



# **CARINGBAH**

# **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, 25 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. Disposable masks are available in the foyer. The maximum number of people in the church is 41 people. Please note that we do have an additional overflow area down in the church hall.

## **Singing in the Services**

As a reminder, according to government health regulation, we are not permitted to sing during our services. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **Playtime Has Commenced**

Our playtime ministry commenced and will continue throughout Term 4 of the School Term. It is held in the church hall. It commences at 10am and is for children between 0-5 and their carers. For more information, please speak to either Rachel Ang or Margaret Rolland.

## **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 Thursdays. 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:-

Name - Caringbah PC

BSB - 062-136

Account - 0090-0330

## **Call to Worship: Isaiah 55:1-2 (ESV)**

Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

## **Opening Prayer**

O Lord, our God, you are always more ready to give your good gifts to us than we are to seek them, and you are willing to give more than we desire or deserve. As we gather today, help us so to seek that we may truly find, so to ask that we may joyfully receive, so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened to us through Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

## **Song of Invitation: To God be the Glory**

To God be the glory great things He has done  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin  
And opened the life gate that all may go in

### *Chorus*

Praise the Lord praise the Lord  
Let the earth hear His voice  
Praise the Lord praise the Lord  
Let the people rejoice  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
And give Him the glory great things He has done

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood  
To every believer the promise of God  
The vilest offender who truly believes  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

*Chorus*

Great things He has taught us  
Great things He has done  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see *Chorus*

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## Responsive Reading: Psalm 51:1-17 (ESV)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
**according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

**For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,  
**so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.**

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

**Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,**

and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

**Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, I shall be whiter than snow.**

Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

**Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

**Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

**Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.**

Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation,

**and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.**

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

**For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;**

you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

**The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;**

**a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

## **Confession of Sin**

**Almighty God, gracious Father, we confess that we are not worthy of your presence, but we look now to Jesus, the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin. Through him we can now draw near to you, listening to your voice, trusting in your love, and delighting in your Word. We joyfully beg to see your face! Now cleanse our minds of all error and our hearts of all idols, that we may shine in the world with the radiant light of your Spirit and your character. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Receiving of Grace: Psalm 32:3-5 (ESV)**

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah* I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Selah*

## **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.**

## **Bible Reading: Ecclesiastes 5:8-6:12 (ESV)**

Ecc. 5:8 If you see in a province the oppression of the poor and the violation of justice and righteousness, do not be amazed at the matter, for the high official is watched by a higher, and there are yet higher ones over them. <sup>9</sup> But this is gain for a land in every way: a king committed to cultivated fields.

<sup>10</sup> He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. <sup>11</sup> When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? <sup>12</sup> Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

<sup>13</sup> There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, <sup>14</sup> and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. <sup>15</sup> As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand. <sup>16</sup> This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind? <sup>17</sup> Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

<sup>18</sup> Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. <sup>19</sup> Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. <sup>20</sup> For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

6:1 There is an evil that I have seen under the sun, and it lies heavy on mankind: <sup>2</sup> a man to whom God gives wealth, possessions, and honor, so that he lacks nothing of all that he desires, yet God does not give him power to enjoy them, but a stranger enjoys them. This is vanity; it is a grievous evil. <sup>3</sup> If a man fathers a hundred children and lives many years, so that the days of his years are many, but his soul is not satisfied with life's good things, and he also has no burial, I say that a stillborn child is better off than he. <sup>4</sup> For it comes in vanity and goes in darkness, and in darkness its name is covered. <sup>5</sup> Moreover, it has not seen the sun or known anything, yet it finds

rest rather than he. <sup>6</sup> Even though he should live a thousand years twice over, yet enjoy no good—do not all go to the one place?

<sup>7</sup> All the toil of man is for his mouth, yet his appetite is not satisfied. <sup>8</sup> For what advantage has the wise man over the fool? And what does the poor man have who knows how to conduct himself before the living? <sup>9</sup> Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the appetite: this also is vanity and a striving after wind.

<sup>10</sup> Whatever has come to be has already been named, and it is known what man is, and that he is not able to dispute with one stronger than he. <sup>11</sup> The more words, the more vanity, and what is the advantage to man? <sup>12</sup> For who knows what is good for man while he lives the few days of his vain life, which he passes like a shadow? For who can tell man what will be after him under the sun?

## **Sermon: Money, Money, Money**

1. The Love of Money

2. What to Do with Money

3. How to Break Free from the Love of Money

## Song of Reflection: And Can It Be

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Savior's blood  
Died He for me who caused His pain  
For me who Him to death pursued  
Amazing love how can it be  
That Thou my God shouldst die for me  
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'Tis mystery all th'Immortal dies  
Who can explore His strange design  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love divine  
'Tis mercy all let earth adore  
Let angel minds inquire no more  
'Tis mercy all let earth adore  
Let angel minds inquire no more

He left His Father's throne above  
So free so infinite His grace  
Emptied Himself of all but love  
And bled for Adam's helpless race  
'Tis mercy all immense and free  
For O my God it found out me  
'Tis mercy all immense and free  
For O my God it found out me

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray  
I woke the dungeon flamed with light  
My chains fell off my heart was free  
I rose went forth and followed Thee  
My chains fell off my heart was free  
I rose went forth and followed Thee

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## Blessing

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and forevermore. Amen.

**Praise be to God!**