



## **Welcome to Online Worship**

**SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> OF FEBRUARY 2022**

A Congregation of Grace Presbyterian  
Church of New Zealand



# Welcome to Shore Presbyterian Church

## Call to Worship Revelation 5:9-13<sup>1</sup>

<sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying,

*“Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals,  
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed  
people for God from every tribe and language and  
people and nation,*

*<sup>10</sup> and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,  
and they shall reign on the earth.”*

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures  
and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads  
and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> saying with a loud voice,

*“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honour and glory and blessing!”*

<sup>13</sup> And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth  
and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

*“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honour and glory and might forever and ever!”*

## Prayer of adoration and approach

### Song of Adoration<sup>2</sup> & Praise *Who Am I*

Casting Crowns

Who am I, that the Lord of all the earth

Would care to know my name

Would care to feel my hurt?

Who am I, that the bright and morning star

Would choose to light the way

For my ever wandering heart?

Not because of who I am

But because of what You've done

Not because of what I've done

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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.

But because of who You are

I am a flower quickly fading

Here today and gone tomorrow

A wave tossed in the ocean

A vapor in the wind

Still You hear me when I'm calling

Lord, You catch me when I'm falling

You've told me who I am

I am Yours

Who am I, that the eyes that see my sin

Would look on me with love

And watch me rise again?

Who am I, that the voice that calmed the sea

Would call out through the rain

And calm the storm in me?

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### **Time of Confession and Repentance** Psalm 32:1-5

- <sup>1</sup> Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.
- <sup>2</sup> Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
- <sup>3</sup> For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.
- <sup>4</sup> For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
- <sup>5</sup> I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord",  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

### **Corporate Assurance of Grace** Romans 8:31-39

**Leader** What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

**People** He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

**Leader** Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

**People** Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

**Leader** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

**People** As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

**Leader** No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

**ALL** - *for I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

## **Mission Matters in Grace Presbyterian**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

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** Acts 13:13-39

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

*I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)*

Out of the depths I cry to You  
In darkest places I will call  
Incline Your ear to me anew  
And hear my cry for mercy Lord

Were You to count my sinful ways  
How could I come before Your throne  
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze  
I stand redeemed by grace alone

I will wait for You, I will wait for You  
On Your word I will rely  
I will wait for You, surely wait for You  
Till my soul is satisfied

So put Your hope in God alone  
Take courage in His power to save

Completely and forever won  
By Christ emerging from the grave  
I will wait for You, I will wait for You  
On Your word I will rely  
I will wait for You, surely wait for You  
Till my soul is satisfied

Now He has come to make a way  
And God Himself has paid the price  
That all who trust in Him today  
Find healing in His sacrifice  
That all who trust in Him today  
Find healing in His sacrifice  
I will wait for You, I will wait for You  
Through the storm and through the night  
I will wait for You, surely wait for You  
For Your love is my delight

Oh I will wait for You, I will wait for You  
Through the storm and through the night  
I will wait for You, surely wait for You  
For Your love is my delight

I will wait for You, I will wait for You  
On Your word I will rely  
I will wait for You, surely wait for You  
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### **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 (p9) for further information about the offering.

### **Scripture Reading Acts 13:40-52**

## **Message Acts 13:13-52**

### **Embracing the Grace that Embraces us**

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

#### **INTRODUCTION**

- I. THE PRIVILEGE OF GRACE, verses 13-41**
  - A. Grace – Promised through History, verses 13-25**
  - B. Grace – Provided in Christ, verses 26-37**
  - C. Grace – a Privileged Invitation, verses 38-41**
  
- II. PRIVILEGE AND ITS RESPONSIBILITIES**
  - A. The Loss of Privilege, verses 45 and 46**
  - B. The Gospel Doesn't Stop, verses 48 and 49**
  - C. Embracing Grace with Suffering**

## **Closing Song** *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

Author: Matthew Bridges

Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns  
All music but its own!  
Awake, my soul and sing  
Of Him Who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love,  
Behold His hands and side—  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends His wondering eye  
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o'er the grave,  
Who rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
Who died, and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring,  
And lives that death may die.

## **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 Acts 13:13-52

1. What are the significant things that happen in this phase of Paul's first missionary journey?
2. According to Paul, in his sermon in the synagogue in Antioch, what are the privileges that belong to Israel? How is God's grace magnified? How do these privileges and this grace reach their climax in the person and work of Christ?
3. In verses 38 to 41, retrace again the meaning of what is offered to them, and to us, in Jesus Christ.
4. How does that highlight the significance of the rejection of Christ by many?
5. Thinking of your own life story, what are your privileges and in what ways can we still push back against God's grace, even as believers?
6. In what ways, in our own sins, struggles and sorrows, can we embrace more deeply the grace that embraces us? How can we help each other? How can we help a broken world?

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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)).

## 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: 6<sup>th</sup> of March

### Men's Ministry

**What** Men...encouraging men...reaching men (young & not so young)  
**When** From 6:00 pm, 8<sup>th</sup> of March (monthly 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)  
**Where** TBA  
**Contact** Pastor Pete 021 0367 957

### Prayer Meeting

**When** 7:15, 23<sup>rd</sup> of March (4<sup>th</sup> Wed of the month)  
**Where** Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

### Women's Ministry - Event

**What** *Summer Picnic* – first Ladies' event for 2022 - bring and share yummy food - opportunity to share thoughts and ideas for the year ahead  
**When** 12:30 pm, Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of February, **this week**  
**Where** Sherwood Park, Browns Bay  
**Contact** Sharmini 021 056 4024

### **Farewell to Callum Boyd**

Callum is leaving today to commence further studies at Otago University in Dunedin. We pray God's blessings on him as he starts this new adventure and continues his journey as a follower of Jesus Christ.

### **Pastor Pete Away – next week**

Pastor Pete will be away in the South Island, connecting with seed families and other Church Leaders in Nelson. He will also be attending the Southern Presbytery and a Special General Assembly in Dunedin. In his absence Ian Grant will bring God's Word from Ephesians 2:11-22 via zoom, thank you Ian.



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