



## **Welcome to Online Worship**

**SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> OF SEPTEMBER 2021**

A Congregation of Grace Presbyterian  
Church of New Zealand



# Welcome to Shore Presbyterian Church

## Call to Worship Psalm 57:1-5<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,  
for in you my soul takes refuge;  
in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,  
till the storms of destruction pass by.

<sup>2</sup> I cry out to God Most High,  
to God who fulfils his purpose for me.

<sup>3</sup> He will send from heaven and save me;  
he will put to shame him who tramples on me.  
God will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness!

<sup>4</sup> My soul is in the midst of lions; I lie down amid fiery beasts—  
the children of man, whose teeth are spears and arrows,  
whose tongues are sharp swords.

<sup>5</sup> Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!  
Let your glory be over all the earth!

## Prayer of adoration and approach

### Song of Adoration & Praise *Be Thou My Vision*

Author: Dalan Forgail

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

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

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### **Profession of Faith** *The Apostle's Creed*<sup>2</sup>

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 catholic<sup>3</sup> church,  
    the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
    the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

### **Corporate Prayer & Profession of Faith**

Adapted from Colossians 1:9-23

**Leader** We ask Lord that You would fill us with the knowledge of  
Your will through all the wisdom and understanding that the  
Spirit gives,

**People** so that we may live a life worthy of You Lord and please You  
in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the  
knowledge of God,

**Leader** being strengthened with all power according to Your glorious  
might so that we may have great endurance and patience,

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<sup>2</sup> The Apostle's Creed represents the earliest and most widespread expression of faith among Christians throughout the history of the Church.

<sup>3</sup> The term "catholic" here means "worldwide" and "universal" in regards to the church and is not referring to any particular denomination.

**People** giving joyful thanks to You Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of Your holy people in the kingdom of light.

**Leader** For You have rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of Your beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**ALL** *Once we were alienated from You God and were enemies in our minds because of our evil behaviour. But now You have reconciled us by Christ's physical body through death to present us holy in Your sight, without blemish and free from accusation—if we continue in our faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel.*

### **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.

### **Scripture Readings** Various

<sup>5</sup> Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own understanding.

<sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths. Proverbs 3:6,7

<sup>14</sup> Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hezekiah went up to the house of the Lord, and spread it before the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And Hezekiah prayed to the Lord: ... <sup>20</sup> So now, O Lord our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you alone are the Lord.” Isaiah 37:14,20

<sup>18</sup> praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, <sup>19</sup> and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak. Ephesians 6:18-20

<sup>1</sup> First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. <sup>3</sup> This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour, <sup>4</sup> who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 1 Timothy 2:1-4

<sup>2</sup> Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. <sup>3</sup> At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— <sup>4</sup> that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak. Colossians 4:2-4

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup> do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:4-7

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

### *Near The Cross*

Author: Fannie Crosby

Jesus, keep me near the cross,  
There a precious fountain  
Free to all, a healing stream  
Flows from Calvary's mountain.

*In the cross, in the cross,  
Be my glory ever;  
Till my ransomed soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
Love and mercy found me;  
There the bright and morning star  
Shed his beams around me.

*In the cross, in the cross,  
Be my glory ever;  
Till my ransomed soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, O Lamb of God,  
Bring its scenes before me;  
Help me walk from day to day,  
With its shadows o'er me.

*In the cross, in the cross,  
Be my glory ever;  
Till my ransomed soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river.*

## **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** Various *“The Prioritising of Prayer”*

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **I. GUIDANCE**

### **II. GLORY**

### III. GOVERNMENT

### IV. GOSPEL

### V. GRACE

## CONCLUSION

### **Closing Song** *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  
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!*

## **BENEDICTION<sup>4</sup>**

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<sup>4</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** See texts in Order of Service above

1. Should prayer be a priority? Why? Why particularly in these times? Is it? Why do we sometimes struggle with it? How does it re-prioritize our hearts and minds?
2. What aspect of prayer from the sermon stood out for you and why?
3. What should be the first thing we seek in prayer? How does the Lord's Prayer teach us that? What difference will that make to our hearts and minds?
4. How should we pray for the government?
5. How do these Scripture calls to prayer remind us of one of God's great priorities and what should that mean for us in the midst of the chaos?
6. Think about that great passage in Philippians 4:4-7. How could anxiety be viewed as an "unconscious blasphemy"? Is peace possible?
7. How can we help each other in our prayers?

## 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> of October, ***we will seek to do this online as we have before. God commands this remembrance and communion with Himself and each other - prepare ahead with some bread and something wine like.***

### Special Congregational Meeting

We will be holding a brief meeting straight after worship on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> 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, 13<sup>th</sup> of Oct (monthly 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> of September,  
- *unfortunately postponed again.*
- 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 26<sup>th</sup> to Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> of November 2021

### Prayer Meeting

- When** 7:15, 27<sup>th</sup> of October (4<sup>th</sup> 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, 30<sup>th</sup> 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/>

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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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