

Worship at Cashmere Presbyterian Church for Sunday 29th March 2020

Welcome to worship at Cashmere Presbyterian Church, Christchurch, New Zealand.

For Cashmere folk who do not know me, I am Hamish Galloway. I will be your Interim Minister for the next 6 months. During this initial period where we cannot meet together I am working with our Parish Administrator, Gail, and the Parish Council to offer both pastoral care and worship experience through this time.

We will endeavor to keep in contact. We will post each Sunday a video that will lead you through a worship experience. Please monitor your emails and the Cashmere web page for details on how to access this.

The worship for this morning, Sunday 29th March, was pre-recorded in the church before the lockdown came into force.

And so, from Cashmere's lovely church building, to your homes we will worship God together this morning. I will lead this service and then someone very familiar and loved by you, Anne Shave, will bring the message.

Let us worship God:

Psalm 86

Hear me, LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.

²Guard my life, for I am faithful to you;
save your servant who trusts in you.

You are my God; ³have mercy on me, Lord,
for I call to you all day long.

⁴Bring joy to your servant, Lord,
for I put my trust in you.

⁵You, Lord, are forgiving and good,
abounding in love to all who call to you.

⁶Hear my prayer, LORD;
listen to my cry for mercy.

⁷When I am in distress, I call to you,
because you answer me.

Dear God Our loving Father
We praise you for your constant love and compassion,
the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Keep us under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may know your comforting presence as we worship together this day
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Notices

- Let us know if we can help at this time
- Look out for one another through phone calls and all these wonderful video call resources we have these days – Facebook Messenger allows more than one to come together on a video call and Zoom is a great tool for the same kind of thing.
- During a normal service we would have an offering – worshipping God through our giving in response to all he has done for us. That cannot happen in the normal way, but we do want to affirm today all those who give to the work of Cashmere Presbyterian on-line by things like automatic payments – thank you for your ongoing support at this time. For those who usually give by envelope on a Sunday morning, if you would like help to move to online giving please contact Gail at the office and she will help you with that. Or you could just put your envelope aside each week and bring them to church when we are able to meet together again in a month or so's time.
- Prayer for the offering

The preaching of the word by Anne Shave

Prayer of intercession

God of compassion,
be close to us as we go into lockdown and isolation.
In our loneliness, be our consolation;
in our anxiety, be our hope;
in our darkness, be our light;

Merciful God,
we pray especially for those who are
sick at this time,
we pray for your comfort and healing
and for restoration to health and strength;

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy, courage and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a vaccine for COVID 19.
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be restored to health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And we pray for Christians and churches throughout the world at this time
That we would
Not be people of fear:
but a people of courage.
not people of greed:
but people of generosity.
May we be your people God,
giving and loving,
wherever we are,
whatever it costs
For as long as it takes
wherever you call us.
Amen