



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 2ND OF MAY 2021

**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 16:1-7¹

¹ Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

² I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."

³ As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.

⁴ The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.

⁵ The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

⁶ The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

⁷ I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

Prayer of Approach and Adoration²

Corporate Prayer of Confession and Repentance

Psalm 51:1,2,10,12

¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin! ...

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me. ...

¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

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.

Corporate Assurance of Grace Psalm 32:5,7

⁵ I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord",
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin...
⁷ You are a hiding place for me;
you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

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.**

Songs of Adoration⁵ & Praise *As the deer*

Martin J. Nystrom, 1981

As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after You
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.

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.

⁵ Adoration: the act of paying honour, as to a divine being; worship; reverent homage; fervent and devoted love.

*You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.*

I want you more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy giver
And the apple of my eye.

*You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.*

You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though you are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything.

*You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.*

He Is Exalted

Author: Twila Paris

He is exalted the King is exalted on high
I will praise him,
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise his name

*He is the Lord,
Forever his truth shall reign
Heaven and Earth,
Rejoice in his holy name
He is exalted the King is exalted on high (REPEAT)*

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.

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word *I Surrender All*

Author: Judson W. Van de Venter

All to Jesus I surrender,
All to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust him,
In his presence daily live.

*I surrender all I surrender all
All to Thee, my blessed Saviour,
I surrender all.*

All to Jesus I surrender,
Make me, Saviour, wholly Thine;
May Thy Holy Spirit fill me,
May I know Thy pow'r divine.

*I surrender all I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Saviour
I surrender all.*

All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

*I surrender all I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Saviour
I surrender all.*

Scripture reading Acts 2:22-41 (Church Bible p910) Tom Wilson

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 2:22-41 “This is the Good News”

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

INTRODUCTION

I. WHO JESUS IS, verses 22-33

- A. Crucified, verses 22-23**
- B. Resurrected, verses 24-32**
- C. Exalted, verses 33-35**
- D. Gift-giver, verse 33**

II. WHAT JESUS DOES, verses 36-41

- A. God’s Gracious Plan**
- B. The Glory of Gospel Grace**

CONCLUSION Here is the Gospel we Trust and Serve

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

Song of preparation for the Lord's Supper

In Christ Alone, verses 1-2

Authors: Keith & Kristin Getty

In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

Scripture reading and Prayer at the Lord's Table

1 Corinthians 11:23-29 (Church Bible p958) Paul Burton

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Closing Song *In Christ Alone, verses 3-4*

Authors: Keith & Kristin Getty

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

BENEDICTION⁶

⁶ 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 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) or with our Church Treasurer Miriam Burden (imaburden2@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.*

Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

Scripture Reading Acts 2:22-41

1. What is Peter seeking to explain in his sermon and what is his explanation?
2. What does the Holy Spirit testify to here and how does that help us understand His role? What other views of the Holy Spirit's work are there?
3. What are the four key things affirmed here concerning the person of Christ? How do they help you understand Christ better? How are these truths affirmed by both Old Testament prophecy and Apostolic witness? How does that encourage you in a culture that seeks to re-write or delete the Christian story?
4. How is the sovereignty of God over all things on display in Peter's sermon? How does that encourage you?
5. What is the great sin that these people have committed? What is the answer? Were you there when they crucified Christ? What is the answer for you?
6. As you see the Good News of Christ both explained and at work here, how are you encouraged to trust that Gospel and serve that Gospel?

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: 2nd of May, **today**

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 26th of May (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 pm, 12th of May (monthly 2nd Wednesday)
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

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, 26th of June (last Saturday, each second month)
Where *The Stoned Cow Café* in Browns Bay (used to be the post office)
<https://www.thestonedcow.co.nz/>

Women's Seminar on 'Anxiety'

- What** Women in Grace will be putting on a seminar for women on the topic of anxiety. Hannah Bredemeijer, a clinical psychologist, and Christian counsellor, will be the main speaker and there will be opportunities for small group discussion and Q&A time. Afternoon tea will be provided.
- When** Please join us from 1:00-4:00pm on the 26th of June.
- Where** The Ponsonby Community Centre (20 Ponsonby Terrace).
- Contact** If you're interested in childcare for children under 5 or have questions about the event, please contact Gretchen Bruner gretchenabruner@gmail.com or Anne Camp sacamp@xtra.co.nz.

Presbytery Churches Thanksgiving Service

- What** Please note the opportunity for a Presbytery-wide Thanksgiving Service for Neal Vinson's ministry before the depart for the United States
- When** 7:00 pm, Wednesday the 5th of May
- Where** Covenant Presbyterian Church, 77 Rogers Rd Manurewa

Shore Church Camp

Church camp is back on. The new dates are 26–28 November, so please plan for that. Ian Reid, the pastor of King's Grace Church, Palmerston North, is still scheduled to be the speaker. If you have previously enrolled but cannot make it for those dates, talk to Paul or Ingrid Goodenough about a refund.

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 9th of May

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	Anna Knapp and Ruth Burden	Dennis	Dennis, Keith Knapp and Oliver Burton	Dennis, Keith, Oliver & Volunteers	Volunteers



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