

CASHMERE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“The Stone Church on the Hill”

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### Mission Statement

To worship God, follow Christ,  
transforming the world in the  
power of the Spirit

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**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021**

## **Reign of Christ the King**

*Service led by David Coster*

*Preacher: Hamish Galloway*

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 after the service.

During the current Covid19 alert level, please **wear a mask during the service**, but do not put on your **Name Badge** (just something else to clean!). **Freewill Offerings** should be placed in the bag next to the name badges as we will not be passing the offering bag around during the service. Or you may wish to donate by direct credit to our bank account (details at end of Bulletin).

All Hymn words, and the Bible Readings, are printed in the Bulletin – please do not use the books in the pews.

### **Order of Worship**

*Please stand as the Bible is processed in.*

**Fellowship Candle:** Jill Fenton

### **Call to worship**

Like leaves skipping over the carpet of grass,  
**God comes to us, the One who was and is  
and is to come.**

Like the first glimpses of the sun peeking over the horizon:

**God comes to us, the One who was and is and is to come.**

Like the moon lighting our way on a cloudless, autumn night:

**God comes to us, the One who was and is and is to come.**

We have chosen to be here, where God remembers us.

**God comes to us, the One who was and is and is to come.**

**Hymn:** Crown him with many crowns (Women V3 Men V4)

1. Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark! how the heavenly anthem  
drowns  
all music but its own:  
awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy chosen king  
through all eternity.
2. Crown him the Son of God  
before the worlds began:  
and ye, who tread where He hath trod,  
crown him the Son of Man;  
who every grief hath known  
that wrings the human breast,  
and takes and bears them for His own  
that all in him may rest.
3. Crown him the Lord of love!  
behold his hands and side,  
those wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified:  
no angel in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends his burning eye  
at mysteries so bright!
4. Crown him the Lord of life  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save;  
His glories now we sing  
who died, and rose on high.  
who died, eternal life to bring  
and lives that death may die.
5. Crown him the Lord of peace!  
whose power a sceptre sways,  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease  
absorbed in prayer and praise:  
his reign shall know no end,  
and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend  
their fragrance ever sweet.
6. Crown him the Lord of years!  
the Potentate of time,--  
Creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime:  
all hail, Redeemer, hail!  
for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.

### **Greeting**

May the grace and peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you, with all whom you love, and all whom you pray for here this day.

**And may the grace and peace of our Lord be with you also.**

### **Prayer of Invocation**

Almighty God, from the beginning of time to the end of eternity, you have chosen to use your power and majesty to love us, to redeem us, to shape us as your people.

**Your reign is in our midst, God of all people.**

Spirit of God, resting upon us: may your power enflame us with your peace; may your peace touch us with your grace; may your grace fill us with your hope; may your hope lead us always in your path.

***Spirit of gentleness, you are in our very midst.***

### **Prayer of confession**

While there are many with power in our world – power to hurt us, power to hire or fire us, power to control us – God has the power to forgive us and make us new people. Let us confess how we fear the power of the world, and welcome the power of God's grace.

The choices we make, Mighty God, reveal who we are. When we choose the lies of the world,

***your word is not on our lips.***

When we choose independent and isolated lives,

***we do not reflect your Spirit in our actions towards others.***

When we choose to exalt the powerful of our day,

***we are unable to follow the One whose way gives us life.***

***Forgive us, God. Do not turn your face from us, but help us to face ourselves honestly.***

### **Words of Assurance**

Shout for joy, children of God. The God who was and is and is to come loves you, forgives you, renews you.

***Thanks be to God. Amen.***

### **Notices**

**Passing the Peace:** *We offer each other an acknowledgement as a sign that all are welcome and accepted by God.*

### **We celebrate the Baptism of Jack Abernethy**

**We sing:** Celebrate each generation

1. Celebrate each generation,  
celebrate around the earth!  
In this Church make dedication  
of the miracle of birth.
2. Every new-born son and daughter  
is the Church's loving claim,  
marked by touch of living water  
now to take the Christian name.
3. Be the Christ in those we christen:  
body, spirit, both must thrive,  
be the Christ in us who promise  
new-born faith to keep alive.
4. So another generation  
may discover truth and good,  
flower within the certain future,  
bud of hope within the wood.

### **Prayer for Illumination**

## **Readings (Reader: Bruce Leadbetter)**

### Luke 1:59-80:

<sup>59</sup> When the baby was a week old, they came to circumcise him, and they were going to name him Zechariah, after his father. <sup>60</sup> But his mother said, "No! His name is to be John."

<sup>61</sup> They said to her, "But you don't have any relative with that name!" <sup>62</sup> Then they made signs to his father, asking him what name he would like the boy to have.

<sup>63</sup> Zechariah asked for a writing pad and wrote, "His name is John." How surprised they all were! <sup>64</sup> At that moment Zechariah was able to speak again, and he started praising God. <sup>65</sup> The neighbors were all filled with fear, and the news about these things spread through all the hill country of Judea. <sup>66</sup> Everyone who heard of it thought about it and asked, "What is this child going to be?" For it was plain that the Lord's power was upon him.

<sup>67</sup> John's father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit, and he spoke God's message:

<sup>68</sup> "Let us praise the Lord, the God of Israel!

He has come to the help of his people and has set them free.

<sup>69</sup> He has provided for us a mighty Savior,  
a descendant of his servant David.

<sup>70</sup> He promised through his holy prophets long ago

<sup>71</sup> that he would save us from our enemies,  
from the power of all those who hate us.

<sup>72</sup> He said he would show mercy to our ancestors  
and remember his sacred covenant.

<sup>73-74</sup> With a solemn oath to our ancestor Abraham  
he promised to rescue us from our enemies  
and allow us to serve him without fear,

<sup>75</sup> so that we might be holy and righteous before him  
all the days of our life.

<sup>76</sup> "You, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High God.

You will go ahead of the Lord to prepare his road for him,

<sup>77</sup> to tell his people that they will be saved by having their sins forgiven.

<sup>78</sup> Our God is merciful and tender.

He will cause the bright dawn of salvation to rise on us

<sup>79</sup> and to shine from heaven on all those who live in the dark shadow of death,  
to guide our steps into the path of peace."

<sup>80</sup> The child grew and developed in body and spirit. He lived in the desert until the day when he appeared publicly to the people of Israel.

### Isaiah 9:1-7

There will be no way for them to escape from this time of trouble.

The land of the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali was once disgraced, but the future will bring honor to this region, from the Mediterranean eastward to the land on the other side of the Jordan, and even to Galilee itself, where the foreigners live.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light.  
They lived in a land of shadows,  
but now light is shining on them.

<sup>3</sup> You have given them great joy,<sup>[a]</sup> Lord;  
you have made them happy.  
They rejoice in what you have done,  
as people rejoice when they harvest grain  
or when they divide captured wealth.

<sup>4</sup> For you have broken the yoke that burdened them  
and the rod that beat their shoulders.  
You have defeated the nation  
that oppressed and exploited your people,  
just as you defeated the army of Midian long ago.

<sup>5</sup> The boots of the invading army  
and all their bloodstained clothing  
will be destroyed by fire.

<sup>6</sup> A child is born to us!  
A son is given to us!  
And he will be our ruler.  
He will be called, "Wonderful<sup>[b]</sup> Counselor,"  
"Mighty God," "Eternal Father," "Prince of Peace."

<sup>7</sup> His royal power will continue to grow;  
his kingdom will always be at peace.  
He will rule as King David's successor,  
basing his power on right and justice,  
from now until the end of time.  
The LORD Almighty is determined to do all this.

**Sermon:** Advent in COVID Times

*The Right Rev Hamish Galloway*

**We sing:** O God you search me and you know me

1. O God, you search me and you know me.  
All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.  
When I walk or lie down you are before me:  
ever the maker and keeper of my days.
2. You know my resting and my rising.  
You discern my purpose from afar,  
and with love everlasting you besiege me:  
in every moment of life or death, you are.

3. Before a word is on my tongue, Lord,  
you have known its meaning through and through.  
You are with me beyond my understanding:  
God of my present, my past and future, too.
4. Although your Spirit is upon me,  
still I search for shelter from your light.  
There is nowhere on earth I can escape you:  
even the darkness is radiant in your sight.
5. For you created me and shaped me,  
gave me life within my mother's womb.  
For the wonder of who I am, I praise you:  
safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

Bernadette Farrell, From Psalm 139  
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**Offering:** *Our freewill offering to support the mission and Church of Jesus Christ, and donations for the City Mission foodbank, will be dedicated. If it is comfortable for you to do so, please stand to join in the prayer of dedication.*

### **Offertory Prayer**

***From the beginning, you have blessed us with gifts beyond imagination, Creator of all. Until the end, may we share from your abundance, offering to you our thanksgiving and our gifts as healing, as hope, as joy for all in the world through Jesus Christ, our Lord who taught us to pray, Our Father.. (676) 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 pow'r and the glory  
are yours now and for ever.  
Amen, amen, amen, amen,  
amen, amen, amen, amen.

**Our prayers for ourselves and others, including a prayer for White Ribbon Sunday**

## Hymn: Mine eyes have seen the glory

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:  
his truth is marching on.
2. He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgement seat:  
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant my feet!  
Our God is marching on.
3. In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
with a glory in his bosom which transfigures you and me:  
as he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,  
while God is marching on.
4. He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave;  
he is wisdom to the mighty; he is succour to the brave;  
so the world shall be his foot-stool, and the soul of time his slave:  
our God is marching on.

## Benediction

My friends in Jesus Christ  
May you be strengthened by the Good News  
that God proclaims in Jesus Christ.  
May you be drawn to the wonder  
of the mystery revealed,  
God's eternal love for us  
made flesh in Jesus Christ.  
Go in the glory of God's abundant love.  
**We go with hope.**  
**We go in peace.**  
**We go with joy.**  
**We go in love.**

## Threefold Amen

*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.*

## Music for Worship – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November

Prelude: *Fantasia, G F Handel*

*Thaxted, Gustav Holst, arranged David Blackwell.*

Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept the love we bring,  
That we who know your favour may serve you as our King;  
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:

To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Postlude: *He is King, Epilogue, African- American Spiritual. Arranged Robert J Powell*

For he is King of kings, He is Lord of lords,  
Jesus Christ, the first and last, no man works like Him.  
Ride on, ride on, King Jesus.



**Healing Service, with Communion, today at 11:30am**

**St Martins Women's Group** meet at 43 St Martins Rd in the church lounge on Wednesday 24th November from 1.30pm for 'a get together' and a chance to chat and perhaps share some memories of past summers and holidays. Maybe people have a photo they could bring or something else that they have that reminds them. All women are welcome to join us. Any enquiries: Margaret (366 8936)

**The Christmas Music Service:** The Christmas music service is to be on Sunday, 19th December. The first Thursday night practice will be this coming Thursday, 25th, in the Rata Lounge at 7.30 p.m. for about an hour. You are welcome to come and join us.

**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.

<b>Church Rosters</b>	<b>This week: 21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>Next week: 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>
<b>Door Duty</b>	Tony Waters, Annette McAdam, Margaret Ford	Still working on it!!
<b>Morning Tea &amp; Coffee</b>	Kathleen Anderson, James & Philippa Upton	
<b>Bible Reading</b>	Bruce Leadbetter	
<b>Candle Lighting</b>	Jill Fenton	
<b>Food Trolley</b>	Tric Nelson	
<b>Money Counting (Monday)</b>	David Troughton	

**Leading Worship over the next few weeks:**

28 <sup>th</sup> November	Anne Shave
5 <sup>th</sup> December	David Coster
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Hamish Galloway
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir Service

