



## **Welcome to Worship**

**SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> OF APRIL 2021**

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 Daniel 7:13-14<sup>1</sup>**

<sup>13</sup> "I saw in the night visions,

and behold, with the clouds of heaven  
there came one like a son of man,  
and he came to the Ancient of Days  
and was presented before him.

<sup>14</sup> And to him was given dominion  
and glory and a kingdom,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him;  
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,  
which shall not pass away,  
and his kingdom one  
that shall not be destroyed.

## **Prayer of Approach and Adoration<sup>2</sup>**

### **Songs of Adoration<sup>3</sup> & Praise This I Believe**

Authors: Ben Fielding and Matt Crocker

Our Father everlasting

The all creating one

God Almighty

Through your Holy Spirit

Conceiving Christ the Son

Jesus our Saviour

*I believe in God our Father*

*I believe in Christ the Son*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit*

*Our God is three in one*

*I believe in the resurrection*

*That we will rise again*

*For I believe in the name of Jesus*

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<sup>1</sup> All passages of Scripture taken from the English Standard Version.

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Our Judge and our Defender  
Suffered and crucified  
Forgiveness is in you  
Descended into darkness  
You rose in glorious life  
Forever seated high

*I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in one  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the name of Jesus*

**Bridge** *I believe in You*

*I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord  
And I believe in You  
I believe You rose again  
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord*

I believe in life eternal  
I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion  
And in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection  
When Jesus comes again  
For I believe, in the name of Jesus

*I believe in God our Father  
I believe in Christ the Son  
I believe in the Holy Spirit  
Our God is three in one  
I believe in the resurrection  
That we will rise again  
For I believe in the name of Jesus*

## ***The Church's One Foundation***

Author: Samuel John Stone

The church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is his new creation  
By water and the Word.  
From heaven he came and sought her  
To be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her,  
And for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation,  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With every grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore;  
Till, with the vision glorious,  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest!

Yet she on earth hath union  
With God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
Like them, the meek and lowly,  
On high may dwell with Thee.

## **Profession of Faith** *Heidelberg Catechism 49<sup>4</sup>*

**Question** How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?

**Answer** *First*, he is our advocate in heaven in the presence of his Father.

*Second*, we have our own flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that Christ our head will also take us, his members, up to himself.

*Third*, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a corresponding pledge. By the Spirit's power we seek not earthly things but the things above, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.

## **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** Acts 1:1-14 (Church Bible p909) *Joao Petreceli*

## **Song of Praise** Salvation Belongs To Our God

Authors: Adrian Howard and Pat Turner

Salvation Belongs To Our God

Who Sits Upon The Throne

And Unto The Lamb

Be Praise And Glory, Wisdom And Thanks

Honour, And Power, And Strength

*Be To Our God Forever And Ever*

*Be To Our God Forever And Ever*

*Be To Our God Forever And Ever, Amen.*

We The Redeemed Shall Be Strong  
In Purpose And Unity

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<sup>4</sup> The Heidelberg Catechism is a 16<sup>th</sup> Century document setting out a biblical faith. A Catechism is a helpful means of learning the Christian faith by memorizing and understanding questions and answers.

Declaring Aloud

Be Praise And Glory, Wisdom And Thanks  
Honour, And Power, And Strength!

*Be To Our God Forever And Ever*

*Be To Our God Forever And Ever*

*Be To Our God Forever And Ever, **Amen.***

## **Song of preparation for hearing God's Word**

### *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

Author: Matthew Bridges

Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns  
All music but its own!  
Awake, my soul and sing  
Of Him Who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love,  
Behold His hands and side—  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends His wondering eye  
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o'er the grave,  
Who rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
Who died, and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring,  
And lives that death may die.



**Scripture reading** Acts 1:15-26 (Church Bible p909)

## **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 (p10) for further information about the offering.

## **Message** Acts 1 “I Will Build My Church”

*There are worksheets at the back for children if you wish during the message*

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

## **INTRODUCTION**

### ***Stick with the Program***

#### **Three Assurances about Acts**

- i. **A trustworthy record**
- ii. **The Acts of Christ**
- iii. **An Expanding Church**

### ***Three Encouragements to stick with the Program ...***

#### **I. ASCENSION**

- A. **Jesus reigns**
- B. **A limitless power and presence on earth**
- C. **Present at a throne of grace and mercy**

**D. He will return**

## **II. APOSTLES**

**A. Foundation stones**

**B. Faithful witnesses**

## **III. ACTION**

**A. Person**

**B. Power**

**C. Program**

## **CONCLUSION**

### **Closing Song** *Come Praise and Glorify*

Authors: Tim Chester and Bob Kauflin, 2012

Come praise and glorify our God

The Father of our Lord

In Christ He has in heav'nly realms

His blessings on us poured

For pure and blameless in His sight

He destined us to be

And now we've been adopted through

His Son eternally

*To the praise of Your glory*

*To the praise of Your mercy and grace*

*To the praise of Your glory*

*You are the God who saves*

Come praise and glorify our God  
Who gives His grace in Christ  
In Him our sins are washed away  
Redeemed through sacrifice  
In Him God has made known to us  
The myst'ry of His will  
That Christ should be the head of all  
His purpose to fulfill

*To the praise of Your glory  
To the praise of Your mercy and grace  
To the praise of Your glory  
You are the God who saves*

### *INSTRUMENTAL*

Come praise and glorify our God  
For we've believed the Word  
And through our faith we have a seal  
The Spirit of the Lord  
The Spirit guarantees our hope  
Until redemption's done  
Until we join in endless praise  
To God, the Three in One

*To the praise of Your glory  
To the praise of Your mercy and grace  
To the praise of Your glory  
You are the God who saves  
You are the God who saves  
You are the God who saves*

### **BENEDICTION<sup>5</sup>**

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<sup>5</sup> 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 Acts 1

1. Acts is valuable because it is a “trustworthy message of the Risen Christ at work in the explosive expansion of the Christian Church.” How is Luke a re-assuring author for us?
2. Why is it helpful to think of the title as “The Acts of Christ” rather than “The Acts of the Apostles”? What would be an even fuller and more helpful title?
3. What is the **Ascension** of Christ all about (see verse 9-11)? How does it encourage you to be a faithful cross-bearing witness to the Resurrected Christ?
4. What are the qualifications of an **Apostle** (see verses 21-26)? What was their role? Do we have Apostles today? How is the Church today, however, apostolic? How does this encourage you to be a faithful cross-bearing witness to the Resurrected Christ?
5. What is the **Action** plan of witness Christ gave to His Apostles and consequently to us as the Church (see verses 7 and 8)? Think about how it includes a Person, a Power and a Program? How does this apply to us today? How does it encourage you to be a faithful cross-bearing witness to the Resurrected Christ?

## 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** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, next: 2<sup>nd</sup> of May (Easter)

### Prayer Meeting

**When** 7:15, 28<sup>th</sup> of April (4<sup>th</sup> Wed of the month)  
**Where** Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

**Please note:** The Prayer Meeting now happens once a month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. Do mark this in your diaries and make it a special opportunity in your walk with the Lord to meet together for prayer. These are not long evenings, and you don't need to pray out loud; but we are blessed as we pray and express our absolute dependence on the Lord to build His Church.

### 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 pm, 14<sup>th</sup> of Apr. (monthly 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday), **this week**  
*BBQ, Bible and Brews at Boyds*

**Where** Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

**Contact** Pastor Pete 021 0367 957 or Steve 022 647 0931

**Please note:** The Men's Ministry is now meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month to enable the Thursday night Encouragement Group to meet.

## Lady's - Coffee, Catch up and Conversation

**What** A bi-monthly coffee catch up to encourage & inspire one another as we grow in Christ together. For all ages and stages.

**When** From 10:00 am, 24th of April (last Saturday, each second month)

**Where** *The Stoned Cow Café* in Browns Bay (used to be the post office)  
<https://www.thestonedcow.co.nz/>

### Serving Roster for next Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> of April

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	Amy Munroe and Mia Pang	Dennis	Dennis, Daniel Pang and Steve Bilton	Dennis, Daniel, Steve & Volunteers	Volunteers

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#### ***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 Miriam Burden 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](mailto:petethepastor@shorepres.org.nz)) or with our Church Treasurer Miriam Burden ([imaburden2@gmail.com](mailto:imaburden2@gmail.com)).





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