



## **Welcome to Worship**

**SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> OF APRIL 2022**

### **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

A Congregation of Grace Presbyterian  
Church of New Zealand



# Welcome to Shore Presbyterian Church

## **Call to Worship** Isaiah 12;1-6<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> You will say in that day:

“I will give thanks to you, O LORD,  
for though you were angry with me,  
your anger turned away,  
that you might comfort me.

<sup>2</sup> “Behold, God is my salvation;  
I will trust, and will not be afraid;  
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.”

<sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

<sup>4</sup> And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the LORD,  
call upon his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples,  
proclaim that his name is exalted.

<sup>5</sup> “Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be made known in all the earth.

<sup>6</sup> Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

## **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.

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<sup>1</sup> All passages of Scripture taken from the English Standard Version.

## **Song of Adoration<sup>2</sup> & Praise** *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

Author: Matthew Bridges

Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns  
All music but its own!  
Awake, my soul and sing  
Of Him Who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love,  
Behold His hands and side—  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends His wondering eye  
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o'er the grave,  
Who rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
Who died, and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring,  
And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of peace!  
Whose power a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
Absorbed in prayer and praise:  
His reign shall know no end,  
And round His piercèd feet  
Fair flowers of paradise extend  
Their fragrance ever sweet.

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

Crown him the Lord of years,  
the potentate<sup>3</sup> of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably<sup>4</sup> sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.

## **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** Luke 23:26-43

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

### *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,

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<sup>3</sup> 'Potentate' means a ruler, a sovereign king or power and one who wields great power or sway, thus the Lord wields sovereign power over all time and history.

<sup>4</sup> 'Ineffable' means 'too great or extreme to be expressed or described in words'. This word coupled with 'sublime' which means 'of very great excellence or beauty' causes us to love, praise and trust the God whose beauty and excellence is ultimately beyond the scope of mere words to fully describe.

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.

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.

### **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 (p10) for further information about the offering.

### **Message** Luke 23:39-43

*“Abounding Grace in the Darkest Hour”*

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

### **INTRODUCTION**

## I. THE REPRESENTATIVE SINNERS

## II. THE REPRESENTATIVE SINNER

## III. ABOUNDING GRACE

## IV. ALL OF GRACE

## CONCLUSION

### **Song of preparation for the Lord's Supper**

#### *There is a Redeemer*

Authors: Keith Green

There is a Redeemer,  
Jesus, God's own Son,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy One.

Jesus my Redeemer,  
Name above all names,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Oh, for sinners slain.

*Thank you oh my Father,  
For giving us your Son,  
And leaving your Spirit,  
'Til the work on earth is done.*

When I stand in glory,  
I will see His face,  
And there I'll serve my King forever,  
In that holy place.

*Thank you oh my Father,  
For giving us your Son,  
And leaving your Spirit,  
'Til the work on earth is done.*

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

### **Time of Silent Prayer**

See Prayers on page 9 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*

### Celebration of the Lord's Supper

#### Closing Song    Jesus Paid It All

Author: Elvina M. Hall

I hear the Saviour say,  
"Thy strength indeed is small,  
Child of weakness, watch and pray,  
Find in me thine all in all."

Lord, now indeed I find  
Thy pow'r and Thine alone,  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone.

*Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.*

And when, before the throne,  
I stand in Him complete,  
"Jesus died my soul to save,"  
My lips shall still repeat.

Jesus paid it all,  
*Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.*

(Bridge)    *Oh, praise the one who paid my debt,  
and raised this life up from the dead (repeat)*

*Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.*

### 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** Luke 23:39-43

1. As you meditate on Jesus as He is displayed in this event, what stands out for you or, how does He encourage you?
2. How do you account for the way He hears and responds to the one who asks to be remembered?
3. How do you account for the significantly different approaches of the two criminals to Jesus? How can they mirror our own hearts?
4. We are constantly prone to leaning on our own own efforts or performance to be right with God? How does this scene correct that?
5. How might this amazing story be helpful to someone who may be interested in Christianity?

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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: 1<sup>st</sup> of May

### 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 Friday

**What** A simple home gathering to remember the Cross. We will sing, give thanks, and have an interactive meditation on “the seven sayings of the Saviour on the cross”. Followed by morning tea.  
**When** 10 a.m., Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of April  
**Where** Boyd's home

### 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.



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