

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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Sunday 21st March 2021

5th Sunday in Lent

Theme: The Vortex of Grace

Preacher: Hamish Galloway



A very warm welcome to you all, whether this is your first time or thousandth time in church. 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 the Fellowship Candle

(Barbara Leete)

Welcome to Worship

Hymn 271: Lift High the Cross

Prayer of Praise and Confession

At the end of each stanza of the prayer we will sing:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases
His mercies never come to an end
They are new every morning
New every morning
New every morning
New every morning

Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord
Great is Thy faithfulness

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: Helen Matthews)

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (p.765 OT)

John 12: 20-33 (p.135 NT)

Children come to the front

All-age time

Song: In the bulb there is a flower *(Tune WOV 92 “Ode to Joy”)*

1. In the bulb there is flower; in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
2. There’s a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there’s a dawn for every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.
3. In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Natalie Sleeth

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Sermon: The Vortex of Grace

Hymn 258: When I Survey the Wonderous Cross

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

We will sing the Lord's Prayer (WOV 676)

Hymn 521: O My Saviour

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.

Red Spot Appeal: Envelopes for the current Red Spot appeal – raising financial support for Anne Shave's work here at Cashmere – are available in the church, next to the name badges. If you would prefer to give by direct credit, our bank account details are at the end of this bulletin; please use reference Red Spot.

Palm Sunday Service: Anne is looking for a source of suitable plants to use as Palms for this service. If you have any suggestions, please let her know.

Hope Booklet Deliveries: We have been asked to deliver these booklets in a couple of areas. Hamish has the maps and the booklets. If you are able to help, please speak to him after the service today.



The next Coffee Morning will be on Wednesday 24th March, at Oderings, Cashmere Road, at 10.30am. Everyone welcome.

Holy Week morning retreat - Saturday 27th March 9:15am - 12:30pm.

You are warmly invited to come along to this morning of prayer and reflection, led by Anne Shave. The structure of the morning will be as follows:

- A time of guided silent prayer based on a passage from John's gospel (the Last Supper)
- Morning tea (which will be provided)
- Some resources for prayer will be offered to you before you find a spot inside or outside to pray on your own - you can choose to use these resources or simply take time to pray about whatever is on your mind and heart
- We meet together as a group again for the last half an hour

There will be opportunities to talk with others in the group about what arises for you but no-one will be pressured to speak or to pray aloud. This retreat is about you having time to spend with God. Please bring a Bible and a pen. If you have a prayer journal you might like to bring that too.

Two concerts at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Manchester St:

- **Sunday 28th March, 3pm:** the CBS orchestra and Paul Whelan (international bass soloist) will be giving a lovely one hour concert which includes a Haydn symphony, Bach's beautiful cantata "Ich habe genug," and Samuel Barber's famous Adagio for Strings. Free admission. A retiring collection will be taken.
- **Good Friday, 8pm:** Bach's St John Passion. Programme donation \$20 or \$15.

The Alpine Presbytery Newsletter is produced weekly, and a copy is on the notice board in the foyer. Speak to Gail if you would like to subscribe to receive it directly.

Church Rosters	This week – 21 March	Next week – 28 March
Door Duty	Warren & Andrea Campbell, Barbara White	Tony & Judith Waters, Elisabeth Cooch
Morning Tea & Coffee	Margaret Ford, Jill McAra	Lyn Cordner, Noelene Kent
Bible Reading	Helen Matthews	Jill McAra
Candle Lighting	Barbara Leete	Annette McAdam
Food Trolley	Peter & Tric Nelson	Shona Lyford
Money Counting (Monday)	Bruce McAlister	Annette McAdam

EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday - 28th March

10am: Morning Worship

Maundy Thursday - 1st April

5.30pm: Family Passover Meal Celebration (please register with Gail at cashmere.church@xtra.co.nz)

7pm: Tenebrae Service

Good Friday - 2nd April

Meet at Cashmere Presbyterian at 9am; process with the cross to St Augustines for Hot Cross buns followed by a Good Friday service

Easter Day—Sunday 4th April

10am: Communion Service

Generous Giving

Cashmere Presbyterian depends on the generous giving of members and friends. If you would like to make a donation or support our work through planned giving please contact the Parish Office. Our Bank Account for donations is:

BNZ 020800-0181604-01

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