



## **Welcome to Online Worship**

**SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> OF NOVEMBER 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 103:1-5<sup>1</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name!
- <sup>2</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits,
- <sup>3</sup> who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,
- <sup>4</sup> who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- <sup>5</sup> who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

## Prayer of adoration and the Lord's Prayer

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
Forever and ever, Amen.

## Songs of Adoration<sup>2</sup> & Praise This Is My Father's World

Author: Maltbie Babcock

This is my Father's world,  
And to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings  
The music of the spheres  
This is my Father's world  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas  
His hand the wonders wrought.

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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.

This is my Father's world,  
The birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white,  
Declare their Maker's praise  
This is my Father's world  
He shines in all that's fair  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass  
He speaks to me everywhere

This is my Father's world.  
O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet  
This is my Father's world  
The battle is not done  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied  
And earth and heav'n be one.

**Blessing Joao and Tania on their way** *Today is our last Sunday with the Petrecelis as they head to Florence Italy to continue serving the Lord in Missions and Church Planting with the Presbyterian Church of Brazil. We are very thankful for their fellowship and love and look forward to continuing to partner in life and mission with them.*

**Special Prayer**      *IDOP: International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church*

### **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 24

### 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 (p11) for further information about the offering.

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

#### *10,000 Reasons*

Author: Matt Redman

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing your song again  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes  
*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul*  
*Worship His holy name*  
*Sing like never before, O my soul*  
*I'll worship your holy name*

You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger  
Your name is great, and your heart is kind  
For all your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find  
*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul*  
*Worship His holy name*  
*Sing like never before, O my soul*  
*I'll worship your holy name*

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore  
*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul*  
*Worship His holy name*  
*Sing like never before, O my soul*  
*I'll worship your holy name (REPEAT)*

## **Message** Psalm 24 *“The Most Important Question”*

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **I. THE GOD WHO IS AND WITH WHOM WE HAVE TO DO**

#### **II. WHO CAN ASCEND AND STAND?**

#### **III. THERE IS ONE – HALLELUJAH!**

### **CONCLUSION**

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

## **Profession of Faith** *The Apostle's Creed*<sup>3</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>4</sup> church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

## **Prayer at the Lord's Table** Paul Burton

## **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

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<sup>3</sup> The Apostle's Creed represents the earliest and most widespread expression of faith among Christians throughout the history of the Church.

<sup>4</sup> The term "catholic" here means "worldwide" and "universal" in regards to the church and is not referring to any particular denomination.

## **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** *Here I Am to Worship*

*Author: Tim Hughes*

Light of the world  
You stepped down into darkness  
Opened my eyes, let me see  
Beauty that made this heart adore You  
Hope of a life spent with You

*Here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me*

King of all days  
Oh, so highly exalted  
Glorious in heaven above  
Humbly You came to the earth You created  
All for love's sake became poor

*Here I am to worship  
Here I am to bow down  
Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
Altogether wonderful to me*

I'll never know how much it cost  
To see my sin upon that cross

*Here I am to worship  
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Here I am to say that You're my God  
You're altogether lovely  
Altogether worthy  
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## **BENEDICTION<sup>5</sup>**

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<sup>5</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 Psalm 24

1. Read verses 1-2. What is the encouragement of these words? What is the challenge of these words?
2. Read verses 3-4. What does “ascend the hill of the Lord” mean? Why does it matter? According to this Scripture who can?
3. Read verses 5-6. What does God promise to such a person? And what should we do?
4. Read verse 7-10. What is the human predicament? And what is this Psalm’s answer? Who is the “King of glory”? How can he stand in God’s presence?
5. Verse 8 describes him as a victor. In what most important sense is he victorious and how does that relate to us?
6. What does it mean that He “stands”? And how does it encourage you that He doesn’t stand alone but that you stand there with Him? How does this answer Satan’s accusations against you?
7. How will this be fulfilled at the coming of Christ? Do you think all this is cause for celebration in the way David the Psalmist does?

## 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: 7<sup>th</sup> of November, ***today online***

### Special Congregational Meeting

As the timing of when we can actually worship in a building is uncertain, the elders have felt that we should now have this meeting over Zoom even if it is not ideal. So it is planned for straight after worship on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November, do plan to stay online for that.

### Special Prayer

During our worship next Sunday morning (14 Nov.) we are planning for a time of Special Prayer to seek the Lord's grace, wisdom and guidance as we navigate and respond to government imposed health restrictions.

### 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, 10<sup>th</sup> of Nov (monthly 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)  
**Contact** Pastor Pete 021 0367 957

***Unfortunately this needs to be postponed as Peter and Paul will be at a Special Presbytery meeting as we as a wider church think and pray through how to respond to the challenges of our current circumstances and to government imposed restrictions. Do pray for that meeting.***

## 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
- Where** Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay
- Contact** Pastor Pete 021 0367 957

## Shore Presbyterian Church Family Camp

As we perhaps all expected, we have had to cancel the Church Family Camp this year due to Covid 19 restrictions. We trust the Lord in this and will explore opportunities to enjoy such a weekend in the future.

## Prayer Meeting

- When** 7:15, 24<sup>th</sup> of November (4<sup>th</sup> Wed of the month)
- Where** Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

## 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*

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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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