



Welcome to Online Worship

SUNDAY 12th OF SEPTEMBER 2021

A Congregation of Grace Presbyterian
Church of New Zealand



Welcome to Shore Presbyterian Church

Call to Worship Psalm 61:1-4¹

¹ Hear my cry, O God,
listen to my prayer;

² from the end of the earth I call to you
when my heart is faint.

Lead me to the rock
that is higher than I,

³ for you have been my refuge,
a strong tower against the enemy.

⁴ Let me dwell in your tent for ever!
Let me take refuge under the shelter of your wings!

Prayer of adoration and approach

Song of Adoration² & Praise *All Glory be to Christ*

Author: Dustin Kensrue

Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive

To you who boast tomorrow's gain

Tell me, what is your life?

A mist that vanishes at dawn

All glory be to Christ!

All glory be to Christ our king!

All glory be to Christ!

His rule and reign we'll ever sing,

All glory be to Christ!

His will be done, His kingdom come

On earth as is above

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.

Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him, the Lord of love

Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ

All glory be to Christ our king!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing,
All glory be to Christ!

When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new

Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be
All glory be to Christ!

All glory be to Christ our king!
All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we'll ever sing,
All glory be to Christ!

Corporate Prayer of Confession and Repentance

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father;
We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires
of our own hearts.
We have offended against Your holy laws.
We have not done those things
which we ought to have done;
And we have done those things
which we ought not to have done.
But You, O Lord are merciful.

Forgive us, O Lord,
as we confess our faults.
Restore us as we repent,
according to Your promises
declared to us in the Lord Jesus Christ.
Grant, merciful Father, for His sake;
that we may live a godly, righteous, and holy life,
To the glory of Your holy Name. **Amen.**³

Assurance of Grace *Heidelberg Catechism*

Question 60. *How are you righteous before God?*

Answer. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ: that is, although my conscience accuses me, that I have grievously sinned against all the commandments of God, and have never kept any of them, and am still prone always to all evil; yet God, without any merit of mine, of mere grace, grants and imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never committed nor had any sins, and had myself accomplished all the obedience which Christ has fulfilled for me; if only I accept such benefit with a believing heart.

Corporate Profession of Faith Psalms 73:22-28

Leader Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand.

People You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory.

Leader Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

People My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Leader For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.

All **But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.**

³ Adapted from the Anglican Prayer Book

Song of Assurance *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!*

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 unmute your mic to 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.

Corporate Reading of God's Word Psalm 46

Leader God is our refuge and strength a very present help in trouble.

People **Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

Leader though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

People **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the
holy habitation of the Most High.**

Leader God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

People **The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice,
the earth melts.**

Leader The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

People **Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought
desolations on the earth.**

Leader He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

ALL ***"Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"
The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.***

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 Psalm 46 "Lead me to the Rock"

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

INTRODUCTION

- I. **GOD IS A SECURE PLACE IN CALAMITY, verses 1-3**

- II. **GOD IS PRESENT AND POWERFUL AGAINST ALL THREATS, verses 4-6**

- III. **GOD IS VICTORIOUS OVER THERAGE OF NATIONS, verses 8-10**

- IV. **HOW DO WE KNOW, verses 7 and 11**

CONCLUSION

Closing Song *I Lift My Eyes Up (Psalm 121)*

Author: Brian Doerksen

I lift my eyes up, to the mountains
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from you, maker of heaven
Creator of the earth (**REPEAT**)

*Oh how I need you Lord
You're my only hope
You're my only prayer
So I will wait for you
To come and rescue me
To come and give me life! (REPEAT ALL)*

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 Psalm 46

1. Talk about the ways in which you become fearful. What are the current events that impact you and how do they impact you?
2. Do you think it is true to say that our level of fear is directly related to our knowledge of God? Discuss.
3. **Verses 1-3.** What is the calamity described here, how amazing is the lack of fear and what is it that the Psalmist knows about God that makes the difference?
4. **Verses 4-6.** Here you could look at Isaiah 36 and 37 (especially 36:13-16a, 20; 37:14-17, 20, 36-38a) for possible historical background.
 - a. What is the river here and how does it differ from the seas of verses 2 and 3?
 - b. How does God display his power over opposition here and how does that help us when we hear current news?
 - c. Discuss “he utters His voice”. Can you think of other Scripture allusions to God’s or Jesus’ voice and how does that comfort you?
5. **Verses 8-10.**
 - a. What is the invitation here? Think about the above historical event that it might allude to? How does it speak to the ultimate outcome of all things?
 - b. Who is God speaking to in verse 10 and how does that comfort us?
6. **Verses 7 and 11.** How does the Psalmist know these things are true? How may we know they are true? What might we need to put into place in our lives?

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: 3rd of October

Special Congregational Meeting

We will be holding a brief meeting straight after worship on Sunday the 5th of September in order for the Leadership to share some important information as we go forward as a Church family. We will include the folk who are on Zoom that morning also.

Postponed until we can meet in person.

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.
When 7:00 pm, 13th of Oct (monthly 2nd Wednesday)
Contact Pastor Pete 021 0367 957

Fellowship Lunch

What Opportunity after Sunday worship to share together over lunch at the Boyd's home. *Come and bring food to share.*
When Last Sunday of the month, next is 26th of September,
Where Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay
Contact Pastor Pete 021 0367 957

Shore Presbyterian Church Family Camp

- What** A weekend of fun, fellowship, and growth
Where Campbell Park Christian Camp, Mangawhai Heads
When Friday evening the 26th to Sunday the 28th of November 2021

Prayer Meeting

- When** 7:15, 22nd of September (4th Wed of the month)
Where Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

Support for children in the School in Nepal

You can give your funds into the Shore Pres Account, clearly marked for ***Hasta Memorial School Scholarship*** and the Treasurer will arrange to forward those funds for you. It is \$45 per month. Thanks for your support for this great cause. Please ask Joao Petreceli for more information.

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, 30th of Oct. (last Saturday, each 2nd month)
Where *The Stoned Cow Café* in Browns Bay (used to be the post office)
<https://www.thestonedcow.co.nz/>

Important Political Matters

Praise God, "we were part of a "God" sized target of achieving 100,000 submissions on the Conversion Practices Bill and I have just found out there were 106,000 submissions !!! ... Do pray for the Select Committee that they will take note of all these submissions and change the wording of this Bill. The Government are still trying to have this legislation passed by Christmas."
(From Tony Bracefield Redeemer Grace Church, Flat Bush)

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).



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