



## **Welcome to Worship**

**SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OF APRIL 2022**

A Congregation of Grace Presbyterian  
Church of New Zealand





# Welcome to Shore Presbyterian Church

## Call to Worship Psalms 95:1-7a<sup>1</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- <sup>2</sup> Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- <sup>3</sup> For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.
- <sup>4</sup> In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.
- <sup>5</sup> The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.
- <sup>6</sup> Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
- <sup>7</sup> For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.

## Prayer of adoration, confession and approach

### Songs of Adoration<sup>2</sup> & Praise *Rock of Ages*

Author: Augustus M. Toplady

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy wounded side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labor of my hands  
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,

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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.

All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,  
Simply to Thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to Thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly;  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When my eyes shall close in death,  
When I rise to worlds unknown,  
And behold Thee on Thy throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.

### ***When Peace like a River***

Author: Horatio Spafford

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

*It is well (It is well), With my soul (With my soul)*  
*It is well, it is well, with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.

*It is well (It is well), With my soul (With my soul)*  
*It is well, it is well, with my soul.*

My sin, Oh the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Oh my soul!

*It is well (It is well), With my soul (With my soul)*  
*It is well, it is well, with my soul.*

And Lord haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so, it is well with my soul.

*It is well (It is well), With my soul (With my soul)  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.*

## **Professing Faith and Assurance together**

### *The Apostle's Creed*<sup>3</sup>

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 catholic<sup>4</sup> church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

## **Assurance of Grace** *Heidelberg Catechism*

**Question 26**      *What do you believe when you say: I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?*

**Answer.** That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who out of nothing created heaven and earth  
and all that is in them,

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

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

and who still upholds and governs them  
by his eternal counsel and providence,  
is, for the sake of Christ his Son,  
my God and my Father.

In him I trust so completely  
as to have no doubt  
that he will provide me  
with all things necessary for body and soul,  
and will also turn to my good  
whatever adversity he sends me  
in this life of sorrow.

He is able to do so as almighty God,  
and willing also as a faithful Father.

### **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 15:36-16:5

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

#### *Speak O Lord*

Authors: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you  
To receive the food of your Holy Word.  
Take your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us  
All your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail—  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;  
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us—  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,  
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built  
And the earth is filled with your glory.

**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 15:36-16:5 *"The True Gospel Gives Strength"*

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

## **INTRODUCTION**

### **I. THE TRUE GOSPEL GIVES STRENGTH, 16:5; 15:32, 41**

### **II. THE TRUE GOSPEL GIVES HOPE IN PAIN, 15:36-41**

### III. THE TRUE GOSPEL GIVES A CROSS-BEARING HEART, 16:1-5

## CONCLUSION

### **Closing Song** *By Faith*

Authors: Kieth and Kristin Getty

By faith we see the hand of God  
In the light of creation's grand design  
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness  
Who walk by faith and not by sight

By faith our fathers roamed the earth  
With the power of His promise in their hearts  
Of a holy city built by God's own hand  
A place where peace and justice reign

*We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our souls' reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the prophets saw a day  
When the longed-for Messiah would appear  
With the power to break the chains of sin and death  
And rise triumphant from the grave

By faith the church was called to go  
In the power of the Spirit to the lost  
To deliver captives and to preach good news  
In every corner of the earth

*We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our souls' reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*



By faith this mountain shall be moved  
And the power of the gospel shall prevail  
For we know in Christ all things are possible  
For all who call upon His name

*We will stand as children of the promise  
We will fix our eyes on Him our souls' reward  
Till the race is finished and the work is done  
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

## **BENEDICTION<sup>5</sup>**

### **Encouragement Group Discussion Questions**

**Scripture Reading** Acts 15:36-16:5

1. Consider Acts 16:5; 15:32 and 41. It is implied here that the letter from Jerusalem and accompanying encouragements had the effect of strengthening the Churches. In what ways does the true Gospel, established in the Council, strengthen us in ways that false Gospels don't?
2. Discuss the fallout between Barnabas and Paul over Mark. What was the outcome? How does this give you hope in the pains and messes of life? How does eternal hope differ from worldly hope?
3. Why did Paul have Timothy circumcised when he had so strongly opposed circumcision? How does this challenge you about cross-bearing and Gospel witness to the lost (see 1 Corinthians 9:19-23)?

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<sup>5</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.

## 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> of April  
**NB** ***Moved to 10<sup>th</sup> of April for this month as we worship again at Long Bay Primary School Hall***

### Men's Ministry

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

### Prayer Meeting

**When** 7:15, 27<sup>th</sup> of April (4<sup>th</sup> Wed of the month)  
**Where** **TBA**

### Good News

With the changes with vaccine passes and mandates Long Bay Primary School have said we can return to worship at the Hall. That means we can resume 10 am services there from Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> of April. Praise the Lord for His kindness and bless all of Shore Pres for your faithfulness and patience.

## **Focussed Prayer Item**

As the year progresses, we would encourage you to pray for the Lord to lead us to a new Pastor. Pray also for a very diligent and hard-working Pulpit Committee and continue to pray strength and direction for them.

## **Music Teams**

The Lord continues to provide us with faithful musical people to lead our songs of praise. Do pray for the Lord's enabling of Tom, Miriam, Oliver, Chris, Sophia, Seth and Kerin (from Christchurch for the interim) as they serve. Also Ariel is kindly taking care of the rostering of music teams and administering the Christian Copyright Licensing.

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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)).



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