



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 6th OF SEPTEMBER 2020

**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.

Call to Worship Psalm 28:6-9¹

⁶ Blessed be the Lord!

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

⁷ The Lord is my strength and my shield;
in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults,
and with my song I give thanks to him.

⁸ The Lord is the strength of his people;
he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

⁹ Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!
Be their shepherd and carry them for ever.

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 *Arise my soul arise*

Author: Charles Wesley

Arise my soul arise

Shake off your guilty fears;

The bleeding sacrifice,

In my behalf appears;

Before the throne my Surety stands,

Before the throne my Surety stands,

My name is written on His hands.

He ever lives above,

For me to intercede;

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.

His all redeeming love,
His precious blood, to plead;
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Arise, arise, arise,

Arise, my soul, arise.

Arise, arise, arise,

Arise, my soul, arise.

Shake off your guilty fears and rise

My God is reconciled;
His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child;
I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

Arise, arise, arise,

Arise, my soul, arise.

Arise, arise, arise,

Arise, my soul, arise.

Shake off your guilty fears and rise

A Father's Day Prayer – silently then together

We worship you Lord as our Heavenly Father. You are the perfect Father who guards and guides His children.

You give us an example to follow, you are merciful in our failings and you faithfully bless us in ways our earthly fathers did not or could not.

We give thanks to you Lord for the creation and gift of fatherhood, for its power and potential for such good in our world.

We remember and honour our fathers who have passed from this life.

We give thanks for those who are with us and pray Your strength, grace and blessing in their lives. Help us to honour them for the profound sacrifice they have made to love and serve us.

We pray for young dads, and dads 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 dad.
We pray for the fatherless, that you would give them your own Fatherly care through the father heart of others.
And, Lord, where there is pain and difficulty and loss in relationships, we ask that you would bring understanding, grace and healing.
In Jesus name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Please feel free to send a text through to Peter on 021 0367 957 or signal on the Zoom meeting

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.

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word *Across the Lands*

Authors: Stuart Towned

You're the Word of God the Father,
From before the world began;
Every star and every planet
Has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together
By the power of Your voice:
Let the skies declare Your glory,
Let the land and seas rejoice!

*You're the Author of creation,
You're the Lord of every man;
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands.*

Yet You left the gaze of angels,
Came to seek and save the lost,

And exchanged the joy of heaven
For the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry,
With a word You stilled the sea.
Yet how silently You suffered
That the guilty may go free.

*You're the Author of creation,
You're the Lord of every man;
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands.*

With a shout You rose victorious,
Wresting victory from the grave,
And ascended into heaven
Leading captives in Your wake.
Now You stand before the Father
Interceding for Your own.
From each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home.

*You're the Author of creation,
You're the Lord of every man;
And Your cry of love rings out
Across the lands.*

Scripture Reading Psalm 34 (Church Bible p463)

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 (p14) for further information about the offering.

Message Psalm 34 *"Praise in a time of Pandemic"*

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

INTRODUCTION

- I. **I WILL BLESS THE LORD AT ALL TIMES, verses 1-3**

- II. **BECAUSE HE IS OUR DELIVERER, verses 4-7**

- III. **BECAUSE HE IS OUR GREATEST GOOD, verses 8-14**

- IV. **BECAUSE HE IS NEAR THE NEEDY, verses 15-18**

- V. **BECAUSE HE WILL NEVER CONDEMN HIS CHILDREN, verses 19-22**

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

Scripture Reading and Prayer 1 Peter 1:3-9 Paul Burton

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! 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, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—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. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Closing Song *Jesus Messiah*

Author: Chris Tomlin

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become his righteousness
He humbled himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing, love so amazing
Jesus Messiah, name above all names
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, his blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled
And the veil was torn
Love so amazing, love so amazing

*Jesus Messiah, name above all names
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.*

All our hope is in you
All our hope is in you
All the glory to you, God
The light of the world (**REPEAT**)
*Jesus Messiah, name above all names
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from heaven
Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.*

BENEDICTION³

³ 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 Palm 34

1. Think about worship: how do human beings show themselves to be worshippers? What are our gods, in the ancient world and in the 21st Century? What is the great sin, according to Romans 1:23, and why is it so great a sin?
2. Why is worship a “crowd event”, see verse 3? And how is this the basis for evangelism?
3. How is it unique to the praise and worship of God, that in giving to Him alone all the glory, we find our own greatest blessing?
4. Why is it important to think about giving God praise at all times in a time of global crisis? Is it possible? Why and how?
5. Verses 4-7 give God praise for being our deliverer. How is this true when we may not be delivered from suffering in this life (see verse 19a)?
6. Verses 8-14 give God praise because He is our greatest good. How do we get to experience that more and more?
7. Verses 15-18 give God praise because He is near the needy. How do you experience that and how does that comfort you?
8. Verses 19-22 give God praise because He will never condemn His children? How can He make such promises to us who are not righteous in ourselves? How does this fill us with praise and gratitude as we walk through this life with its challenges?

Blessed Be Your Name – *for your own meditation*

Author: Matt Redman

Blessed be your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be your name
Blessed be your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be your name

*Every blessing you pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your glorious name*

Blessed be your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be your name
Blessed be your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be your name

*Every blessing you pour out
I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be your glorious name*

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be your name

NOTICES

Encouragement Groups

Glenfield

When Every Tuesday, 7:30–9:00 pm
Where **Check with the contact person!**
Contact Tom Wilson 027 785 1332

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

Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal

When 1st Sunday of the month, next: 6th of September, *today*

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 9th of September (2nd and 4th Wed of the month)
Where Boyd's place, 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, 10th of September (monthly 2nd Thursday)
BBQ, Bible and Brews at Boyds

Where Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay
Please let Peter know if you are coming as the numbers will need to be less than 10

Contact Pastor Pete 021 0367 957 or Steve 022 647 0931

Youth Group

What *Fun and Dessert and Discussion.*
Next Discussion: "Soul", Chapter 3 - Cross

When 7:00 pm, 18th of September (every 1st, 3rd and 5th Friday)

Where Song's home, or check with leaders

Contact Steve Bilton 022 647 0931 or Chris Burton 022 345 4131

Women's ministry

- What** *"Let's Bloom Again"* Shore Pres Ladies Celebration
Ladies, we will have a time of sharing something that you found really encouraging that kept you going during the lock down.
- When** 5:30 pm, Saturday 17th of October
- Where** Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay
- Contact** ***Please RSVP by*** 10th of October to Sharmini 021 056 4024
Please bring a plate to share. Let's make the plate to include something with spring seasonal foods, e.g. asparagus, tomatoes, strawberries.

Food Bank

Just a reminder of this ongoing opportunity to help with community needs, post-Covid19, by donating food products for the Long Bay Baptist Church Food Bank. 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). Here are some 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.

Baby Shower

- What** *"Come and Celebrate Tom and Ariel's Baby Shower"*
- When** Saturday 3rd of October 2.30pm-4.00pm
- Where** Karen and Dennis's home 24, Beechwood Road, Torbay
Please bring a plate to share.
- Everyone is invited to join in with this wonderful celebration.

RSVP By the 27th of September to Sharmini 021 056 4024

Youth Camp

- What** Youth Camp for Years 5 to 8
- When** Friday 18 September to Sunday 20 September
- Where** Ngaruawahia
- See Fliers on back table, or ask Pete to email you one.**

Creation Ministries International Speaker

Just a heads up that November the 15th will be a special service, mainly given over to hearing from Mark James who will give encouragements on believing the creation accounts in Genesis so that we are confident to believe the whole Bible and share its truth with our friends.

Mark this in your diaries.

This is a great opportunity to invite others to come and hear and be encouraged and challenged.

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 13th of September

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	Callum Boyd and Anna Knapp	Dennis	Dennis, Keith Knapp & Oliver Burton	Dennis, Keith, Oliver & 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).

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.*



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