



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 21st OF APRIL 2019

**Resurrection Sunday
and celebration
of the
Lord's Supper**

A Congregation of Grace Presbyterian
Church of New Zealand



Welcome to Shore Presbyterian Church

New to Church? We do understand that coming to a church meeting can be an uncomfortable experience for many people. We don't want you to feel anxious. Our style is relaxed and friendly and nobody will be put on the spot or asked to do something unfamiliar. ***You can simply be here and observe or participate to the degree you are comfortable.*** You do not have to be a Christian; this is an opportunity, in a non-threatening environment to learn more about who Jesus is and why we want to follow him. If you don't feel like praying, singing, or even standing up you don't need to, no one will think less of you. We will try to explain some aspects of the meeting as we go but we realise that some of our practices may seem strange. If you have any questions about why we do any of the things we do please don't hesitate to ask anyone who's involved with the service. Our pastor would love to answer any questions you have about the service or the message.

Children's Ministry - Children are an important part of all we do.

In the second half of the meeting during the teaching time a program is available for children. ***The children's group***, 3 to 9 years old, will meet in Classroom 3. ***Pre-teens***, over 9 years old, will meet in the Crèche room opposite the hall entrance. This will be a time of interactive fun and teaching at their level so they too can understand the things concerning Jesus. You are **free as families** to send your children to that program **or** to keep them in the main meeting. We encourage children to be part of the main meeting as we believe God's heart for them is large and they too are able to learn the great things of the Christian faith. **There are worksheets available at the back for use during the message if you find this helpful.**

Crèche: AREA 1 – This is available for **0 to 2 year olds**, during the sermon time, in the room on the right hand side of the building directly opposite the hall entrance. The person running the crèche will be waiting and available at the back of the hall. If they are not there then they will already be serving in the crèche room. **AREA 2** - The back part of the meeting room also has a child-friendly area where parents can feel a little more relaxed with their small children but still join in the worship.

Thanks again for joining with us this morning. We hope you find the time to be both encouraging and thought provoking. Please join us after the service for coffee, tea and snacks.

Resurrection day greeting

Pastor He is risen!

God's people He is risen indeed!

Call to Worship 1 Corinthians 15:50-58¹

¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ...

⁵¹ Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵ “O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

Prayer of Praise and Adoration²

Songs of Adoration³ & Praise *Christ The Lord Is Risen Today*

Author: Charles Wesley

Christ, the Lord, is risen today, *Alleluia!*

Sons of men and angels say, *Alleluia!*

Raise your joys and triumphs high, *Alleluia!*

Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, *Alleluia!*

¹ All passages of Scripture taken from the English Standard Version.

² Adoration: the act of paying honour, as to a divine being; worship; reverent homage; fervent and devoted love.

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Lives again our glorious King, *Alleluia!*
Where, O death, is now thy sting? *Alleluia!*
Once He died our souls to save, *Alleluia!*
Where thy victory, O grave? *Alleluia!*

Soar we now where Christ hath led, *Alleluia!*
Following our exalted Head, *Alleluia!*
Made like Him, like Him we rise, *Alleluia!*
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, *Alleluia!*

Hail, the Lord of earth and Heaven, *Alleluia!*
Praise to Thee by both be given, *Alleluia!*
Thee we greet triumphant now, *Alleluia!*
Hail, the resurrection, thou, *Alleluia!*

See What A Morning

Authors: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

See what a morning gloriously bright
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem
Folded the grave-clothes tomb filled with light
As the angels announce Christ is risen

*See God's salvation plan wrought in love
Borne in pain paid in sacrifice
Fulfilled in Christ the Man for He lives
Christ is risen from the dead!*

See Mary weeping where is He laid
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb
Hears a voice speaking calling her name
It's the Master the Lord raised to life again

*The voice that spans the years
Speaking life stirring hope bringing peace to us
Will sound till He appears
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead!*

One with the Father Ancient of Days
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty
Honour and blessing glory and praise
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority
And we are raised with Him
Death is dead love has won Christ has conquered
And we shall reign with Him
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead! (REPEAT)

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-28 (Church Bible p961)

Profession of Faith *Heidelberg Catechism 37 and 45⁴*

Question 37 What do you understand by the word “suffered”?

Answer That during his whole life on earth, but especially at the end, Christ sustained in body and soul the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race. This he did in order that, by his suffering as the only atoning sacrifice, he might deliver us, body and soul, from eternal condemnation, and gain for us God’s grace, righteousness, and eternal life.

Question 45. How does Christ’s resurrection benefit us?

Answer First, by his resurrection he has overcome death so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life. Third, Christ’s resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.

Pastoral Prayer

This will normally include opportunity for you to share things you are thankful for or want to ask God for. Though the Pastor is the one who prays aloud we can all pray together and express in our hearts the things that we want to bring to a gracious God. In this way too we practise love and care for one another.

Scripture reading 1 Corinthians 15:35-49 (Church Bible p962)

⁴ The Heidelberg Catechism is a 16th Century document setting out a biblical faith. A Catechism is a helpful means of learning the Christian faith by memorizing and understanding questions and answers.

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word *In Christ Alone*

Authors: Keith & Kristin Getty

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Dedication of offering and prayer for children

Giving to the Lord is a free will offering from the hearts of those who believe in Jesus for salvation. No one will be asked to give; this is simply between you and the Lord. That is why we have a box by the door. Please see endnote (p12) for further information about the offering.

Message 1 Corinthians 15 “The Central Plank”

There are worksheets at the back for children if you wish during the message

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

INTRODUCTION

REMEMBERING THE GOOD NEWS

- A. It is true**

- B. It is central**

- C. It is the transforming power of our lives**

...two transforming truths from the Resurrection

I. SHARING CHRIST’S BENEFITS

- A. United to Adam**

- B. United to Christ**

II. EVERY HUMAN NEED ADDRESSED

- A. Assurance of pardon**
- B. Victory over the physical effects of sin**

III. APPLYING THE RESURRECTION

- A. It really is transforming truth**
- B. We do not define ourselves by the transient**
- C. It is our hope and power for endurance**
- D. Labour is glorious**

The Lord's Supper *Who is this for?* Jesus himself has appointed this means of remembering His death on the cross and the benefits that come to us. It is an opportunity to feed on Him by faith and to be strengthened as His followers. Therefore, it is appropriate that only those who are truly Christians should participate. That is, those who profess faith in Christ as Saviour and Lord, who are baptised into His church and who seek to live obedient lives. If this does not describe you, we encourage you not to take the bread or wine but to use the opportunity to consider the things you have heard in today's service and to consider the claims of Christ and what they mean for you. You may find some help in one of the prayers printed on page 12. If you have questions about these things, please contact Pastor Peter.

Song of preparation for the Lord's Supper *This I Believe*

Authors: Ben Fielding and Matt Crocker

Our Father everlasting

The all creating one

God Almighty

Through your Holy Spirit

Conceiving Christ the Son

Jesus our Saviour

I believe in God our Father

I believe in Christ the Son

I believe in the Holy Spirit

Our God is three in one

I believe in the resurrection

That we will rise again

For I believe in the name of Jesus

Our Judge and our Defender

Suffered and crucified

Forgiveness is in you

Descended into darkness

You rose in glorious life

Forever seated high

*I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus*

I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe, in the name of Jesus
*I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus*

Prayer at the Lord's Table

Silent Prayers for use during the Lord's Supper

Prayer of uncertainty *God, I don't even know if you exist or if I'm just talking to myself. If you are real, please help me to come to know you. Open my heart and my mind to consider the truth claims of Jesus who is called the Christ. Help me to see both my need for you and how Jesus is the provision for that need. Give me the answers I need and dissolve any dishonest objections that I hold to your existence Amen.*

Prayer for those searching for truth *Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.*

Prayer of belief *Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Saviour. Amen.*

Prayer of commitment *Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.*

Prayer for those struggling with sin *Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfilment of all my needs, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking only to you, the author and finisher of my faith. Amen.*

Prayer for the believer *Father, I come now to your table, to partake of Christ's body and blood in holy communion. I ask that you would search my heart and show me my failings and sins so that I may repent and turn to embrace your promises anew. Although I am unworthy, you have made me worthy. Though I am a sinner, you have taken away my sins by your very own body and blood. May you be glorified in our partaking of your sacrament. Amen.*

Closing Song *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

Author: Matthew Bridges

Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul and sing
Of Him Who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love,
Behold His hands and side—
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends His wondering eye
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died, and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring,
And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through Him giv'n
From yonder glorious throne,
To Thee be endless praise,
For Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days
Adored and magnified.

BENEDICTION⁵

Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 15

1. Would there be Christianity without the resurrection? Why or why not? Describe what the resurrection is.
2. Why do you believe it actually took place? How would you seek to convince your skeptical friend?
3. Why is it important for us to be always remembering the resurrection of Jesus, or in other words, to be preaching the Gospel to ourselves and each other?
4. How important is the doctrine of union with Christ? What are the benefits we receive in that union?
5. How does the resurrection address every human need? Think about the assurance of pardon and victory over the physical effects of sin.
6. Discuss these implications of the resurrection (or others that you can think of):
 - a. It really is transforming truth (in the light of verses 14-19)
 - b. We do not define ourselves by the transient (see verse 32b)
 - c. It is our hope and power for endurance (see verse 32a)
 - d. Labour is glorious (see verse 58)

⁵ Benediction: literally, “good word” or “speak well”; a verbal blessing pronounced in God's name by the Pastor, at the conclusion of the service, sending us forth from this special time as we continue our lives seeking to know and follow Jesus.

NOTICES

Encouragement Groups

Torbay

- When** Sunday evenings, 6:30 pm (*Please note: from the 5th of May this group will be meeting at 7:30 pm*)
- Where** Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive Torbay
- Contact** Pastor Pete 473 9390 or 021 0367 957
- Note** Meets for bring & share lunch, last Sunday of the month, *next week*

Pinehill

- When** Thursdays – 1st, 3rd (and 5th) of the month, 7:00 pm
- Where** Bruners' home, 18A Ballymore Drive Pinehill
- Contact** Pastor Dave 022 477 4978

Prayer Meeting

- When** 7:15, 24th of Apr (2nd and 4th Wed of the month)
- Where** Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal

- When** 1st Sunday of the month, next: 5th of May

Men's ministry

- What** Men...encouraging men...reaching men (young & not so young)
Looking at the issues and challenges facing men today in light of the Gospel of Christ.
- When** Thursday. 9th of May, 7:30 pm, (monthly 2nd Thursday)
- Where** Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay. We'll begin the talk/discussion time at 7:30, but feel free to come around 7:00 and there will be sausages, salad and beverages to enjoy.
- Contact** Pastor Dave 022 477 4978

Women's Ministry

- What** *Ladies Bible Study and Fellowship – all ages*
Looking together at Paul Tripp's book "*Whiter than Snow*" on Psalm 51.
Please come, even if you don't have a copy of Tripp's book.
- When** **This week because of Anzac Day will meet on Tuesday the 23rd**
at 7:15 p.m. for a 7:30 start, to finish by 8:30 p.m. (Usually 2nd
and 4th Thursday of each month).
- Where** Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay
- Please note** We are planning shortly to do a series of 10 studies from the book, "The Coming King: Study of Mark's Gospel, chapters 1-8" by Tim Chester. Books have been ordered.

Pastor Pete away

Next Sunday Pastor Pete is in Sydney speaking at Harbour City Church's Annual Retreat and then will take opportunity to visit with his mum near Melbourne.

In his absence, Ian Grant will be preaching from the book of James, thanks Ian. **Please note Encouragement Group lunch at Boyd's home will still be on next Sunday.**

Peter will be back on the 5th of May, but David Bruner will be preaching, thanks Dave.

Ladies Brunch

- What** A ladies brunch planned to spend time together celebrating
- What** A ladies brunch planned to spend time together celebrating "Motherhood" - (both spiritual and physical). Make a plan now before the Lord to invite friends along. Any queries please see Janet, Christine or Cathy.
- When** Saturday the 11th of May
- Where** TBA

Six Steps to Talking About Jesus

What We plan to do a series of studies in the Encouragement Groups called "***Six Steps to Talking about Jesus***". We all know we are meant to be witnesses for Him, and the world needs us to do that but there are things that hold us back. This helpful material covers:

- i. the core motivation for reaching out to others;
- ii. how to depend on God in prayer;
- iii. how to invite people to read a book or come to an event;
- iv. how to tell your own story of what God has done for you in Christ;
- v. how to explain the gospel of Jesus in a simple way.

When We plan to start this course after Easter and school break.

- The first evening for the ***Pinehill Encouragement Group*** will be Thursday the 2nd of May at 7:00 pm.
- The first evening for the ***Torbay Encouragement Group*** will be Sunday the 5th of May at 7:30 pm (Please note new time for this group).

Please pray about your involvement. Even if you don't currently attend an Encouragement Group it would be well worthwhile to set aside time for this course.

Please see Pastor Pete if you have any questions.

Young Adults Equipping Class

What An early Saturday morning Equipping Class, with Pastor Pete, for young adults, starting with a study of the Westminster Confession of Faith to become familiar with the basic Reformed Theology of the Church. This will be a teaching/question/discussion time over about an hour and a half.

Please let Pastor Pete know if you are interested in being part of this study so we can plan the best time for it.

Confident Christianity Course

What THINKING MATTERS ministries. Defending the Faith in modern times and equipping Christians to represent Christs message in a changing world.

When 7th to 8th June, Friday night and all day Saturday

Where Northcross Community Church, 826aEast Coast Rd, Browns Bay

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Serving Roster for next Sunday the 28th of April						
SHORE KID'S LEADER	CRECHE	KITCHEN & MORNING TEA	OPEN UP & FIRE WARDEN	HALL SET-UP	HALL TAKE DOWN & CLEAN UP	SUPERVISE PLAY GROUND
TBA	Volunteer	Ariel	Dennis van Bemmelen	Dennis, Tom, Ian & Christine	Volunteers	Volunteers

Shore Presbyterian Church Giving Information

Throughout the Bible the giving of tithes and offerings has always been seen as a part of the believer's worship to God. Apart from other charitable giving it's important for Christians to help financially sustain the ministry of the local church they are a part of. If you wish to become a regular giver at Shore Presbyterian, please see our Treasurer Cathy Tasker who can provide you with a number so that you can receive a tax receipt at the end of the financial year. There are two ways to give: you can place your offering in the box in the entrance. If you wish to receive a tax receipt at the end of the year you can put the offering in an envelope with your number on it. You can also give online through automatic deposit. The Shore Presbyterian Church bank account number is 12-3059-0631003-00. Make sure you record your number with the deposit.

If you have any questions, please talk with Pastor Peter Boyd (021 0367 957 or petethepastor@shorepres.org.nz) or with our church Treasurer Cathy Tasker (cathytasker@gmail.com).



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