

**Easter Sunday Communion Service**  
**1 April 2018, Cashmere Presbyterian Church**  
Theme: the reality of the resurrection

**Lighting the Fellowship Candle - from Romans 6:1-11**

By our baptism we were buried with Christ and shared his death.  
As Christ was raised from death by the glorious power of the Father,  
so we also live a new life.

Christ has been raised from death and will never die again;  
death has no power over him.

He lives in full fellowship with God.

In the same way we live in fellowship with God through Christ Jesus.

**Welcome to worship at Cashmere Presbyterian Church**

Christ is risen

***He is risen indeed!***

We have been crucified with Christ

***and in faith we will rise with Christ***

Friends, come to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus our saviour

***We come with open hearts, hungry for good news.***

**Opening Hymn:** Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

**Prayer of confession**

In our own strength we cannot stand

We stand in Jesus Christ

and in his death and his new life

In Christ we are forgiven, and free to each day begin again  
restored and renewed

to be people of hope, people of peace

who serve God and one another in genuine love. Amen.

*in silence we call to mind our sins*

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:

Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection,  
may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Prayer Song (remain seated) 674: Alleluia, alleluia**

## 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:** My Redeemer Lives

## Kids Box

### Bible Readings

1 Corinthians 15:1-7

Mark 16:1-8

### Sermon:

### 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*)

**Communion Hymn:** In Christ Alone

## Easter Communion

Glory to God in the highest,  
***peace to all people on earth.***

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,  
***we give you thanks for your amazing grace,***  
Lord Jesus Christ,

***Lamb of God, Son of the Father,***  
you take away the sin of the world,  
***have mercy on us.***

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the risen Lord,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
In you all things have their being and all things resound with your grace.  
With the people of God through every age, in every nation we praise you:  
***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might***  
***heaven and earth are full of your glory.***  
***Hosanna in the highest.***

This Easter Day we celebrate your resurrection, together with your people in every nation, in every language, through all of time and we remember the Good News which we received, and on which our faith stands firm. We honour the gospel, the message of salvation and we hold firmly to it.

We come to this table remembering Jesus,  
for Jesus alone knew the living God, Yahweh, Lord of heaven,  
and he knew this God as Father, Abba, close, present.  
And this knowing led Jesus to the cross, where he gave up his life for us.  
He died that we might live.  
So God raised him to a new risen life,  
united forever as Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Spirit.

We come to this table remember that on the night before he died,  
Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his friends,  
saying "This is my body. Take and eat."  
So we become the body of Christ, broken and shared for a world in need.  
Jesus took the cup, gave thanks to his Father, and gave it to them,  
saying "This is my blood, sign of the new covenant of forgiveness.  
Drink of this cup."  
So we share in the life of God.

Transform these simple things, this bread, this grape juice  
that they may be for us the body and blood of Jesus Christ.  
Send your Holy Spirit on us,  
that we might know the power that rose Jesus from the dead,  
and that we might live to shine with your glory. Amen.

### **Sing: The Lord's Prayer**

*(the serving elders receive Communion while congregation sings the Lords Prayer)*

### **Prayer after Communion**

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life.

***We are fed by your glory,  
we are strengthened by your life.***

We are sent forth into this world to live your way and share your joy.

We are now commissioned by the risen Christ -

***to feed as we have been fed,  
to forgive as we have been forgiven,***

***and to love as we have been loved.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.***

**Closing Hymn 277: The Day of Resurrection**

**Blessing**

The veil of darkness  
transformed to the brightest light.  
The most dreadful end  
became the most beautiful beginning.  
The depths of despair  
fade to reveal hope everlasting.  
The curse of death  
defeated by eternal life.  
Go in the power of the resurrection  
Go in peace.

***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.*