



## Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OF FEBRUARY 2022

A Congregation of Grace Presbyterian  
Church of New Zealand





# Welcome to Shore Presbyterian Church

## Call to Worship John 6:35-40<sup>1</sup>

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. <sup>36</sup> But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup> All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. <sup>38</sup> For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup> And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup> For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

## Prayer of adoration and approach to God

### Song of Adoration<sup>2</sup> & Praise *In Christ Alone*

Authors: Keith & Kristin Getty

In Christ alone my hope is found;  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

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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.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

### **Corporate Prayer of Confession and Repentance**

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father;  
We have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much the devices and desires  
of our own hearts.  
We have offended against Your holy laws.  
We have not done those things  
which we ought to have done;  
And we have done those things  
which we ought not to have done.  
But You, O Lord are merciful.  
Forgive us, O Lord, as we confess our faults.  
Restore us as we repent, according to Your promises  
declared to us in the Lord Jesus Christ.  
Grant, merciful Father, for His sake;  
that we may live a godly, righteous, and holy life,  
To the glory of Your holy Name. **Amen.**<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> Adapted from the Anglican Prayer Book

**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.

### **Corporate Scripture Reading** Romans 8:28-39

**Leader** And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

**People** For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

**Leader** And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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

**Leader** 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?

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

**Leader** Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—

**People** 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.*

## **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.

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

### *Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

Author: Matt Papa

Come behold the wondrous mystery

In the dawning of the King

He the theme of heaven's praises

Robed in frail humanity

In our longing, in our darkness

Now the light of life has come

Look to Christ, who condescended

Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery

He the perfect Son of Man

In His living, in His suffering

Never trace nor stain of sin

See the true and better Adam

Come to save the hell-bound man

Christ the great and sure fulfillment

Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery

Christ the Lord upon the tree

In the stead of ruined sinners

Hangs the Lamb in victory

See the price of our redemption

See the Father's plan unfold

Bringing many sons to glory

Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery

Slain by death the God of life

But no grave could e'er restrain Him  
Praise the Lord; He is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliverance  
How unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected  
As we will be when he comes **(REPEAT)**

**Message** Romans 8:31-39 *"No Separation"*

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

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

## **INTRODUCTION**

- I. **QUESTION ONE – verse 31 – Who can be against us?**
  
- II. **QUESTION TWO – verse 32 – Will He not give us all things?**
  
- III. **QUESTION THREE – verse 33 – Who shall bring any charge?**
  
- IV. **QUESTION FOUR – verse 34 – Who is to condemn?**
  
- V. **QUESTION FIVE – verses 35-39 – Who shall separate us?**

*"I cannot be separated from the love of God in Christ Jesus my Lord"*

## **Closing Song** *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

Author: George Matheson

O love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in Thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

O joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be.

## **BENEDICTION<sup>4</sup>**

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<sup>4</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 Romans 8:28-39

1. Do a quick survey of Romans 8 and identify all that God has done for us in grace, and will do.
2. Do you fear that you could become separated from the love of God? What are the things that make you think that? How does Romans 8:31-39 answer and assure you?
3. Why is Paul at such pains to convince us that this is what grace means? As we seek assurance and security, where does it ultimately rest?
4. Often it is our sins that condemn us and shake our security. Though this passage does not justify sin it does help us when we fail. When feeling guilty and unforgiven how does this passage set us free?
5. Think about the greatness of God's love.
  - a. How does it compare with all the things this world offers to give us identity and security?
  - b. How does this set us free from the good and the bad things we allow to identify us?
  - c. What responses from us does God's everlasting conquering love require and inspire?

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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, *next Sunday*

### 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

### Protocols for Meeting at Graceways Church

1. The service will still be zoomed live for those who cannot come or who do not feel ready yet in the current situation to meet up.
2. Again the building has a number of rooms – there will be up to 25 plus staff in the auditorium and again up to 25 in the other room which is connected by a passageway. Both rooms have separate entrances which can be accessed from the carpark.
3. Neither room requires a vaccine pass.
4. The toilets are accessed from each room via a separate door and are outside the buildings but have a covered walkway.
5. ***Suggested protocols for us to observe:***

- a. Please stay home if you are sick or are meant to be in isolation.
- b. Please either scan in using the app and the Shore Pres QR Code Posters, or, write your details on the sheet available in both rooms.
- c. There will be hand sanitizer in both rooms.
- d. We encourage people to observe sensible distances from one another.
- e. Even though we love to embrace each other in Christian love we suggest that for the meantime we avoid hugs and handshakes.
- f. Face masks are optional, please feel free to do what you feel most comfortable with, no one has any judgement on this.
- g. Lastly, after the worship service, people should not cross over rooms to mingle but can go through the separate exit doors toward the toilets where there is plenty of open space and covered walkways for people to connect safely.



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