



Welcome to Online Worship

SUNDAY 10th OF MAY 2020

A Congregation of Grace Presbyterian
Church of New Zealand



Welcome to Shore Presbyterian Church

Call to Worship Psalm 34:1-8¹

- ¹ I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- ² My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
- ³ Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together!
- ⁴ I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
- ⁵ Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.
- ⁶ This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.
- ⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps
round those who fear him, and delivers them.
- ⁸ Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Songs of Adoration² & Praise

Come Thou fount of every blessing

Robert Robinson 1830-1904

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
O the vast, the boundless treasure,
Of my Lord's redeeming love.

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

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

Here I raise my Ebenezer³;
Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood;

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Take my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it from Thy courts above.

O that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed I'll be in blood-washed linen
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace;
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry,
Take my ransomed soul away;
Send thine angels now to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

³ Ebenezer is a name meaning "stone of help" and refers to a stone that was set up by the Israelites to remember a victory over the Philistines by God's help, when previously they had suffered defeat, see 1 Samuel 7:12. The memorial stone represented God's merciful help to His people; it also therefore represents a fresh beginning, a reversal of course for God's people. It also says something important about God's commitment to His redeemed people: His mercies are everlasting; his covenant is forever. As we sing these words it says the same for us. We remember that God has shown us His mercies and faithfulness and so we are strengthened and encouraged to continue to walk by faith in Him and His grace as we go into the unknown future.

A Corporate Profession of Faith 1 Peter 1:3-9

Leader Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People **According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**

Leader to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you,

People **who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.**

Leader In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith

People **more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ.**

ALL **Though we have not seen him, we love him. Though we do not now see him, we believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of our faith, the salvation of our souls.**

Remembering Mothers Proverbs 31:25-31

²⁵ Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.

²⁶ She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

²⁷ She looks well to the ways of her household
and does not eat the bread of idleness.

²⁸ Her children rise up and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:

²⁹ “Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all.”

³⁰ Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

³¹ Give her of the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the gates.

A Mother's Day Prayer – silently then together

We give thanks to you Lord for the creation and gift of motherhood, for its beauty, its power and its potential for so much good in our world.

We remember those that have gone from this life and we honour them.

We give thanks for those who are with us and pray Your grace and blessing in their lives.

Grant us to know how to honour them for the profound sacrifice they have made to love and serve us.

We pray for young mums and mums to be that You would give them strength, wisdom and the joy of seeing their children follow You.

We pray for our society and government to uphold, encourage and protect the crucial role of being a mum.

And, Lord, where there is pain and difficulty in relationships with mums, we ask that you would bring understanding, grace and healing.

In Jesus name, Amen.

Life Learnings in Lockdown *Paul Burton*

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 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 Hebrews 12:12-29 (Church Bible p1009) *Tom*

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 (p14) for further information about the offering.

Song of Praise and Thanks Nothing But The Blood Of Jesus

Author: Robert Lowry

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

*Oh, precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*Oh, precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

Message Hebrews 12:12-29 “*Don’t Stop Running*”

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

INTRODUCTION

- I. WE IMPACT OTHERS, verses 12-15**

- II. WE GIVE WHAT WE CANNOT KEEP TO LOSE WHAT WE WOULD NOT LOSE, verses 16-17**

III. THE WONDER OF WHAT CHRIST BRINGS US TO, verses 18-24

For you have not come...

But you have come...

To Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem

To innumerable angels in festal gathering

To the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven

To God, the judge of all men

To the spirits of the righteous made perfect

To Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant

AND to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel

IV. AN UNSHAKEABLE ETERNITY, verses 25-28

CONCLUSION – A CONSUMING FIRE, verse 29

Closing Song *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

Author: Stewart Townend

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He would give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My guilt upon His shoulders
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no powr's, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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 Hebrews 12:12-29

1. Share some reasons why it is challenging to endure in the Christian life.
2. Are grace and striving for holiness a contradiction? Explain.
3. Thinking about the “bitter root” of verse 15; how is it important and challenging to be reminded that our hearts and lives impact others?
4. What was Esau’s great mistake and what are some ways we can start to make the same mistake?
5. In the very rich and detailed passage from verses 18 to 24, what is encouraging to you as a statement of your position in Christ? Think too about how Christ alone, in His mediating for us (standing between us and God’s awesome holiness), brings us into such richness.
6. How does the concept of an unshakeable kingdom encourage your faithfulness to Christ?

Some thoughts

“Perhaps it is shocking to us, when reading Hebrews ... how tough biblical Christianity is. Yet even more shocking perhaps is how soft and untested many Christians are who have not faced persecution.”

The Gospel Transformation Bible

“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose”

Jim Elliott, missionary and martyr who died in 1956 at the age of 28.

He will keep me till the river
Rolls its waters at my feet;
Then He'll bear me safely over,
Made by grace for glory meet.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ Who died for me,
Sing it with the saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.

From "I will sing the wondrous story" Francis H. Rowley, 1886.

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: 3rd of June
Looking forward to being able to have a fellowship meal together in the Lord's timing.

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 13th of May (2nd and 4th Wed of the month), **this week**
Where **Online – link to be sent out**

Food Bank

During the Covid-19 crises many community needs have arisen due to job losses etc. We wanted to be able to help out with some of these needs in our local area and so have decided to partner with the Long Bay Baptist Church Food Bank which has received a large number of requests.

As a Church Family we have the opportunity to donate food products to build up their supply. Our suggestion is that you add the words “food bank” to your Shopping List and when you have a bit of a supply saved up, let Cathy Tasker know (021 0255 8854) and she will pick it up and deliver it to the Food Bank.

Here is a list of the staples most needed:

- Breakfast cereals, porridge.
- Tins- baked beans, vegetables, tomatoes, fruit.
- Meal in a can-soups, Big Eat.
- Pasta – Rice.
- Noodles – dried & instant
- Sauces – tin/jar, pasta sauces, gravy,/sauces sachets.
- Biscuits, crackers, muesli bars.
- UHT milk, milk powder.
- Tea bags
- Instant coffee.
- Toothpaste.
- Toilet rolls.
- Soup.

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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