



# **CARINGBAH**

# **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, 4 October 2020

393 Port Hacking Rd Caringbah

## **Welcome**

Thanks for joining our service. We hope that you find us here at Caringbah Presbyterian Church welcoming and encouraging. We gather together to worship the LORD Jesus Christ who took on flesh, died on the cross, rose from the grave and ascended to heaven. His life, death, resurrection and ascension changes everything about us and it changes the world. Instead of being punished for our disobedience, God is now our Father, Jesus is our brother and we have one another as part of the family of God. We have an inheritance in heaven that is guaranteed by the Holy Spirit. We have eternal life.

## **Use of Masks**

As a reminder that the use of masks is recommended although it is not required in the church. Disposable masks are available in the foyer. The maximum number of people in the church is 42 people. Please note that we do have an additional overflow area down in the church hall.

## **English as a Second Language Classes**

We are looking for expressions of interest for those who may want to teach or help at our English as a Second Language (ESL) classes that are usually held on 10am Fridays. Please speak to me, Justin Ang, if you are interested.

## **Financial Information**

We are supported by the giving of our members. If you wish to give, the offering plate will be handed out during the service in the song of reflection at the end. However, we also welcome online giving. Our bank account details are as follows:-  
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## Call to Worship: Psalm 100 (ESV)

A Psalm for giving thanks. Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

## Opening Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the universe. In your wisdom you have made all creation to worship you. You call us to worship you now in this time and place, in unity with prophets, martyrs, and saints from all times and places. As we prepare for worship, we pray that you will quiet our hearts, that we may hear your voice in your Word. We pray that you will stir our hearts, that we may more faithfully follow Jesus, and that you will be glorified by the praise and prayers we offer you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

## Song of Invitation: Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine  
O what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation purchase of God  
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

Perfect submission perfect delight  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy whispers of love

This is my story this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
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## **Responsive Reading: Psalm 27 (ESV)**

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

***The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?***

When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,

***my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.***

Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

***though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.***

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

***that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,***

to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

***For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;***

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

***And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me,***

and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

***I will sing and make melody to the LORD.***

Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

***You have said, "Seek my face."***

My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek."

***Hide not your face from me.***

Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help.

***Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!***

For my father and my mother have forsaken me, but the LORD will take me in.

***Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.***

Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.

***I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living!***

Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

## **Confession of Sin**

***Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.***

***We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us. And grant, O most merciful Father, for Jesus' sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and joyful life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.***

## Receiving of Grace: 1 Peter 1:17-21 (ESV)

And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

## Lord's Prayer

*Our Father in Heaven,  
Hallowed be your name,  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
As we forgive those who sin against us,  
Lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
Now and forever, Amen.*

## Westminster Shorter Catechism Q.105

Q. What do we pray for in the fifth petition?

**A. In the fifth petition, which is, "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors," we pray, That God, for Christ's sake, would freely pardon all our sins; which we are able to be rather encouraged to ask, because by his grace we are enabled from the heart to forgive others.**

S. Psalm 51:1, Matthew 6:14

## Bible Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-22 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

<sup>2</sup> a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

<sup>3</sup> a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

<sup>4</sup> a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

<sup>5</sup> a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

<sup>6</sup> a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to cast away;

<sup>7</sup> a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

<sup>8</sup> a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

<sup>9</sup> What gain has the worker from his toil? <sup>10</sup> I have seen the business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>11</sup> He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. <sup>12</sup> I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; <sup>13</sup> also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man.

<sup>14</sup> I perceived that whatever God does endures forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it. God has done it, so that people fear before him. <sup>15</sup> That which is, already has been; that which is to be, already has been; and God seeks what has been driven away.

<sup>16</sup> Moreover, I saw under the sun that in the place of justice, even there was wickedness, and in the place of righteousness, even there was wickedness. <sup>17</sup> I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked, for there is a time for every matter and for every work. <sup>18</sup> I said in my heart with regard to the children of man

that God is testing them that they may see that they themselves are but beasts. <sup>19</sup> For what happens to the children of man and what happens to the beasts is the same; as one dies, so dies the other. They all have the same breath, and man has no advantage over the beasts, for all is vanity. <sup>20</sup> All go to one place. All are from the dust, and to dust all return. <sup>21</sup> Who knows whether the spirit of man goes upward and the spirit of the beast goes down into the earth? <sup>22</sup> So I saw that there is nothing better than that a man should rejoice in his work, for that is his lot. Who can bring him to see what will be after him?

## **Song of Reflection: Standing On The Promises**

Standing on the promises of Christ my King  
Through eternal ages let His praises ring  
Glory in the highest I will shout and sing  
Standing on the promises of God

Standing standing, Standing on the promises of God my Savior  
Standing standing, I'm standing on the promises of God

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## **Sermon: When Life Doesn't Make Sense**

1. We are not in control

2. We are being taught to fear

3. We hope beyond death

### **Song of Reflection: I Surrender All**

All to Jesus I surrender  
All to Him I freely give  
I will ever love and trust Him  
In His presence daily live  
I surrender all, I surrender all  
All to Thee my blessed Savior, I  
surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender  
Humbly at His feet I bow  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken  
Take me Jesus take me now  
I surrender all, I surrender all  
All to Thee my blessed Savior, I  
surrender all

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### **Blessing**

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26 (ESV)