



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 20TH OF MARCH 2022

A Congregation of Grace Presbyterian
Church of New Zealand



Welcome to Shore Presbyterian Church

Call to Worship Psalms 145:14-21¹

- ¹⁴ The LORD upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.
- ¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food in due season.
- ¹⁶ You open your hand;
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- ¹⁷ The LORD is righteous in all his ways
and kind in all his works.
- ¹⁸ The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.
- ¹⁹ He fulfils the desire of those who fear him;
he also hears their cry and saves them.
- ²⁰ The LORD preserves all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.
- ²¹ My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

Prayer of adoration, confession and approach

Songs of Adoration² & Praise *You Alone Can Rescue*

Author: Matt Redman

Who, oh Lord, could save themselves,
Their own sin could heal?
Our shame was deeper than the sea
Your Grace is deeper still

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*You alone can rescue, You alone can save
You alone can lift us from the grave*

¹ All passages of Scripture taken from the English Standard Version.

² Adoration: the act of paying honour, as to a divine being; worship; reverent homage; fervent and devoted love.

*You came down to find us, led us out of death
To You alone belongs the highest praise*

You, oh Lord, have made a way
The great divide You heal
For when our hearts were far away
Your love went further still
Yes, your love goes further still

*You alone can rescue, You alone can save
You alone can lift us from the grave
You came down to find us, led us out of death
To You alone belongs the highest praise
You alone can rescue, You alone can save
You alone can lift us from the grave
You came down to find us, led us out of death
To You alone belongs the highest praise
To You alone belongs the highest praise
To You alone belongs the highest praise*

Still

Hide me now
Under Your wings
Cover me
Within Your mighty hand

*When the oceans rise and thunders roar
I will soar with You above the storm
Father, You are King over the flood
I will be still, know You are God*

Find rest my soul
In Christ alone
Know His power
In quietness and trust

*When the oceans rise and thunders roar
I will soar with You above the storm
Father, You are King over the flood
I will be still, know You are God*

[Interlude]

Find rest my soul
In Christ alone
Know His pow'r
In quietness and trust

*When the oceans rise and thunders roar
I will soar with You above the storm
Father, You are King over the flood
I will be still, know You are God
I will be still, know you are God!*

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.**³

Assurance of Grace Psalms 103:8-14

⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

³ Adapted from the Anglican Prayer Book

- ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- ¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
- ¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
- ¹⁴ For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.

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 14

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word

When I Survey

Author: Isaac Watts

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it Lord that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to His blood

See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did ever such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small.
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my 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 (p8) for further information about the offering.

Message Acts 14 “I Love Thy Church O God”

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

INTRODUCTION

I. PASSION FOR THE CHURCH

II. PROVISION OF THE CHURCH

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a. Appointment of Elders

b. Apostolic Faith

c. The Lord Himself

CONCLUSION

Closing Song *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Author: Thomas O. Chisholm

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

Great is Thy faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness

Morning by morning new mercies I see

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Great is Thy faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness

Morning by morning new mercies I see

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

Great is Thy faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness

Morning by morning new mercies I see

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

BENEDICTION⁴

⁴ 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 14 (especially verses 21-23)

1. Think about the words of the hymn “I love Thy Church O Lord” (see page 9). How do you feel about the church? What are your experiences in the church that contribute to how you feel about it? What are attitudes in our culture, even among Christians to the Church?
2. How does Christ view the church? How does Paul view it? How does he show his passion for it even in persecution?
3. How is church actually a provision for our perseverance, growth and fruitfulness?
4. What three things in verses 22, 23 has God provided for the Church? How do you understand the role and the importance of elders? What is the place of the Scriptures?
5. Discuss this quote *“Most Christians realize that effective outreach is based on love for God and that it also means loving our community enough to sacrifice. What we often fail to recognize is that a joy-filled love for the church is also a key to outreach. If we don’t love the church, why would our unbelieving friends love the Lord of the church?”* (from Kevin G. Harney, “Organic Outreach for Churches”)
6. How can we help one another grow in genuine and practical love for the church?

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).

I love Thy Church, O Lord,

Timothy Dwight, 1752-1817. Adapted and verses selected

I love Thy Church, O Lord,
The house of Thine abode,
The church our blessed Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood.

I love Thy church, O God.
Her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye,
And written on Thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall
For her my prayers ascend,
To her my cares and toils be given
Till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise.

Sure as Thy truth shall last,
To Zion shall be given
The brightest glories earth can yield
And brighter bliss of Heaven.

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: 3rd of April

Men's Ministry

What Men...encouraging men...reaching men (young & not so young)
When From 6:00 pm, 13th of April (monthly 2nd Wednesday)
Where TBA
Contact Pastor Pete 021 0367 957

Prayer Meeting

When 7:15, 23rd of March (4th Wed of the month), **this week**
Where **TBA**

Meeting at Graceway Baptist 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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