



## **Welcome to Online Worship**

**SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> OF JANUARY 2022**

A Congregation of Grace Presbyterian  
Church of New Zealand



# Welcome to Shore Presbyterian Church

## Call to Worship Psalms 130<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!

<sup>2</sup> O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

<sup>3</sup> If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
O Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup> But with you there is forgiveness,  
that you may be feared.

<sup>5</sup> I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;

<sup>6</sup> my soul waits for the Lord  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with him is plentiful redemption.

<sup>8</sup> And he will redeem Israel  
from all his iniquities.

## Prayer of adoration, confession and approach

### Song of Adoration<sup>2</sup> & Praise *A Mighty Fortress*<sup>3</sup>

Author: Martin Luther

A mighty fortress is our God,  
A bulwark<sup>4</sup> never failing;  
Our helper he, amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing.

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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.

<sup>3</sup> Words & Music: Martin Luther, 1529; translated from German to English by Frederic H. Hedge, 1853.

This song has been called “the greatest hymn of the greatest man of the greatest period of German history” and the “Battle Hymn of the Reformation.” It was sung at the funeral of American president Dwight Eisenhower at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC, March 1969.

<sup>4</sup> ‘Bulwark’ is an extension of a ship's sides above the level of the deck, or a solid wall-like structure raised for defence, or a rampart, or a breakwater/seawall - therefore meaning a strong support or protection, as God is for His people’. And One that never fails, hallelujah!

For still our ancient foe  
Does seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great,  
And armed with cruel hate,  
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,  
Our striving would be losing,  
Were not the right Man on our side,  
The Man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabbaoth<sup>5</sup> his name,  
From age to age the same;  
And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,  
Should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God has willed  
His truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim,  
We tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure,  
For lo! his doom is sure;  
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers  
No thanks to them abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
This mortal life also;  
The body they may kill,  
God's truth abideth still,  
His kingdom is forever!

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<sup>5</sup> 'Sabbaoth' is an English spelling of the Hebrew word denoting an angelic host or army. "Lord of Hosts."

## **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>6</sup>

## **Corporate Profession of Faith** Heidelberg Catechism 1

### **Q1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?**

**Answer.** That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Saviour, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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<sup>6</sup> Adapted from the Anglican Prayer Book

## **Pastoral Prayer**

*Please feel free to send a text through on 027 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 Acts 11:19-29**

### **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**

#### **What A Friend We Have in Jesus**

Author: Charles Crozat Converse | Joseph Medicott Scriven

What a friend we have in Jesus

All our sins and griefs to bear

What a privilege to carry

Everything to God in prayer

O what peace we often forfeit

O what needless pain we bear

All because we do not carry

Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations

Is there trouble anywhere

We should never be discouraged

Take it to the Lord in prayer

Can we find a friend so faithful

Who will all our sorrows share

Jesus knows our every weakness  
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden  
Cumbered with a load of care  
Precious Saviour still our refuge  
Take it to the Lord in prayer  
Do thy friends despise forsake thee  
Take it to the Lord in prayer  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee  
Thou wilt find a solace there

**Scripture Reading** Acts 12:1-24 *Steve Bilton*

**Message** Acts 11:19-12:24 “Being on the Winning Side”

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

## **INTRODUCTION**

- I. GOD’S GOSPEL STRATEGY, 11:19-29**
  - A. The Unstoppable Gospel, verse 19-21**
  - B. Gospel Servants, verses 22-26**
  - C. A New Gospel Mission Station, verse 26**
  - D. The Gospel in Action, verses 27-30**

## II. THE WORLD'S OPPOSITION STRATEGY, chapter 12

A. The Weapons of Conflict, verses 1-5

B. The Answering Glory from Heaven, verses 6-17

C. Opposition Opposed, verses 18-23

D. God's Triumphant Gospel, verse 24

## CONCLUSION BEING GOSPEL SERVANTS

### **Closing Song** *All Creatures*

Author: St. Francis of Assisi

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
*O praise Him! O praise Him!*  
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou rushing morn in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening find a voice,  
*O praise Him! O praise Him!*  
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Praise all ye men of tender heart  
Forgiving others take your part  
O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on Him cast your care  
*O praise Him! O praise Him!*  
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness.  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One  
*O praise Him! O praise Him!*  
*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## **BENEDICTION<sup>7</sup>**

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<sup>7</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 11:19-12:24

1. What stands out for you in Acts 11:19-29 in the way that the Gospel expands? How do you see God's sovereignty? What is the character of the people involved? What is the significance of Antioch and what do we learn about church mission strategy?
2. How are Gospel words matched by loving deeds here and what do we learn from that?
3. In what ways does the opposition to the Gospel seem like it is winning in chapter 12? How can we feel like that now? What is God's answer?
4. What is the key weapon that the seemingly powerless Church has here? How important is that in our lives and ministries?
5. How does God display His power for the sake of the Gospel here? How does that encourage us to continue "on the winning side"? And how does that challenge us to true faith and obedience to that Gospel? What does that look like in our daily lives in the 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 February 2022, *next week*

### Men's Ministry

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

### Prayer Meeting

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

### **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 30<sup>th</sup> of January
- Where** Boyd's place, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay
- Contact** Pastor Pete 021 0367 957

### **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
- Where** Sherwood Park, Browns Bay
- Contact** Sharmini 021 056 4024



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