



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY 17th OF APRIL 2022

Resurrection Sunday

**Celebration of the
Lord's Supper**

A Congregation of Grace Presbyterian
Church of New Zealand



Resurrection day greeting

Pastor Christ is risen!

God's people He is risen indeed!

Call to Worship 1 Corinthians 15:50-58¹

¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ...

⁵¹ Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵ “O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

Prayer of Praise and Adoration²

Songs of Adoration³ & Praise Thine Be The Glory

Author: Edmund Budry

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;

Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,

Kept the folded grave-clothes, where Thy body lay.

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.

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*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
For the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

See What A Morning

Authors: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

See what a morning gloriously bright
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem
Folded the grave-clothes tomb filled with light
As the angels announce Christ is risen

*See God's salvation plan wrought in love
Borne in pain paid in sacrifice
Fulfilled in Christ the Man for He lives
Christ is risen from the dead!*

See Mary weeping where is He laid
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb
Hears a voice speaking calling her name
It's the Master the Lord raised to life again

*The voice that spans the years
Speaking life stirring hope bringing peace to us
Will sound till He appears
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead!*

One with the Father Ancient of Days
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty
Honour and blessing glory and praise
To the King crowned with pow'r and authority
And we are raised with Him
Death is dead love has won Christ has conquered
And we shall reign with Him
For He lives Christ is risen from the dead! (REPEAT)

Scripture Reading Mark 16:1-8 (Church Bible p853)

Profession of Faith *Heidelberg Catechism 45⁴*

Question 45. How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

Answer First, by his resurrection he has overcome death so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life. Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.

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.

Song of preparation for hearing God's Word

This I Believe

Authors: Ben Fielding and Matt Crocker

Our Father everlasting

The all creating one

God Almighty

Through your Holy Spirit

Conceiving Christ the Son

Jesus our Saviour

⁴ The Heidelberg Catechism is a 16th Century document setting out a biblical faith. A Catechism is a helpful means of learning the Christian faith by memorizing and understanding questions and answers.

*I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus*

Our Judge and our Defender
Suffered and crucified
Forgiveness is in you
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life
Forever seated high

*I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
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Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus*

Bridge *I believe in You*

*I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord
And I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord*

I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe, in the name of Jesus

*I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
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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.

Scripture Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9 (Church Bible p1014)

Message 1 Peter 1:3-5 *“The greatness of a sure hope”*

There are worksheets at the back for children if you wish during the message

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

INTRODUCTION

- I. A PEOPLE OF HOPE, verse 3**

- II. THROUGH THE NEW BIRTH, verse 3**

- III. THROUGH THE RESURRECTION, verse 3**
 - A. PROOF AND GUARANTEE**

 - B. IT’S MEANING FOR PETER**

 - C. THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE RESURRECTION**

IV. INTO AN INHERITANCE, verse 4

A. KEPT FOR US

1. Imperishable
2. undefiled
3. Unfading

B. KEPT FOR IT, verse 5

CONCLUSION

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

Prayer at the Lord's Table Paul Burton

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.*

Closing Song *Christ The Lord Is Risen Today*

Author: Charles Wesley

Christ, the Lord, is risen today, *Alleluia!*
Sons of men and angels say, *Alleluia!*
Raise your joys and triumphs high, *Alleluia!*
Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, *Alleluia!*

Lives again our glorious King, *Alleluia!*
Where, O death, is now thy sting? *Alleluia!*
Once He died our souls to save, *Alleluia!*
Where thy victory, O grave? *Alleluia!*

Soar we now where Christ hath led, *Alleluia!*
Following our exalted Head, *Alleluia!*
Made like Him, like Him we rise, *Alleluia!*
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, *Alleluia!*

Hail, the Lord of earth and Heaven, *Alleluia!*
Praise to Thee by both be given, *Alleluia!*
Thee we greet triumphant now, *Alleluia!*
Hail, the resurrection, thou, *Alleluia!*

BENEDICTION⁵

⁵ 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 1 Peter 1:3-5

1. Why do you think we live in such a “hope-less” world? Discuss the fact that even as Christians we wrestle with things like depression and suicide.
2. How does the resurrection of Jesus transform the meaning and purpose of life? How can we believe in the resurrection?
3. List and discuss all the ways in which we are reminded and assured that we are a ‘people of hope’ (compare Sartre: “you are your life and nothing else”).
4. How does Peter describe the nature of our inheritance and assure us that, neither it nor we, can be lost?
5. How is knowing our identity and future meant to make a difference in life’s griefs and trials? And why do we still struggle to remember and live out that reality?
6. What does knowing our identity and future require of us in our present pilgrimage? And why do we still struggle to remember and live out that reality?

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).

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: 1st of May
NB *Also today as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour*

Men's Ministry

What Men...encouraging men...reaching men (young & not so young)
When From 6:30 pm, 11th of May (monthly 2nd Wednesday)
Where TBA
Contact Pastor Pete 021 0367 957

Prayer Meeting

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

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.

Lady's - Coffee, Catch up and Conversations

What *Back on again*, a coffee catch-up to encourage & inspire one another as we grow in Christ together. For all ages and stages.
When From 10:00 am, Saturday, 7th of May
Where *The Stoned Cow Café* in Browns Bay (used to be the post office)

A way to help Ukraine

An opportunity through our brother and sister Joao and Tania:

I am excited to share with you all the great opportunity to bless our Ukrainians brothers and sisters who are living in a Christian refugee camp in Poland right at the Ukraine boarder. Listening to a cry out of a pastor over there, Joao and I have decided to do something. We are raising funds to load up a big truck full of food, clothes, and medicines. From here in Italy we will drive to Poland and personally deliver all the goods at the refugee camp. The road trip will take around 30 hours driving (to go and get back) We are planning to get there at the end of April just before our trip to Nepal in May. We wondered if we could extend the opportunity to contribute to you and as well as people in Brazil. We know that we all are facing a Covid hard time... But nothing to compare what our brother and sisters are facing over there!! Pray for us and huge thank you from the bottom of our heart ❤️ T & J Petreceli

A deadline for donations is Monday 18.04.2022 - We will be sending reports to all supporters.

Donations to ANZ Bank 06 0949 0222398 00, reference: Ukraine

Any other question to Tania directly by WhatsApp +642108269669

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 24th of April

SHORE KID'S LEADER	CRECHE	KITCHEN & MORNING TEA	OPEN UP & FIRE WARDEN	HALL SET-UP	HALL TAKE DOWN & CLEAN UP	SUPERVISE PLAY GROUND
TBA	Volunteer	Amy Munroe and Mia Pang	Dennis	Dennis, Daniel Pang and Oliver Burton	Dennis, Daniel P., Oliver & Volunteers	Volunteers

Some of the basic commitments of Shore Pres for your interest (more available on the website: shorepres.org.nz)

We want to be a community of grace. The Church has not always represented Jesus well; sometimes it has been harsh and hurtful. Often people are struggling with great hurts in life as well as great questions and doubts. We desire to be a community that provides acceptance and allows for time to heal and room to work through doubts and fears as we all learn together from the grace and wisdom that Jesus offers.

We want to love and to serve. One of the great joys of being a Christian is in knowing how much Jesus, who is God, has loved and served us. So in response we seek to love and serve others, both within the Christian community and into the community in which we live. We hope that the warmth of our Sunday meetings expresses something of that Jesus kind of love.

We want to worship. We are committed to meeting to worship God for His glory and grace and that our gathered worship is the high point of our lives. We also believe that worship extends to every part of our lives and our daily pursuits and that we serve and honour Him in all that we do. We are committed to corporate worship that embraces and respects those who may not yet believe. For that reason we try to practice a worship that is orderly and understandable; and that does not demand any more involvement than a visitor is willing or able to give.

We want to be missional. That is to say we, don't believe we exist as Christians for our own sake. Rather Christ has commanded and modelled for us a way of life marked by neighbour love. We are to do good in the world and to care for our culture and our communities. We are to serve Him where we worship, where we work, where we study, where we live, even where we play. We also believe that the Good News of sins forgiven and everlasting life through the death and resurrection of Jesus is the message that everyone needs to hear.

We believe the Bible. That is to say, we believe that the Bible is the Word of God and that that is where God speaks authoritatively. The Bible is the place to find answers to the great questions of life. So the Bible takes central place in our worship, our gatherings and in our lives.

We believe the Gospel. We believe the Good News that Jesus is the Son of God who died and rose again to bring us into an eternal relationship with God through the forgiveness of sins.

We believe in Jesus. We believe that the man Jesus was born of a virgin and is the Son of God, that He lived a fully obedient life and gave His life as a substitute on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins so that we could be forgiven, declared righteous in Him and live forever with Him in a new heaven and a new earth. We believe He rose from the dead and reigns now and will come again in victory.

We are Confessional. We also hold to a statement of beliefs called the Westminster Confession of Faith. It is secondary to the Bible but helpfully sets out in ordered form what we believe the Bible teaches on important doctrines. Elders and pastors vow commitment to that confession at their ordination.

We are Presbyterian. This relates particularly to our form of government. Local church is led by elders who conform to biblical standards for leadership and are elected by the congregation who desire their spiritual care and oversight. Elders from a number of local churches also serve in regional bodies called Presbytery, which also provides wider wisdom and help to the local congregations. The Church leadership also meets once a year in a national assembly to consult on matters of importance to the whole church.

We are Reformed. Our doctrinal standards reflect something of the theology of the Reformation in Europe and Great Britain which revived a number of key biblical commitments: Scripture alone, salvation through faith alone, by grace alone, through Christ alone for the glory of God alone. The Reformed faith has a strong sense of the sovereignty of God over the world, its people and its history, and calls for us to submit to His sovereignty in our own lives. This we gladly do since we believe the biblical view is the only one that makes sense of reality.

We are Complementarian. We take seriously what the Bible teaches about the creation of men and women, that they equally bear the image and likeness of God and are equal in dignity and worth. We also believe the Bible teaches unique roles for men and women which are not about status but about finding fulfilment in serving God in the ways He has designed.

We are Covenantal. We believe that God in Christ makes a commitment to His people which the Bible calls a covenant. It expresses His abiding faithfulness to His promises and calls us also to our responsibility in the covenant arrangement to be obedient and faithful. In particular the Bible teaches that God makes a commitment to Christian families which give great spiritual privileges to the children and remind them that they have great responsibility to walk in the faith of their parents which is their spiritual inheritance, and that to rebel brings greater judgement. We believe that children should receive the blessing of baptism because of the position they have before God.

User warning: *It's a little risky to state right up front what we believe. Such things can be open to misunderstanding or simply viewed as arrogant. Nevertheless not stating them is just as problematical since it leaves people in the dark about what we are committed to. And the bottom line is that for the church to be the church it is significantly committed to something. That being said, please recognise that these are simple statements for ease of reading. They cannot answer all the questions they may create. Those discussions are left to other opportunities – like visiting with us to hear more or by contacting Peter our pastor to discuss them.*



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