Someone’s singing, Lord, Kum ba yah ...

Verse 4: Someone’s praying, Lord, Kum ba yah ...

**Bible readings** (*Reader: Annette McAdam*)

**Exodus 17:1-7** (p.78 OT) The Israelites cry out in distress and confusion, “Is the Lord here with us or not?”

**Psalm 95** Congregation please read verses 1-7 (below).  
*People on the organ side of the church read the verses in plain type.*  
*People on the pulpit side read the parts in bold type.*

*Congregation:*

- <sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;  
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
- <sup>2</sup> **Let us come before him with thanksgiving  
and extol him with music and song.**
- <sup>3</sup> For the Lord is the great God,  
the great King above all gods.
- <sup>4</sup> **In his hand are the depths of the earth,  
and the mountain peaks belong to him.**
- <sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.
- <sup>6</sup> **Come, let us bow down in worship,  
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;**
- <sup>7</sup> for he is our God  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
the flock under his care.

*Reader:*

- Today, if only you would hear his voice,*
- <sup>8</sup> *“Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah,  
as you did that day at Massah in the wilderness,*
- <sup>9</sup> *where your ancestors tested me;  
they tried me, though they had seen what I did.*
- <sup>10</sup> *For forty years I was angry with that generation;  
I said, ‘They are a people whose hearts go astray,  
and they have not known my ways.’*
- <sup>11</sup> *So I declared on oath in my anger,  
‘They shall never enter my rest.’”*

**Romans 5:1-11** (p.194 NT) A place of undeserved privilege

**Sermon:** “Is the Lord here with us or not?”

**Song:** Tell my people I love them                      (*Alleluia Aotearoa 132*)

*Tell my people I love them;  
tell my people that I care.  
When they feel far away from me,  
tell my people I am there.*

1. Tell my people I came and died  
to give them liberty;  
as they abide in me  
they will be really free!
2. Tell my people where-e'er they go  
to claim my risen power;  
my peace and joy and love  
is for them hour by hour.
3. Tell my people who grieve and mourn  
that I allowed the night  
of darkness to descend,  
but I am still the Light.
4. Tell my people throughout the world  
to strive for peace today,  
show love for enemies,  
be servants of the Way.

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### **Prayers for others, concluding with the Lord's Prayer.**

The response to: "Lord, in your grace,"  
Is: "**Hear our prayer.**"

In our prayers today we remember the anniversary of the mosque shootings in Christchurch last year.

***Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.***

**Our freewill offering** to support the mission and church of Jesus Christ will be received. Donations for the Food Bank are placed in a supermarket trolley. If it is comfortable for you do to so, please stand to join in the prayer of dedication:

***God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer;  
and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

**Hymn 25:** Sing praise and thanksgiving

**Concluding prayer**

For your goodness and generosity  
in giving us all we need,

***help us to praise you O God.***

In every circumstance of life,  
in good times and bad,

***help us to trust you, O God.***

In love and faithfulness,  
with all that we have and all that we are,

***help us to serve you, O God.***

As we speak or write or listen  
to those nearby or far away,

***help us to share your love, O God.***

In our plans and work  
for ourselves and for others,

***help us to glorify you, O God.***

In every thought and word and deed,  
by the power of your Holy Spirit,

***this week, may we live for you, O God.***

**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.



The next coffee morning will be **Wednesday 1 April** at Nazareth House at 11.30am. A late morning coffee or an early lunch - you choose. Look forward to a relaxed and enjoyable time together. If anyone would like transport, please let Cecile (352 4755 or 027 4925 130) or Kathleen (337 9140 or 0212933750) know.

### ***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 Gail in the office if you know of anyone in this situation and she will pass the details on to those doing pastoral care.

**Rosters:** In the next couple of weeks Gail will be preparing the Rosters for the period beginning 5<sup>th</sup> April. It would be great to have a few more volunteers to take turns with Door Duty, Morning Tea, Candle Lighting and Bible Readings – the more people we have, the less often you end up doing a duty! If you are prepared to help, please indicate on the sheet being passed around today, or let Gail know, and also please advise if there are any dates you are not available.

**Offerings Counting:** We are changing to doing this with Gail in the office on a Monday morning, and will need one person to sit in with her whilst this is being done. There is space on the sheet to indicate if you can help with this.

### ***Wonders from the Wardrobe is returning***

**Wednesday 8th April, 7.30pm, in the Rata Lounge.**

Ladies, update your wardrobe with some “new to you” garments. This time we are adding a selection of children’s clothing to help some of our local young Mums. Entry will be \$5, with a request to bring at least two garments with you.

***Start clearing your wardrobes now!***

Contact: Cath (331 7984) or the Church Office (332 7129)



### ***Bach’s St John Passion***

**At St Mary’s Pro-Cathedral on Good Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> April, at 8pm.**

Performed by the Catholic Cathedral Choir and Orchestra.

Programmes can be purchased at the door: \$20 & \$15

### ***Cashmere Sunday Funday***

**Sunday 22 March, 3-6pm, at the Sign of the Takahe**

This end-of-the-summer get-together for Cashmere Residents will feature live music and family activities, and there will be food and drink available.

## **Science and Christianity: Sunday 29th March in Akaroa**

Science and Christianity are often seen to be in opposition to each other, but are held by many scientists to be complementary ways of seeking truth. The Combined Church of Akaroa, Banks Peninsula is holding a public forum to discuss these ideas on Sunday 29th March 11am – 12.30 in Trinity Church Hall, Akaroa. The forum starts after the 9.30am morning service and morning tea.

The main speakers in this discussion will be scientists Steve Chambers and Brian Butterfield. Steve Chambers is a professor at the University of Otago, Christchurch, Medical Director of the Pacific Leprosy Foundation and a leader in research on leprosy and its impact. Brian Butterfield is an Emeritus Professor of Biological Science and former Head of Plant and Microbial Sciences at the University of Canterbury.

The forum is part of the series held on 5th Sundays, when the Combined Church invites the local community to join them to discuss contemporary issues. Previous forums have discussed: concepts of God in the 21st Century; current end-of life legislation; church unity; income inequality in NZ. Contributions from the audience are welcomed.

## **Hope Project NZ**

The Hope Project, which is supported by a diverse group of Christian Churches from throughout New Zealand, is seeking to bring an awareness of Christ back to the public square. We have available today the “Hope for All” booklets; we encourage you to take two copies and look for ways to give them away *in the context of a conversation* (i.e. not just drop them in a letterbox).

<b>Church Rosters</b>	<b>This week – 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Next week – 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>
<b>Door Duty</b>	Elisabeth Cooch, Jill McAra, Cath Dale	Peter & Tric Nelson
<b>Offerings counting</b>	Ian Gray, David Kim	Jay Lee, Peter Nelson
<b>Morning Tea &amp; Coffee</b>	Lyn Cordner, Noelene Kent	Jane & David Kim
<b>Bible Reading</b>	Annette McAdam	Cecile Pierce
<b>Candle Lighting</b>	Joyce Lockhart	Elizabeth Taggart
<b>Food Trolley</b>	Peter & Tric Nelson	Shona Lyford

## **Upcoming Services**

22 March	Morning Worship	Hugh Perry
29 March	Morning Worship	Anne Shave
5 April	Morning Worship	Hamish Galloway