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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 26<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

**Easter 6**

*Theme: Thin Places*

*Preacher: Barbara Sampson*

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** (*Shirley Wilson*)

**Opening Hymn 515:** Fill thou my life

**Prayer of confession,** *based on John 14:23-29*

Jesus said: "If anyone loves me, you will keep my word.

My Father will love you,

and together we will come to you and make our home with you."

Thank you, risen Christ, living Word, for your great love to us.

We rest in your love, we receive your love.

***Come, live in us, that we might live in you.*** (moment of silence)

We confess that our love is too small –

for you, for ourselves, for others, and for your world.

We confess that we do not keep your word; we do not love as you love us.

***Forgive us, God of grace.*** (moment of silence)

Jesus said: "My Father will send you, in my name, the Counsellor,  
the Holy Spirit, who will teach you all things  
and remind you of everything I have told you."

Send us again, risen Christ, the breath of your Spirit.

***Inspire us afresh, we pray.*** (moment of silence)

Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your heart be troubled or fearful.

I told you: 'I am going away but I am coming to you.'

If you love me, rejoice that I am going to the Father, and believe."

We confess that our hearts often are troubled and fearful.

***Overcome our anxiety with your peace, we pray.*** (moment of silence)

Grow in our hearts: faith and trust,

that even when we do not see Jesus at work or feel him close  
you are with us.

***Peace is ours, our gift from God. Amen.***

### **Blessing prayer**

We are an Easter people

***Ours in an Easter faith.***

Christ is risen,

***risen in our lives!***

Our fears have died,

***we rise to dream, to love, to dance, to live.***

Bless these Easter children

***Give them an Easter faith.***

*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:** Be still for the presence of the Lord (tune: Nottingham)

1. Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One, is here;  
come bow before him now  
with reverence and fear:  
in him no sin is found -  
we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One, is here.

2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around;  
he burns with holy fire,  
with splendour he is crowned:  
how awesome is the sight -  
our radiant king of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.

3. Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place;  
he comes to cleanse and heal,  
to minister his grace:  
no work too hard for him -  
in faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.

David J Evans

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## Prayer for others

### Bible Readings *(Reader: Jill McAra)*

Ezekiel 47:1-9 (p.849 OT): Ezekiel's vision & prophecy of the river

Acts 16:11-14 (p.172 NT): Paul meets Lydia by the river

## Message

### Prayer song: *(remain seated)*

Cause me to come to thy river, O Lord

*(Songs of Praise 28, SIS)*

Cause me to come to thy river, O Lord

Cause me to drink at thy river, O Lord

Cause me to live at thy river, O Lord

Cause me to come

Cause me to drink

Cause me to live.

**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)*

**Closing Hymn 537:** May the mind of Christ my saviour

## Blessing

**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.*



Many of you may remember **Lyn Hay**, who was a member of our church family until she moved to Auckland in 2011. Her family have advised that Lyn died recently, and we have sent them our condolences. They hope to arrange for a memorial service for Lyn here at Cashmere, and we will advise you of the date once we have those details.

**Cashmere Connection May 2019** was emailed out on Friday. Hard copies are available today for those that are not on email, or who wish to take one.

### **Mid-Winter Feast – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

Tickets (\$25pp) are available now for this evening of winter carols, good food and friendly company, to be held in the Rata Lounge – speak to Cecile.

**Office Hours:** Gail is on leave from Friday 31 May, returning to work on 17<sup>th</sup> June. During that time the office will be manned only a couple of days per week, by volunteers. *For next week's Bulletin, please have any notices to Gail by 9.30am on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May.*

**Forum lunch:** Wednesday 29 May, midday at the Secret Garden Café at Oderings.

**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.

<b>Church Rosters</b>	<b>This week – 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Next week – 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>
<b>Door Duty</b>	Graham Cook, Colin Reid, Barbara Leete	Tric & Peter Nelson, Ann Jennings
<b>Offerings counting</b>	Graham Cook, Colin Reid	Peter Nelson, Jay Lee
<b>Morning Tea &amp; Coffee</b>	Jill McAra, Annette McAdam	Judith & Tony Waters
<b>Bible Reading</b>	Jill McAra	Ann Jennings
<b>Candle Lighting</b>	Shirley Wilson	Joyce Lockhart
<b>Food Trolley</b>	Bruce & Shona Lyford	Barbara & Richard Leete

### **Upcoming Services**

2 June	Communion Service	Silvia Purdie
9 June	Family Service – Pentecost	Silvia Purdie
16 June	Morning Worship	Silvia Purdie
	11.30am Healing Service	Silvia & Anne
23 June	Morning Worship	World Vision – Philip Sapsford