



Welcome to Online Worship

SUNDAY 29th OF MARCH 2020

A Congregation of Grace Presbyterian
Church of New Zealand



Welcome to Shore Presbyterian Church

Call to Worship Psalm 90:1,2; 91:1,2 ¹

^{90:1} Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.

² Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God. ...

^{91:1} He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

² I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."

Prayer of adoration and approach

Corporate prayer of assurance and thanksgiving *Psalm 46*

Leader God is our refuge and strength a very present help in trouble.

People **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

Leader though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains
tremble at its swelling.

People **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the
holy habitation of the Most High.**

Leader God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will
help her when morning dawns.

People **The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice,
the earth melts.**

Leader The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

People **Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought
desolations on the earth.**

Leader He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the
bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

ALL ***"Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,***

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

***I will be exalted in the earth!"
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.***

Corporate Profession of Faith *The Heidelberg Catechism*²

Question 27 ***What do you understand by the providence of God?***

Answer God's providence is His almighty and ever present power, whereby, as with his hand, he still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

Special Corporate Prayer during the Covid-19 Pandemic

We worship you Heavenly Father as the Lord of Heaven and earth,

We praise and honour You who lives for ever,
for Your dominion is an everlasting dominion,
and Your kingdom endures from generation to generation;
all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing,
and You do according to Your will among the host of heaven
and among the inhabitants of the earth;
and none can stay Your hand
or say to You, "What have you done?"³

Lord give us each grace to trust you at this time,

knowing that you are as near to us your children as our own
breath and that you have loved us with an everlasting love; so
that nothing happens outside of your plan and purpose for us.

Lord you are mighty, and you are good. You are gracious, loving and merciful. Show your mercy.

Please find a cure for this virus in a way that glorifies your
gracious Name.

² The Heidelberg Catechism is a 16th Century document designed to teach the biblical faith. A Catechism, meaning "oral instruction", is a helpful means of learning using the method of memorizing and understanding questions and answers.

³ Daniel 4:

Give wisdom and strength to all the doctors, nurses, health staff and other essential services. Keep them safe and grant them support.

Lord deal tenderly with those who are grieving.

Provide comfort and care for the anxious, for those stuck in strange places, for those isolated and alone, for the homeless and for families already poor, stressed and prone to greater levels of dysfunction.

Give peace and hope to those whose livelihoods and futures are affected.

Pour out your kindness on the nations that are suffering the most.

We intercede for our own nation.

Thank you for our government. Grant them continued strength, wisdom and provision to lead us through.

Help us as a people to love and serve one another well.

Above all, awaken us as a nation to spiritual realities, to repent of our sins, to learn to call upon your name again and find you near.

Show your greatest mercy, by sending your Holy Spirit to awaken New Zealand and all the nations of the world to the reality of life and death and the free offer of everlasting life through the Lord Jesus Christ.

We pray for your beloved people.

Cause us to grow deeper roots into Christ who is our life.

To find Him again to be our all in all when all else can be taken away.

Teach us to use our time wisely so that we might know You more in all your glory and grace.

The Lord is with us, blessed be the name of the Lord, through Jesus Christ our blessed Saviour, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Please feel free to send a text through to Pastor Pete on 021 0367 957

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 Psalm 107:23-32 (Church Bible p507)

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 (p16) for further information about the offering.

Scripture Reading Mark 4:35-41 (Church Bible p839)

Message Mark 4:35-41 *“The Winds and Waves Still Know”*

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions...

INTRODUCTION

- I. WHY THEY WERE IN THIS BOAT OF FEAR**

- II. TO SEE A GREATER GLORY**

- III. TO FEAR A GREATER FEAR**

IV. TO KNOW A GREATER LOVE

A. The Incarnation

B. Jesus is different

V. HE LEADS US SAFELY HOME THROUGH ALL OUR FEARS

CONCLUSION

Closing Song read by Pastor *Be Still My Soul*

Words: Katharina A. von Schlegel, 1752. Translated from German to English by Jane L. Borth-wick.

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In every change, He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
To guide the future, as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,
Then shalt thou better know His love, His heart,
Who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.
Be still, my soul: thy Jesus can repay
From His own fullness all He takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord.
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
All safe and blessèd we shall meet at last.

BENEDICTION⁴

⁴ 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.

Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

Scripture Reading Mark 4:35-41 also Psalms 89:8,9; 93:3-4 and 107:23-32

1. How is life dominated by fear? What is the greatest fear? What are your great fears?
2. Why are they in the boat in the first place and how does that help us understand the things we fear?
3. Discuss the miracle. How does it answer the question, “who is this?” See also Psalms 89:8,9; 93:3-4 and 107:23-32
4. How does this miracle speak to our fears and answer the question, “do you not care that we are perishing?”. Think particularly about the incarnation and cross of Christ. See also Psalm 46:1,2
5. How is Jesus’ response to our need and fear different to the secular world’s response and, also, different to the religious world’s response?
6. What is the sure hope this passage leave us with and how could this great story be helpful to your non-Christian friend?

NOTICES

Encouragement Groups

Torbay/Browns Bay

When Every Thursday, 7:00-8:30 pm,
Where **All online now!**
Contact Paul Burton 473 0086 or 021 253 0980

Glenfield

When Every Tuesday, 8:00–9:30 pm
Where **All online now!**
Contact Tom Wilson 027 785 1332

Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal

When 1st Sunday of the month, next: 5th of April

Prayer Meeting

When ***Online – day and time to be advised***
Where Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

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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