



Welcome to Online Worship

SUNDAY 12TH OF DECEMBER 2021

A Congregation of Grace Presbyterian
Church of New Zealand



Welcome to Shore Presbyterian Church

Call to Worship Luke 1:68-75¹

⁶⁸ “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,
for he has visited and redeemed his people
⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David,
⁷⁰ as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,
⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies
and from the hand of all who hate us;
⁷² to show the mercy promised to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant,
⁷³ the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us
⁷⁴ that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,
might serve him without fear,
⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

Prayer of adoration, confession and approach

Song of Adoration² & Praise O Holy Night!

Words: Placide Cappeau, 1843, Translated from French to English by John S. Dwight, 1855.

O Holy night! The stars are brightly shining
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth
Long lay the world in sin and error pining
'Til He appears and the soul felt its worth
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn
Fall on your knees; O hear the Angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born
O night, O Holy night, O night divine!

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming
Here come the Wise Men from Orient land

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.

The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger
In all our trials born to be our friend
Fall on your knees; O hear the Angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born
O night, O Holy night, O night divine!

Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His Gospel is Peace
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother
And in His name, all oppression shall cease
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we
Let all within us Praise His Holy name
Fall on your knees; O hear the Angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born
O night, O Holy night, O night divine!

Corporate Profession of Faith

Shorter Catechism Number 23

Question What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?

Answer Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a *prophet*, of a *priest*, and of a *king*, both in his state of humiliation and exaltation.

Heidelberg Catechism Question and Answer 31

Question Why is he called “Christ,” meaning “anointed”?

Answer Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be

- our chief *prophet* and teacher who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance;
- our only high *priest* who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father;
- and our eternal *king* who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.

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 Hebrew 10:1-25

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

The First Noel

The first Noel the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay:
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

And by the light of that same star
Three Wise men came from country far
To seek for a King was their intent

And to follow the star wherever it went
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

This star drew nigh to the northwest
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest
And there it did both stop and stay
Right o'er the place where Jesus lay
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

Message Preparing for Christmas 2

“Jesus the Priest – the Right Man in our Place”

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

INTRODUCTION

- I. THE NEED OF A PRIEST**
- II. WHAT GRACE PROVIDED**
- III. THE IMPERFECTION OF THE OLD SYSTEM**
- IV. THE MANIFOLD PERFECTIONS OF PRIEST JESUS**
- V. CONCLUSION: THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS**
 - A. No condemnation**
 - B. No other priest**
 - C. We still offer sacrifices**
 - D. Sanctified workers**
 - E. Agents of reconciliation**

Closing Song *Before the Throne*

Authors: Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook.

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great high priest whose name is "Love,"
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
My name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the just, is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me.
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Saviour and my God
With Christ, my Saviour and my God

BENEDICTION³

³ 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 Hebrews 10:1-25

1. Why do we need a priest?
2. What did God and His grace provide under the old covenant and what were its imperfections?
3. How do those imperfections serve to magnify and glorify the perfections that have come in Christ? What is it about the baby born in Bethlehem that enables him to fulfil all of these requirements?
4. Discuss together what the following implications of the Priesthood of Jesus, and the subsequent priesthood of all believers, mean for you:
 - a. No condemnation
 - b. No other priest
 - c. We still offer sacrifices
 - d. Sanctified workers
 - e. Agents of reconciliation

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: 2nd of January 2022

Sunday Picnic – Today

For those who are able let's plan to meet at Long Bay, somewhere between the playground and the second car park from 12:30.

Men's ministry

What Men...encouraging men...reaching men (young & not so young)
When 6:00 pm, 8th of Feb (monthly 2nd Wednesday)
Contact Pastor Pete 021 0367 957

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 26th of January (4th Wed of the month)
Where Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

Shore Summer Worship Program

- 12th of December** Pastor Pete preaching - *Pre Christmas series: Jesus is our Priest*
- 19th of December** Pastor Pete preaching - *Pre Christmas series: Jesus is our King*
- 25th of December** Pastor Pete preaching - "*Christmas Day*" - this will be a Zoom service at 9:30 - please note the earlier time, and that this will be about a half hour service with no plan for people to gather as described above, all though some may choose to privately.
- 26th of December** Pastor Pete preaching
- 2nd of January** Chris Burton preaching
- 9th of January** Ian Grant preaching. Ian will be preaching from Taupo and the group of folk meeting for the new church plant in Taupo will be joining in with Shore Pres worship online - how absolutely delightful.
- 16th of January** Ian Grant preaching - as above
- 23rd of January** Pastor Pete preaching



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