



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 31st OF MAY 2020

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.

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Call to Worship Isaiah 55:1-3¹

¹ “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.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;

hear, that your soul may live;

and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

Prayer of Adoration and Approach

Songs of Adoration² & Praise *Amazing Grace*

Author: John Newton

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me

I once was lost, but now am found

T'was blind but now I see

T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear

And Grace, my fears relieved

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils and snares

We have already come.

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.

T'was grace that brought us safe thus far
And grace will lead us home.

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise,
Than when we first begun.

Your Love Oh Lord

Authors: Third Day

Your love, oh Lord
Reaches to the heavens
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains
Your justice flows like the ocean's tide

I will lift my voice
To worship You, my King
I will find my strength
In the shadow on Your wings

Corporate Prayer of Thanksgiving *Psalm 145:1-13*

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name
for ever and ever.

People: **Every day I will bless you and praise your name for
ever and ever.**

Leader: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his
greatness is unsearchable.

People: **One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

Leader: On the glorious splendour of your majesty, and on your
wondrous works, I will meditate.

People: **They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.**

Leader: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant
goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

People: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

ALL: *All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your saints shall bless you! They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom and tell of your power, to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendour of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. Amen!*

Profession of Faith *The Apostle's Creed*³

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 catholic⁴ church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

³ The Apostle's Creed represents the earliest and most widespread expression of faith among Christians throughout the history of the Church.

⁴ The term "catholic" here means "worldwide" and "universal" in regards to the church and is not referring to any particular denomination.

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 Hebrews 13:1-21 (Church Bible p1009)

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 (p9) for further information about the offering.

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word

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 13:15-21 *“Lives Pleasing to God”*

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

INTRODUCTION

I. WHAT A LIFE PLEASING LOOKS LIKE

A. TRUE SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES, verses 15-17

i. Praise, verse 15

ii. Service, verse 16

iii. Submission & the blessing of being Church, verse 17

1. A Real-World Context

2. An Ordered Context

II. HOW A LIFE PLEASING IS POSSIBLE, verses 20-21

A. TRUE SHALOM, verse 20

B. TRUE SHEPHERD, verse 20

C. TRUE SANCTIFICATION, verse 21

Closing Song *At the Fountain*

Authors: Pacific Crossroads Church

There is healing at the fountain
Come and find it weary soul,
There your sins will all be covered
Jesus waits to make you whole

*O the blessed healing fountain
I'm so glad it's flowing free
O the precious cleansing fountain
Praise the Lord it washes over me!*

There is healing at the fountain
Look to Jesus now and live
At the cross lay all your burdens
All your wanderings He'll forgive

*O the blessed healing fountain
I'm so glad it's flowing free
O the precious cleansing fountain
Praise the Lord it washes over me!*

There is healing at the fountain
Precious fountain filled with blood,
Come o come the Saviour calls you,
Come and plunge beneath this flood.

*O the blessed healing fountain
I'm so glad it's flowing free
O the precious cleansing fountain
Praise the Lord it washes over me!*

BENEDICTION⁵

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.

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).

Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

Scripture Reading Hebrews 13:15-21

1. **Verses 16 & 21.** The writer talks about a life pleasing to God. How much do you think that idea dominates our hearts and minds and approach to everyday life? Do you think it should and why? Why is such life spoken of in terms of spiritual sacrifice?
2. **Verse 15.** What do you think about the idea that praise is the first call on our obedience? How does it compare to the spirit of the age?
3. **Verses 16.** How does this verse remind us that a life pleasing is not merely a private piety?
4. **Verses 17.** Do you find this verse surprising? How does it fit with the call to a sacrificial and God-pleasing life? Think about these issues raised in the sermon:
 - a. “submission and the blessing of being church” and “the Christian life of love and service is lived in a real-world context” – how does this verse reference the church and the local church in particular?
 - b. – “the Christian life of love and service FUNCTIONS in an ORDERED context” – what does this have to do with church membership, recognised leaders and submission to them?
 - c. What does that obedience look like? Can leaders command anything? How does this submission actually promote blessing and growth?
5. **Verses 20-21.** How does this great benediction/blessing actually encourage and help us in the challenging call to live a God-pleasing life?

NOTICES

Encouragement Groups

Torbay/Browns Bay

When Every Thursday, 7:00-8:30 pm,
Where **Check with the contact person!**
Contact Paul Burton 473 0086 or 021 253 0980

Glenfield

When Every Tuesday, 8:00–9:30 pm
Where **Check with the contact person!**
Contact Tom Wilson 027 785 1332

Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal

When 1st Sunday of the month, next: 7th of June.

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 10th of June (2nd and 4th Wed of the month)
Where Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

Men's ministry

What Men...encouraging men...reaching men (young & not so young)
Looking at the issues facing men today in light of the Gospel of Christ.

When From 6:30, 11th of June (monthly 2nd Thursday)
Where **TBA**
Contact Pastor Pete 021 0367 957 or Steve 022 647 0931



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