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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 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

**Lent 5**

*Theme: Tears in the Garden*

*Preacher: Silvia Purdie*

Welcome to worship!

**At Cashmere Presbyterian Church you will find**

- Lots of opportunities to connect with God, and deepen the spiritual dimension of life
- A hub for the whole community, with a whole host of activities and groups
- A community of people who enjoy and care for each other
- People using their gifts and motivated for mission
- A generous and financially sustainable church
- Partnering with others to work for the good of our world

The *Family Room* is at the front left of the church, and those with younger children are welcome to use this, or to stay in the service, as they choose.

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 the Fellowship Candle (Alan Simson)**

Welcome to worship at Cashmere Presbyterian Church

God invites us, arms extended

***Here we are, Lord.***

God invites us on the journey, step by step with Jesus Christ

***Here we are, Lord.***

God lights our way on our walk toward the cross

***You are with us. Halleluia!***

**Opening Hymn 465: All my hope on God is founded**

**Notices**

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

**Song:** My Redeemer Lives (by Hillsong)

I know he rescued my soul  
His blood has covered my sin  
I believe, I believe.  
My shame he's taken away  
My pain is healed in His name  
I believe, I believe.

I'll raise a banner  
because my Lord has conquered the grave

My Redeemer lives  
My Redeemer lives  
My Redeemer lives  
My Redeemer lives

You lift my burdens  
I'll rise with you  
I'm dancing on this mountaintop  
To see your kingdom come

*Children are invited to go out to the programme in the Kowhai Lounge.*

**Poem:** Is this a time to grieve? (by Barbara Sampson)

Is this a time to grieve  
or a time to grow?  
To curl up like a foetus  
or stretch out like a gymnast?  
In the punctuation of death is this a comma  
or an exclamation mark?  
Is this garment wrapped so tightly around me  
a shroud or a cocoon?  
Is this the stench of death I can smell  
or the fragrance of spring blossom?  
Is this a moment for lying still  
letting death lull me to sleep  
or for laughter and longing and leaping tall?  
Is this a cold darkness without ending  
or the slender shadow that welcomes a glorious new dawn?  
Is this the final act  
or the start of a new play?  
Is this a goodbye or a hello  
a farewell or a welcome?  
Is this a time for dying  
or a time to be born?

**Prayer of confession**

**Prayer Song** (*remain seated*) **Hymn 497:** Just as I am, without one plea

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

Mark 14:32-42 (p.67 NT)

Isaiah 24:4-16 (p.686 OT)

**Sermon:** The prayer of Gethsemane

**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*)

Lord of all, we pray, bring us joy and save us from pain

***Yet not my will, but yours be done.***

Bring us plenty and save us from poverty

***Yet not my will, but yours be done.***

Lead us to safety and save us from distress

***Yet not my will, but yours be done.***

Bless your people, your church, your servants in every corner of the world, we pray, and bless these gifts for your service and your mission.

For we pray:

***not our will, but yours, be done. Amen.***

**Prayers for others**

**Closing Hymn 500:** I heard the voice of Jesus say

**Blessing**

***Amen, amen, amen*** (sung)



***Plantarama – 13<sup>th</sup> October***

Can you help now with our preparations for Plantarama, by starting to take winter cuttings, eg Irises, Geraniums, Hostas – anything that will sleep over winter. You can bring them to the church and leave them on the deck outside the Family Room, and we will put them in our “nursery” area. We are also after plant boxes – speak to Tric or Cecile for more details.

***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. Elisabeth Cooch, Convenor of the Pastoral Committee (ph. 332 1272), asks that you tell her, or Silvia, or Gail in the office, if you know of anyone in this situation.

**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.

**World Vision Sponsorship:** A total of \$57.50 was collected at the Family Service last week for Vory, our World Vision child, and for work with the children in the church. Thank you for giving so generously.

### **A Spacious Way**

**9am–5pm, 26 March–1 April 2018 - A reflective space for Holy Week** at The Village Church – Papanui, cnr Papanui Rd & Frank St. The Village Church welcomes Very Rev Andrew Norton to come and share his reflections in his struggle with illness and the invitation to a spacious way of living in the midst of pain

The week will begin with an exhibition launch at 5pm on Sunday 25 March at The Village Church Papanui with Andrew sharing some of his story.

**Alpine Presbytery Weekly Newsletter:** a copy of the newsletter is placed on the notice board each week. If you would like to subscribe to receive this directly by email, please let Gail know.

<b>Church Rosters</b>	<b>This week - 18 March</b>	<b>Next week - 25 March</b>
<b>Door Duty</b>	Cecile Pierce Tony Waters Ngaere Brownlie	Warren Campbell Andrea Campbell Chris Wright
<b>Offerings Counting</b>	Tony Waters Ian French-Wright	Warren Campbell Andrea Campbell
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Judith & Brian Irwin	Helen & Bruce Leadbetter
<b>Filter coffee</b>	Elizabeth Taggart	Elizabeth Taggart
<b>Bible Reading</b>	Annette McAdam	Jill McAra
<b>Candle Lighting</b>	Alan Simson	Cecile Pierce
<b>Food Trolley</b>	Graham McCormick	Bruce & Shona Lyford

### **Upcoming Services**

25 March	Palm Sunday – Morning Worship	
29 March	7.30pm Maundy Thursday service at Cashmere	
30 March	10am Good Friday service at St Augustine's	
1 April	Easter Day Communion service	Silvia Purdie
8 April	Family Service	Silvia Purdie