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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 31st March 2019

Lent 4

Theme: The Animals in Creation

Preacher: Silvia Purdie

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)
Please stand as the Bible is processed in.

Lighting the Fellowship Candle

Welcome to worship at Cashmere Presbyterian Church

Opening Hymn: Let us sing the God of glory

1. Let us sing the God of beauty
in the mountains and the seas,
all the colours of the rainbow
and the tracery of trees,
in the thunder of the breakers
and the whisper of the breeze,
our God whose Name is love!
Glory, glory, Hallelujah! (x3)
our God whose Name is love!
2. Let us sing the God, Creator,
who has made all living things;
From the star fish in the rock pools
to the birds upon the wing,
all wild animals in jungles
and the pets within our home.
our God whose Name is love!
3. Let us sing the God of bounty
for a fruitful earth and fair,
who provides for us in plenty
so that all may have a share,
and who loves his human family
and has us in his care,
our God whose Name is love!
4. Let us sing the God of mercy
for the wonders he has done,
how he loved us in our sinfulness
and sent to us his Son,
who has died for us, and lives for us,
and life and freedom won,
our God whose Name is love!

Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith
(Verse 2 written by David Troughton)
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Call to Worship: Benedicite Aotearoa *(from the NZ Anglican Prayer Book, abbreviated)*

O give thanks to our God who is good: whose love endures forever.

You sun and moon, you stars of the southern sky:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

Sunrise and sunset, night and day:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

All mountains and valleys, grassland and scree,

give to our God your thanks and praise.

You rata and pine, mosses and ferns:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

Dolphins and kahawai, moths and dogs,

kiwi and sparrow and tui and hawk:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

You Maori and Pakeha, women and men,

all who inhabit the long white cloud:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

All you saints and martyrs of the South Pacific:

give to our God your thanks and praise.

Prayer of confession: *a prayer of Basil of Caesarea, written about 470AD*

Children come to the front

Time with the children

Kids song: If I Were a Butterfly

1. If I were a butterfly,
I'd thank you, Lord, for giving me wings;
and if I were a robin in a tree,
I'd thank you, Lord that I could sing;
and if I were a fish in the sea,
I'd wiggle my tail and I'd giggle with glee,
but I just thank you, Father, for making me "me".
*For you gave me a heart and you gave me a smile,
you gave me Jesus and you made me your child,
and I just thank you, Father, for making me "me".*
2. If I were an elephant.
I'd thank you, Lord, by raising my trunk;
and if I were a kangaroo,
you know I'd hop right up to you;
and if I were an octopus,
I'd thank you, Lord, for my fine looks,
but I just thank you, Father, for making me "me".

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Blessing prayer

God, you plant the seed. Spirit, you send living water:

You are our life, our truth and our hope.

Jesus Christ, in you we move and grow and have our being:

You are our life, our truth and our hope.

Lord, bless these precious children with your love. Amen.

children go out to Kowhai Lounge

Prayer Song (remain seated) 500: I heard the voice of Jesus say

Discussion: Talk about our church's response to the shootings, and local issues you would like explore.

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: These hills where the hawk flies lonely

1. These hills where the hawk flies lonely,
beaches where the long surf rolls,
mountains where the snows meet heaven,
these are our care.
Pastures where the sheep graze calmly,
orchards where the apples grow,
gardens where the roses cluster,
these are our prayer.
2. Forests where the tree ferns tower,
rivers running strong and clear,
oceans where the great whales wander,
these are our care.
Race meeting race as equals,
justice for age-old wrongs,
worth for every man and woman,
these are our prayer.
3. Cities where the young roam restless,
lives brought to deep despair,
homeless and powerless people,
these are our care.
Places where the Word is spoken,
hands held in serving love,
faiths of our many cultures,
these are our prayer.

4. All that the old world gave us,
all that the new world brings,
language, ideas and customs,
these are our care.
Life finding joy and value,
faith seeking truth and light,
God heard and seen in all things,
this be our prayer.

Colin Gibson
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Bible Readings (Reader: Annette McAdam)

Genesis 1:20-25 (p. 4 OT): Creation of the animals

Luke 15:1-7 (p.100 NT): Jesus' story of the lost sheep

Sermon

Discussion

Think about an animal that you have loved.

What did you appreciate? What did this animal show you about God?

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

Prayers for others

Closing Hymn: Great is your faithfulness

1. Great is your faithfulness, O God my father,
in you no shadow of turning we see;
you never fail and your love is unchanging:
as you have been you for ever will be.

Chorus:

*Great is your faithfulness, great is your faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies we see;
all we have needed your hand has provided:
great is your faithfulness, Lord God, to me!*

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To your great faithfulness, mercy and love.
3. Pardon for sin and a peace that's enduring,
your living presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -
these are the blessings your love will provide.

*Great is your faithfulness, great is your faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies we see;
all we have needed your hand has provided:
great is your faithfulness, Lord God, to me!*

Words T.O. Chisholm

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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.*

Activities from our Lenten study for this week:

Photos: Go online to National Geographic's 'Photo Ark' website:

www.nationalgeographic.org/projects/photo-ark

Slowly explore this astonishing collection of photographs of animals.

Look into their eyes. Imagine the feel of their fur or scales or feathers.

Research: Learn about an endangered animal, where it lives, what it eats, how it cares for its babies, and what threatens to kill it. Pray for this place and for those who are working to protect it. Write a letter of support, or donate.

An outing with God: Treat yourself to a trip to Orana Park (it's not just for kids you know!). Marvel at the diversity of how God has made the animals.



From Silvia ...

How are you? I really do want to know. I am here for you and would love to hear from you. Call me if you'd like to share anything at all at this stressful and distressing time ... or just call me to see how I am. We're all struggling with the enormity of what has happened. Let's look after each other.

My home number is 965 1597, and cell is 027 2421113, or leave a message with Gail at the office if I'm not in: 332 7129.

Elisabeth Cooch is also available for conversations – ph: 332 1272 or 027 3355 784.

Churches Gift to Muslim Communities

Thank you for your donations to the special appeal for the Muslim Community. A total of \$287 was banked to the account of Te Raranga, who are coordinating the donation on behalf of "the church in Christchurch". We have been advised that \$165,000 has been put into the combined pot.

Today, Te Raranga led a small delegation which went to the home of Ibrahim Abdelhalim of the Linwood Mosque. "We had beautiful fellowship and were able to listen to the story of the terrible incident, share our love and make our gift. We were able to pray together, and he has asked that in our churches we tell our people how grateful they are for the support and kindness the churches have shown, and please to continue praying for them."

Easter music in Rest Homes

Silvia is leading a sing-along session at a couple of local rest homes in the week before Easter, of 'old favourite' gospel songs. Would you like to support her? - come along for a fun sing! Please let her know if you're interested. It's good therapy!

St Martins Presbyterian Church re-opening – Today!

All are welcome at 2.30pm for afternoon tea, tour & speeches.

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 –31 st March	Next week – 7 th April
Door Duty	Warren & Andrea Campbell, Chris Wright	Graham Cook, Colin Reid, Ann Jennings
Offerings counting	Warren & Andrea Campbell	Graham Cook, Colin Reid
Morning Tea	Annette McAdam, Lyn Cordner	Jane & David Kim
Filter Coffee		
Bible Reading	Annette McAdam	David Troughton
Candle Lighting	Ann Jennings	Annette McAdam
Food Trolley	Helen Matthews	Lorraine Murphy

Upcoming Services

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
5 May	Morning Worship	Silvia Purdie



Monday 1 st April	1.45pm	Cashmere Garden Club
Tuesday 2 nd April	9.00am	Quilts & Crafts
Wednesday 3 rd April	10.00am	Forum
Thursday 4 th April	10.00am	Pre-School Music
Friday 5 th April	9.30am	Quiet Space in the Church