

CASHMERE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“The Stone Church on the Hill”

### Mission Statement

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

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## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021 World Communion Sunday

*Theme: Through the eyes of a child*  
*Preacher: Martin Stewart,*  
*Alpine Presbytery Executive Officer*



We welcome all who are able to join with us today for Worship.

As we are at Alert Level 2, we have to do some things differently:

- ❖ **Freewill Offerings:** please place your Offerings in the bag next to the name badges. At this time 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).
- ❖ **Name Badges:** at present we ask you not to use your name badges, as it is just something else to be cleaned!
- ❖ All Hymn words, and the Bible Readings, are printed in the Bulletin – please do not use the books in the pews.
- ❖ There will be **no morning tea**

# Order of Worship

*Please stand as the Bible is processed in.*

## Lighting the Fellowship Candle

## Welcome to Worship – Hamish Galloway

## Hymn: He is Lord, he is Lord

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| 1. He is Lord, he is Lord;<br>he is risen from the dead,<br>and he is Lord;<br>every knee shall bow,<br>every tongue confess<br>that Jesus Christ is Lord.   | 3. He is life, he is life;<br>he has died to set us free<br>and he is life;<br>and he calls us all to<br>live evermore<br>for Jesus Christ is life.               |
| 2. He is love, he is love;<br>he has shown us by his cross<br>that he is love;<br>all his people sing with<br>one voice of joy<br>that Jesus Christ is love. | 4. He is King, he is King;<br>he will draw all nations to him,<br>he is King;<br>and the time shall be when<br>the world shall sing<br>that Jesus Christ is King. |

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## Prayer of Praise and Confession led by Anne Shave

We have gathered here this morning to worship God.

***We have come seeking comfort, community, insight and inspiration.***

We have come to open ourselves to God's transforming love.

***We come acknowledging our need of God's help.***

Let us join in our prayers of praise and confession.

## We sing the Lord's Prayer

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.

**Notices (including the recognition of David Coster's new ministry role in the parish and Anne Shave's new role in the Presbytery)**

**Passing the Peace:** *We turn to others in the congregation and signal a sign of peace!*

*Children come to the front*

**Readings:**

**Deuteronomy 6: 4-9**

<sup>4</sup>“Israel, remember this! The LORD—and the LORD alone—is our God. <sup>5</sup>Love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup>Never forget these commands that I am giving you today. <sup>7</sup>Teach them to your children. Repeat them when you are at home and when you are away, when you are resting and when you are working. <sup>8</sup>Tie them on your arms and wear them on your foreheads as a reminder. <sup>9</sup>Write them on the doorposts of your houses and on your gates.

**Mark 10: 13-16 - Jesus Blesses Little Children**

<sup>13</sup> People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.’ <sup>16</sup> And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

**Sermon:** Through the eyes of a child (Martin Stewart)

**Hymn:** I come with Joy

*(Tune ' University' WOV141)*

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved, and free;  
in awe and wonder to recall  
his life laid down for me.
2. I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.
3. As Christ breaks bread and  
bids us share,  
each proud division ends;  
the love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.
4. And thus with joy we  
meet our Lord;  
his presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known;  
we see and praise him here.
5. Together met, together bound,  
we'll go our different ways;  
and as his people in the world  
we'll live and speak his ways.

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**Communion** *The communion will be led by Hamish*

**Invitation to the Lord's Table**

Jesus said,  
*let the little children come to me;*

*don't stop them;  
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.*

E te whānau a te Karaiti, family of Christ.  
When we share this meal, we receive the kingdom of God.  
So come, receive it as a little child,  
with open-eyed wonder and sincere trust.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The Lord be with you.

***And also with you.***

Lift up your hearts.

***We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks,  
nurturing and loving God before whom generations rise and pass  
***for salvation comes through new birth.***

Out of nothing, you crafted the heavens and the earth:  
your Spirit brooding, cradling, animating the unformed mass;  
your Word ordering, naming, calling, awaiting creation's response.  
This theatre of your glory in which we live and move and have our being  
is an overflow of your abundant and life giving love.

We give you thanks,  
nurturing and loving God before whom generations rise and pass  
***for salvation comes through new birth.***

Though Sarah was old and barren,  
you chose her as the bearer of your promise to Abraham.  
Through the mothering compassion of Pharaoh's daughter,  
your liberator, Moses, was kept safe from harm,  
like a seed nurtured in hostile soil.

When Israel was lost and overwhelmed by violent forces,  
you chose Hannah who, though barren,  
gave birth to your prophet Samuel.  
Time and again, your promises have been fulfilled and expanded  
through the miraculous gift of a child.

And so we praise you,  
nurturing and loving God before whom generations rise and pass  
who brings life from nothingness,  
and who speaks through the generations.  
In remembering, we desperately cling to your faithfulness anew.

And so we join our voices now  
with our tīpuna who have paved the way before us  
and our mokopuna who will come after us,  
and indeed with all heaven and earth,  
in the birth-cries of the new creation:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes  
in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the highest.***

We give you thanks,  
nurturing and loving God before whom generations rise and pass  
***for salvation comes through new birth.***  
Your promises, carried by the generations of Israel,  
came to fulfilment in Jesus Christ.  
Born of the virgin Mary, he shares our life.  
Eating with sinners, he welcomes us as we are.  
Leading his followers, he guides us.  
Suffering under Pontius Pilate, he bears the judgment of the world.  
Dying on the cross, he rescues us.  
Risen from the dead, he gives new life:  
the firstborn of the new creation.  
Ascended with you, he lifts us into your loving embrace.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
***Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.***  
Amen.

### **The Words of Institution**

In sharing this meal, God's words of life  
are bound to our hands, on our lips, in our hearts,  
as a sign that even now God's new creation is being born  
in us, among us, and around us.  
We can taste it. We can touch it.

The Lord Jesus instructed us to celebrate this meal for that very reason,  
so that even in the face of sin, evil, death, and dying,  
we might cling to the hope of resurrected life with him.  
And so we remember:

On the night he was betrayed,  
Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks,  
he broke it and said:

this is my body which is for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way after supper,  
he took the cup, saying:  
this cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup,  
you proclaim the death of the risen Lord until he comes.

### **Prayer for the Holy Spirit**

Let us pray.

Nurturing and loving God before whom generations rise and pass

Pour out your life-giving Spirit on us now.

Even though we are far away from one another,

in sharing these gifts of bread and wine,

may we become one with you, one with each other, and one with your world.

And may we become a sign of the new creation that you are bringing to birth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup we raise is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

E te whānau a te Karaiti, family of Christ.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

### **Passing of the peace**

The peace of Christ be with you all.

***And also with you.***

Let us pray.

Thank you for this meal, O God,

which is a reminder that your kingdom is becoming present among us.

In this meal we have been united to one another as siblings of Christ:

children in the whānau of God.

May our discerning, our talking, our relating, our behaving,

be a living expression of our unity in you.

To your glory, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **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:*

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

**Prayer for Ourselves and for Others** (David Coster)

## Hymn: How great Thou art

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!*

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look up from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.
3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin.
4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

## Benediction

***Amen, amen, amen*** (sung)

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



# PLANTARAMA

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

Less than 2 weeks to go!

Please speak to Tric Nelson to find out how you can help, and remember to spread the word to friends and neighbours so that they can come along to stock up on their garden necessities!



The next coffee morning will be held on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October** at 10.30am at **Mosaic Cafe at Barrington Mall**. Everyone welcome

**Women's retreat day:** Advance notice of this day for women from our congregation to be held on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November** at the former Greenpark Primary School, near Lincoln. Using a small book called "Encountering God," by Christchurch-based Salvation Army Major Barbara Sampson, we are planning a tranquil day which shall include time for conversation, individual reflection, and a good chunk of quiet time in the early afternoon. If this interests you, please note this date in your diaries now. More details to follow.

**Contemplative Prayer Days**

These are quiet days for reflection and prayer around a theme – the theme for 2021 is *Postures of the Heart*. They are partly led by Barbara Sampson, who is know to us, having preached here several times.

**Dates:** Saturdays 9 October, 27 November; **Time:** 10am-3pm

**Location:** Hornby Community Ministries, 23 Manurewa Street, Hei Hei, Christchurch. Wheelchair access. Bring your own lunch and a koha.

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<b>Church Rosters for next week</b>	<b>Sunday 10 October</b>
<b>Door Duty</b>	Ian Gray, James & Philippa Upton
<b>Morning Tea &amp; Coffee</b>	Murray & Patricia Heath
<b>Bible Reading</b>	<i>Family Service</i>
<b>Candle Lighting</b>	<i>Family Service</i>
<b>Food Trolley</b>	Annette McAdam
<b>Money Counting (Monday)</b>	Shona Lyford

