



## **Welcome to Online Worship**

**SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OF OCTOBER 2021**

**Celebration of the  
Lord's Supper**

A Congregation of Grace Presbyterian  
Church of New Zealand



# Welcome to Shore Presbyterian Church

## Call to Worship Psalm 116:1-9<sup>1</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> I love the Lord, because he has heard  
my voice and my pleas for mercy.
- <sup>2</sup> Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
- <sup>3</sup> The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.
- <sup>4</sup> Then I called on the name of the Lord:  
“O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!”
- <sup>5</sup> Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.
- <sup>6</sup> The Lord preserves the simple;  
when I was brought low, he saved me.
- <sup>7</sup> Return, O my soul, to your rest;  
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.
- <sup>8</sup> For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;
- <sup>9</sup> I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

## Prayer of adoration and approach

### Song of Adoration<sup>2</sup> & Praise *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.*

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

<sup>2</sup> Adoration: the act of paying honour, as to a divine being; worship; reverent homage; fervent and devoted love.

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.*

### **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 Reading** 1 John 4:7-21

### **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 (p12) for further information about the offering.

## Song of preparation for hearing God's Word

### *Mighty To Save*

Authors: Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan

Everyone needs compassion

A love that's never failing

Let mercy fall on me

Everyone needs forgiveness

The kindness of a Savior

The hope of nations

*Saviour he can move the mountains*

*My God is mighty to save*

*He is mighty to save*

*Forever author of salvation*

*He rose and conquered the grave*

*Jesus conquered the grave.*

So take me as you find me

All my fears and failures

Fill my life again

I give my life to follow

Everything I believe in

Now I surrender

*Saviour he can move the mountains*

*My God is mighty to save*

*He is mighty to save*

*Forever author of salvation*

*He rose and conquered the grave*

*Jesus conquered the grave.*

Shine your light and let the whole world see

We're singing for the glory of the risen King, Jesus (**REPEAT**)

*Saviour he can move the mountains*

*My God is mighty to save*

*He is mighty to save*

*Forever author of salvation*

*He rose and conquered the grave*

*Jesus conquered the grave.*

**Message** 1 John 4:7-12 *“Love of Every Love the Best”*

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

**INTRODUCTION**

**I. PERFECT LOVE**

**II. PERVERTED LOVE**

**III. PURSUING LOVE**

**IV. PURE LOVE**

**V. PURPOSEFUL LOVE**

**VI. PERMANENT LOVE**

**VII. PURIFYING LOVE**

**CONCLUSION** Lord’s Supper – Remember, Repent, Believe

**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 the insert sheet. If you have questions about these things, please contact Pastor Peter.

**Time of Repentance and Faith** *Matthew 22:37-40*

<sup>37</sup> Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' <sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' <sup>40</sup> All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

**Corporate Assurance of Grace** *Romans 5:6-10*

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

**Prayer** Paul Burton

## **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.*

## **Closing Song** When I Survey

Author: Isaac Watts

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it Lord that I should boast  
Save in the death of Christ my God  
All the vain things that charm me most  
I sacrifice them to His blood

See from His head His hands His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down  
Did ever such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were an offering far too small.  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

## **BENEDICTION<sup>3</sup>**

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<sup>3</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** 1 John 4:7-12

1. Why is love so often viewed as the meaning to life and why does it not fully answer the need? How do you find yourself wrestling with this need and this problem?
2. Why is it helpful and important to talk about the love of God? According to John what difference does it make?
3. Discuss the statement “God is love”. What does it mean? How is it true of God even before anything else existed? How does this help us understand the wonder of why God created and what He is inviting us into?
4. How does the concept of sin as a perversion of love help you to see more deeply what sin is?
5. How far does God’s love for us go? What is His purpose in thus pursuing us?
6. How is the purifying love of God shown in our lives and what is its purpose? How much do we need it?

## 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, ***today online***

### 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 31<sup>st</sup> of Oct, Lord willing  
**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

A number of folk have enquired about how to provide that support. 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 and Tania 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/>

*In the meantime*

*Online catch up 10:30 am on Saturdays*

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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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