

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**

**Lent 4**

*Preacher: Rev Hugh Perry*

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.

(Sections in the service marked \*are taken from Frederick A. Styles *Worship For An Easter People* 'Volume 3' (Ontario: enThusia Enterprises 1981))

**Order of Worship**

(Congregational responses are in bold italics)

*Please stand as the Bible is processed in.*

**Fellowship Candle lit** (*Cecile Pierce*)

**Welcome**

The peace of God be with you.

***And also with you.***

**Call to Worship\***

**Hymn 61:** Lord, your almighty word

**PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION**

We come to worship in wonder and amazement as we reflect on our world and the life that evolves and interacts upon it.

***We give thanks for the amazing work of the Spirit that has brought us into being and made us who we are.***

In our age theoretical physicist and mathematicians use computer models to look back at the very moment when time began, and astronomers have developed powerful telescopes that can observe light speeding out from the moment of creation.

***But even in such a time the book of Genesis still proclaims the story of creation that science confirms.***

In sequences of upheaval and weathering the powerful forces of our world brought deep oceans and towering mountains into being.

***Erosion spread nutrient rich soil across the landscape as life formed in all its wondrous variety***

The divine voice drew humanity from the humus with the brain and responsibility to care for this garden planet.

***As families became tribes and clusters of tribes became nations the divine Spirit called out leaders, prophets and monarchs to give direction to people's lives.***

As wealth and power corrupted authority prophets challenged the directions that totalitarian leaders and aggressive communities took.

***Inspired leaders called enslaved people to wilderness journeys of new beginnings as humanity spread across the globe.***

As stories recorded the wisdom of the past ideas evolved into rules then inflexible laws that enslaved people and limited compassion and creativity.

***A particular people sought liberation from imperial dominance and stifling law they looked towards divine intervention while a perceptive few found the resurrection of true personhood in the Jesus, they called Christ.***

For the religious heritage that calls us to be Christian in a worldwide family of diverse Christians we bring our thanks and praise to the God we image in Jesus Christ. ***Amen***

## **LAMENT**

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Christ's healing and renewing presence allows people to see beyond the limitations of the past and opens their eyes to a future filled with hope

***Thanks be to God.***

## **Notices**

**Readings, with Introductions** (*Reader: Cecile Pierce*)

**1 Samuel 16: 1-13** (p.282 OT)

Hear what the spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**John 9: 1-41** (p.130 NT)

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to Christ the word.**

**Hymn 56:** Amazing Grace

**Sermon**

**Reflective Music**

## Prayers for others

O God of inspiration.....singing the prayer that tradition records as Jesus' prayer (*WOV 676 Lord's Prayer - sung*)

***Our Father in heaven,  
holy be your name,  
Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Do not put us to the test,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory  
are yours now and forever.  
Amen, amen, amen, amen,  
amen, amen, amen, amen.***

## Offering

**Dedication of the offering** (*please stand*)

**Hymn:** And did those feet in former times

1. And did those feet in former times  
walk upon scree and tussock brown  
and did the man, Jesus the Christ  
cross mountains high and rolling downs?  
and did he know the morning haze?  
and did he know the river's sheen?  
and did he love this land of ours  
from alpine slope to willow's green?
2. And does he still walk this our land,  
talking and laughing with us yet?  
And does he know that stab of need  
when all our other friends forget?  
And is he there when wine is poured?  
And is he there when bread is shared?  
and does he laugh when life's all right?  
and does he weep when it is not?
3. Be with us Christ, as we step out.  
Come with us on our lifelong quest.  
Be our true guide, on our right hand,  
be with us everywhere we go.  
Be there to see us through the night  
so we will know life to the full.  
For we would be your followers  
pursue your quest with all our might.

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**Commissioning and benediction with sung amen\***



The coffee morning planned for Wednesday 1 April has been postponed owing to Nazareth House closing its café in the light of the Coronavirus. We will review this get together in the next few weeks. Mean time keep well and remember to keep washing those hands!!

**Wonders from the Wardrobe** – the decision has been made to postpone this until later in the year. We will advise when we have a new date organised.

**Rosters:** The Rosters for the period beginning 5<sup>th</sup> April will be sent out next week. 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 let Gail know, and also please advise if there are any dates you are not available.

**Bach's St John Passion - St Mary's Pro-Cathedral on Good Friday, 10 April, 8pm.** Performed by the Catholic Cathedral Choir and Orchestra. Programmes can be purchased at the door: \$20 & \$15

**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 – 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>Next week – 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>Door Duty</b>	Peter & Tric Nelson	Ian Gray, Graham Cook, Robin McKee
<b>Offerings counting</b>	Jay Lee, Peter Nelson	Colin Reid, Graham Cook
<b>Morning Tea &amp; Coffee</b>	Jane & David Kim	Janet Aldridge + <i>volunteer, please!</i>
<b>Bible Reading</b>	Cecile Pierce	Elisabeth Cooch
<b>Candle Lighting</b>	Cecile Pierce	Ann Jennings
<b>Food Trolley</b>	Shona Lyford	David Troughton

### **Upcoming Services**

Sunday 29 March	Morning Worship	Anne Shave
Sunday 5 April	Morning Worship – Palm Sunday	Hamish Galloway
Thursday 9 April	Maundy Thursday service, 7.30pm at Cashmere	Combined Services with St Augustine's
Friday 10 April	Good Friday Service, 10am at St Augustine's	
Sunday 12 April	10am Easter Communion Service	Hamish Galloway