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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 24th March 2019

Lent 3

Theme: Lament

Preacher: Sandra Wright-Taylor

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, which will be served in the Lounge after the service.

Order of Worship

(Congregational responses are in bold italics)

Lighting the Fellowship Candle (*Robin McKee*)

Welcome to worship at Cashmere Presbyterian Church

Opening Hymn 49: O God of Bethel

Call to Worship: *From Psalm 27*

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou.

May God be with you:

Ma Ihowa koe e manaaki. May God bless you.

Let us worship God who is our light,
our strength, and our salvation.

When our confidence is in God, of whom shall we be afraid?

One thing we ask of God, one thing we seek –
to live in the house of God
all the days of our lives,

that we may behold the beauty of God in creation and in one another.

One thing we ask of God, one thing we seek –
to trust the ways of God,

that we may know God's goodness and strength all the days of our lives.

Prayer of praise and confession

Time with the children

Kids song 558: When I needed a neighbour

Blessing prayer

Young ones, go to your worship with our blessing.

Take our faith and hope;

Make new things with what you have been given.

May God bless and grow you.

Amen

Children go out to Kowhai Lounge

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 158: How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

Bible Readings (*Jill McAra*)

1 John 4: 7-12 (p.300 NT)

Luke 13: 31-35 (p.99 NT)

Reflection: Lament

A Space of Quiet

Litany of Commitment to Peace:

For God's shalom, harmony, wholeness, completion and fulfilment,

We give ourselves to God.

For the hard work of wresting peace from chaos, of standing before the violence, for being makers of peace in times of trouble,

We give ourselves to God.

For peace with who we are, peace with who we are not, peace with our loss and peace with our hope,

We give ourselves to God.

Giving ourselves to praying for the other, living for the other, working for the sake of the other,

We give ourselves to God.

Declaring this house to be a house of peace, declaring ourselves to be a people of peace,

We give ourselves to God.

We make this commitment in the name of the Prince of Peace,

Prayers for others

The Lord's Prayer (sung: WOV 676)

Prayer Song (*remain seated*) Bind us Together, Lord

*Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together
with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together, Lord
Bind us together with love.*

We are the family of God,
Joined by the Spirit above,
Working together with Christ
Growing and building in love

Bind us together....

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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 and sing:*
Hymn 573: Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Closing Hymn: Make me a Channel of Your Peace (*Tune : St Francis*)

1. Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred let me bring love,
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you:

*Refrain: O Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand,
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

2. Make me a channel of your peace;
where there's despair in life let me bring hope,
where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy:

Refrain

3. Make me a channel of your peace:
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Blessing

Amen, amen, amen (sung)

*Please remain standing as the Bible is processed out.
Thank you for sharing in worship this morning.
Please join us for morning tea.*



Special appeal

The combined group of all denominations across the city will be making a financial donation to the Muslim community in Christchurch from “the church in Christchurch”, rather than each church doing their own thing. We are taking up a ‘retiring offering’ this morning which will go to this appeal, as a simple no-strings-attached gift (*please place your offerings in the wooden offering box on the shelf next to the name badges*). Sorry but we cannot issue tax receipts for this.

We are also encouraged to directly support any Muslim people we know personally, or those affected by the attacks. Please let the Parish Clerks know if you have a personal contact or know of any situations of need.

#Givenothingtohate

Here's a creative and meaningful idea from our Anglican friends. Wear a green heart to stand in solidarity with our Muslim neighbours.

Download the image from the Transitional Cathedral site and print some stickers!

<http://www.cardboardcathedral.org.nz/>

Calling all singers!

We thoroughly enjoyed carol singing at Christmas time in local Rest Homes, and we've have asked to come back at Easter time. Would you like to help lead a sing-along session of gospel songs, on Tuesday 16 or Wed 17 April? Please let Elisabeth Cooch or Silvia know.

St Martins Presbyterian Church re-opening

Closed since the earthquakes, St Martins has finally completed strengthening their church building, with the grand opening on Sunday 31 March. If you would like to attend the 10am service to represent Cashmere please let the Parish Clerks know. All are welcome at 2.30pm for afternoon tea, tour & speeches.

Te Waiora House – Open Day

Sunday 31 March, 2.30pm-4.30pm, you are invited to visit Te Waiora House (236 Hororata Rd, Hororata) to look around, find out about current developments, ad enjoy a lovely afternoon tea. Visit www.tewaiorahouse.org.nz/ to find out more about this retreat centre.

Alpine Presbytery Newsletter

The Presbytery Newsletter is produced weekly, and a copy is available on the notice board in the foyer. If you would like to subscribe to receive it directly by email, please speak to Gail.

Church Rosters

	This week –24th March	Next week – 31st March
Door Duty	Cecile Pierce, Cath Dale, Robin McKee	Warren & Andrea Campbell, Chris Wright
Offerings counting	Ian French-Wright, Jay Lee	Warren & Andrea Campbell
Morning Tea	Judith & Tony Waters	Annette McAdam, Lyn Cordner
Filter coffee	<i>No filter coffee persons rostered – we need more volunteers!</i>	
Bible Reading	Jill McAra	Annette McAdam
Candle Lighting	Robin McKee	Ann Jennings
Food Trolley	Bruce & Shona Lyford	Helen Matthews

Upcoming Services

31 March	Morning Worship	Silvia Purdie
7 April	Morning Worship	Kathleen Gallagher & Elisabeth Cooch
14 April	Family Service – Palm Sunday	Silvia Purdie
21 April	Easter Communion	Silvia Purdie
28 April	Morning Worship (Anzac)	David Coster



Tuesday 26 th March	9.00am	Quilts & Crafts
Wednesday 27 th March	10.00am	Forum
Thursday 28 th March	10.00am	Pre-School Music

*I'll never forget the trouble, the utter lostness,
the taste of ashes, the poison I've swallowed.
I remember it all—oh, how well I remember—
the feeling of hitting the bottom.
But there's one other thing I remember,
and remembering, I keep a grip on hope:
God's loyal love couldn't have run out,
his merciful love couldn't have dried up.
They're created new every morning.
How great your faithfulness!*

Lamentations 3:19-24 (The Message)