



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 6TH OF MARCH 2022

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

A Congregation of Grace Presbyterian
Church of New Zealand



Welcome to Shore Presbyterian Church

Call to Worship Romans 8:1-4¹

¹ There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

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.

Song of Adoration² & Praise *God Of Wonders*

Authors: Mark Byrd, and Steve Hindalong

Lord of all creation

Of water earth and sky

The heavens are your tabernacle

Glory to the Lord on high

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy, holy

The universe declares your majesty, you are holy, holy

Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning

I will celebrate the light

When I stumble in the darkness

I will call your name by night

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.

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy, holy
The universe declares your majesty, you are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth (4x)

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, you are holy, holy
The universe declares your majesty, you are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth.

Profession of Faith *The Apostle's Creed*³

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 catholic⁴ church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

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

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

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 Romans 8:18-39

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word

Be Thou My Vision

Author: Dalan Forgail

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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.

Message Romans 8:18-28 *“Groaning, Grace and Glory”*

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

INTRODUCTION

- I. GRACE AT WORK FOR US, verses 18-25**

- II. GRACE AT WORK IN US, verses 26-27**
 - a. Our hopeful groaning**
 - b. The helpful groaning of the Holy Spirit**
 - c. Heard by God**

- III. GRACE AT WORK AROUND US, verse 28**
 - a. God at work, in all**
 - b. For the good, in all**
 - i. In the good**
 - ii. In the bad**
 - iii. In the ugly**

- IV. CONCLUSION: MAKING SENSE OF OUR SORROWS**

Song of preparation for the Lord's Supper

Lead Me To The Cross

Authors: Hillsong United

Saviour I come quiet my soul
Remember redemption's hill
Where your blood was spilled
For my ransom

Everything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

*Lead me to the cross
Where your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to you
Lead me to the cross*

You were as I, tempted and tried, human
The Word became flesh
Bore my sin and death
Now you're risen

Everything I once held dear
I count it all as loss

*Lead me to the cross
Where your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to you
Lead me to the cross*

To your heart
To your heart
Lead me to your heart
Lead me to your heart

*Lead me to the cross
Where your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to you
Lead me to the cross*

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

Time of Silent Prayer

See Prayers on page 10 if you need help

Assurance of Grace *Heidelberg Catechism*

Question 60. *How are you righteous before God?*

Answer. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ: that is, although my conscience accuses me, that I have grievously sinned against all the commandments of God, and have never kept any of them, and am still prone always to all evil; yet God, without any merit of mine, of mere grace, grants and imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never committed nor had any sins, and had myself accomplished all the obedience which Christ has fulfilled for me; if only I accept such benefit with a believing heart.

Prayer at the Lord's Table *Paul Burton*

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Closing Song *Arise My Soul Arise*

Author: Charles Wesley

Arise my soul arise

Shake off your guilty fears;

The bleeding sacrifice,

In my behalf appears;

Before the throne my Surety stands,

Before the throne my Surety stands,

My name is written on His hands.

He ever lives above,

For me to intercede;

His all redeeming love,

His precious blood, to plead;

His blood atoned for every race,

His blood atoned for every race,

And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Arise, arise, arise, Arise, my soul, arise.

Arise, arise, arise, Arise, my soul, arise.

My God is reconciled;

His pardoning voice I hear;

He owns me for His child;

I can no longer fear

With confidence I now draw nigh,

With confidence I now draw nigh,

And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

Arise, arise, arise, Arise, my soul, arise.

Arise, arise, arise, Arise, my soul, arise.

Shake off your guilty fears and rise

BENEDICTION

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.*

Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

Scripture Reading Romans 8:18-39 (especially verses 18-28)

1. How do we see the creation groaning? How do we experience groaning? What do we learn from it? What is the hope it points us too? Do you believe Romans 8:18?
2. In your groaning and the world's groaning do you experienced times of weakness and pain when you feel lost for words and unable to talk to God? What aspects of the Spirit's work in Romans 8:26-27 encourage and help you? How?
3. What do you think it means that the Spirit groans and how does this connect with the groaning of both creation and God's children? How is the Spirit's work another sign of God's abundant grace?
4. How does Romans 8:28 encourage you today? Think about what it means that the universe is not a mechanism run by blind chance but by our Father in heaven. How does that help in your past, present or future circumstances?
5. What does it mean that God works for good in "the good and the bad and the ugly (i.e. our sins and failures)"? Can we thwart God's purposes? What might the "good" purpose look like?
6. (Optional) Take time to meditate on the Hymn "Be Still my Soul" (next page). Share what lines are meaningful to you.

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) or with our Church Treasurer Miriam Burden (imaburden2@gmail.com).

Be still, my soul

Words: Katharina A. von Schlegel, in Neue Sammlung Geistlicher Lieder; translated from German to English by Jane L. Borthwick in Hymns from the Land of Luther, 1855. Music: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius, 1899

Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide;
In every change, He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake
To guide the future, as He has the past.
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice Who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,
Then shalt thou better know His love, His heart,
Who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.
Be still, my soul: thy Jesus can repay
From His own fullness all He takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
When we shall be forever with the Lord.
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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: 6th of March, **today**

Men's Ministry

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

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 23rd of March (4th 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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