



Welcome to Online Worship

SUNDAY 17th OF OCTOBER 2021

A Congregation of Grace Presbyterian
Church of New Zealand



Welcome to Shore Presbyterian Church

Call to Worship Isaiah 55:1-3¹

¹ “Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;

Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Approach

Song of Adoration² and Praise *I Cannot Tell*

William Y. Fullerton 1929

I cannot tell why He whom angels worship,
Should set His love upon the sons of men,
Or why, as shepherd, He should seek the wanderers,
To bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that He was born of Mary
When Bethlehem's manger was His only home,
And that He lived at Nazareth and labored,
And so the Savior, Savior of the world is come.

I cannot tell how silently He suffered,
As with His peace He graced this place of tears,
Or how His heart upon the Cross was broken,
The crown of pain to three and thirty years.

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.

But this I know, He heals the broken-hearted,
And stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
And lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
For yet the Savior, Savior of the world, is here.

I cannot tell how He will win the nations,
How He will claim His earthly heritage,
How satisfy the needs and aspirations
Of East and West, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see His glory,
And He shall reap the harvest He has sown,
And some glad day His sun shall shine in splendor
When He the Savior, Savior of the world is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
When, at His bidding, every storm is stilled,
Or who can say how great the jubilation
When all the hearts of men with love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
And myriad, myriad human voices sing,
And earth to Heaven, and Heaven to earth, will answer:
At last the Savior, Savior of the world is king!

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.**

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 Psalm 139

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 *Abide With Me*

Author: Henry F. Lyte, 1847

Abide with me!

Fast falls the eventide;

The darkness deepens.

Lord with me abide.

When other helpers fail,

And comforts flee,

Help of the helpless,

O abide with me!

Swift to its close

Ebbs out life's little day;

Earth's joys grow dim,

Its glories pass away;

Change and decay

In all around I see;

O Thou who changest not,

Abide with me!

Thou on my head

In early youth didst smile;

And though rebellious

And perverse meanwhile,

Thou hast not left me,

Oft as I left Thee,

On to the close,

O Lord, abide with me!

I need Thy presence

Every passing hour.

What but Thy grace

Can foil the tempter's power?

Who like Thyself

My guide and stay can be?

Through cloud and sunshine,

O abide with me!

I fear no foe
With Thee at hand to bless:
Ills have no weight,
And tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting?
Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still,
If Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross
Before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom,
And point me to the skies;
Heav'n's morning breaks,
And earth's vain shadows flee:
In life, in death,
O Lord, abide with me!

Message *Psalm 139 "He Careth for Me"*

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions, next page

INTRODUCTION

I. THE GOD WHO KNOWS, verses 1-6

II. THE GOD WHO IS EVER-PRESENT, verses 7-12

III. THE GOD WHO IS POWERFUL TOWARD ME, verses 13-16

IV. AMAZING GRACE

V. HOW TO RESPOND

A. Praise, verses 17-18

B. Zeal, verses 19-22

C. Seeking Him, verses 23-34

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

Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

Scripture Reading Psalm 139

1. See verses 1-6. How do you relate to the concept of not being fully known or understood? How does God's knowledge answer to that?
2. See verses 7-12. How true is it that "...loneliness...is the central and inevitable fact of the human existence"?³ Think about the impact of internet and social media. Think about what we were created for. How does God's unshakeable presence answer to all of this?
3. See verses 13-16. Think about God's power but also how here it is in very personal connection to us? How does that encourage you?
4. What is the fear we have in being fully known by God and how does the Gospel answer this and reassure us of His intimate knowledge, presence and power?
5. How do you explain the passion of verses 19-22? How are we now to view those who despise so wonderful a God?
6. Why is the closing plea of verses 23-24 such an appropriate response to what David has said about God? How is he seeking to know more deeply those things which he has celebrated in this Psalm? Should we do the same? How?

³ Writer Thomas Wolfe, "God's Lonely Man" in *The Hills Beyond* (New York: Plume/New American Library, 1982), p146

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: 7th of November

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, 10th of Nov (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 31st 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 26th to Sunday the 28th of November 2021

Prayer Meeting

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

In the meantime

Online catch up 10:30 am on Saturdays

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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