



Welcome to Online Worship

SUNDAY 5th OF APRIL 2020

**Celebration of the
Lord's Supper**

A Congregation of Grace Presbyterian
Church of New Zealand



Welcome to Shore Presbyterian Church

Call to Worship Psalm 36:5-9¹

- ⁵ Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.
- ⁶ Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
your judgments are like the great deep;
man and beast you save, O Lord.
- ⁷ How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
- ⁸ They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
- ⁹ For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.

Prayer of adoration and the 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, and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
Forever and ever, Amen.

Songs of Adoration² & Praise *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Author: Thomas O. Chisholm

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father

There is no shadow of turning with Thee

Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not

As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

Great is Thy faithfulness

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Morning by morning new mercies I see

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.

*All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love
*Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside
*Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Corporate Profession of Faith *The Heidelberg Catechism*³

Question 1 ***What is your only comfort in life and death?***

Answer That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Saviour, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

³ 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.

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?".⁴

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.

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.

⁴ Daniel 4:

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 on 021 0367 957 or use the sidebar chat to send a request (just to Pastor Pete) or unmute your mic to share live.

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 Lamentations 3:19-33 (Church Bible p689)

Dedication of offering, prayer for children & today's message

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.

Message Lamentations 3:19-24 *"Led to Lament"*

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

INTRODUCTION

- I. LEGITIMACY OF LAMENT**

- II. LEADING US TO THE LORD**

- III. LEADING US TO THE ULTIMATE LAMENT**

- IV. LED US TO A LOYAL LOVE**

- V. LEADING US TO LOVING**
 - A. To Connect**

 - B. To Grow**

 - C. To Pray**

 - D. To Wait**

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 16. If you have questions about these things, please contact Pastor Peter.

Profession of Faith *The Apostle's Creed*⁵

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic⁶ church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

⁵ The Apostle's Creed represents the earliest and most widespread expression of faith among Christians throughout the history of the Church.

⁶ The term "catholic" here means "worldwide" and "universal" in regards to the church and is not referring to any particular denomination.

Prayer and Reading Lamentations 3:22-24 *Paul Burton*

²² The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

his mercies never come to an end;

²³ they are new every morning;

great is your faithfulness.

²⁴ "The Lord is my portion," says my soul,

"therefore I will hope in him."

Closing Song *Before The Throne Of God Above*

Authors: Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook.

Before the throne of God above,

I have a strong, a perfect plea,

A great high priest whose name is "Love,"

Who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on his hands,

My name is written on his heart;

I know that while in heav'n he stands

No tongue can bid me thence depart.

No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,

And tells me of the guilt within,

Upward I look and see him there

Who made an end to all my sin.

Because the sinless Saviour died,

My sinful soul is counted free;

For God, the just, is satisfied

To look on him and pardon me.

To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb,

My perfect, spotless righteousness,

The great unchangeable I AM,

The King of glory and of grace!

One with himself I cannot die,

My soul is purchased by his blood;

My life is hid with Christ on high,

With Christ, my Saviour and my God

With Christ, my Saviour and my God

BENEDICTION⁷

Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

Scripture Reading Lamentations 3:19-33

1. Why do you think a Book like Lamentations is easily overlooked (apart from its size ☹️)?
2. Do you think it is true that we rush for answers and ways to fix things? Discuss. What do think about the idea that it is not simply okay to lament, it may be the right thing to do?
3. What is being lamented over in Lamentations? And what might we be led to lament over in this particular crisis?
4. Think about why we lament and then where it leads us. “It leads us to the faithful merciful God; it leads us to the ultimate lament and how it is the only way for ultimate hope.” Discuss.
5. Discuss the ways in which this truth ministers to our hearts right now: “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”
6. In the light of these truths, think about the ways we can practice love. Here are some suggestions:
 - a. Stay connected and care in all the ways at our disposal.
 - b. To grow yourself spiritually is an act of love to others.
 - c. To pray is a work on behalf of others.
 - d. To wait faithfully on the Lord.

⁷ 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.

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.*

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, **today**

Easter Services

- Good Friday Service, 10 am, **online**, Friday the 10th of April
- Easter Sunday Morning, 10 am, **online**, 12th of April
 - This service will include the Lord's Supper

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 8th of April (2nd and 4th Wed of the month)
Where **Online – link to be sent out**

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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