



## **Welcome to Worship**

SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OF AUGUST 2022

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

A Congregation of Grace Presbyterian  
Church of New Zealand



# Welcome to Shore Presbyterian Church

**New to Church?** We do understand that coming to a church meeting can be an uncomfortable experience for many people. We don't want you to feel anxious. Our style is relaxed and friendly and nobody will be put on the spot or asked to do something unfamiliar. ***You can simply be here and observe or participate to the degree you are comfortable.*** You do not have to be a Christian; this is an opportunity, in a non-threatening environment to learn more about who Jesus is and why we want to follow him. If you don't feel like praying, singing, or even standing up you don't need to, no one will think less of you. We will try to explain some aspects of the meeting as we go but we realise that some of our practices may seem strange. If you have any questions about why we do any of the things we do please don't hesitate to ask anyone who's involved with the service. Our pastor would love to answer any questions you have about the service or the message.

**Thanks again for joining with us this morning. We hope you find the time to be both encouraging and thought provoking. Please join us after the service for coffee, tea and snacks.**

## **Call to Worship** Hebrews 12:22-24, 26-29<sup>1</sup>

<sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

... <sup>26</sup> At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” <sup>27</sup> This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of things that are shaken—that is, things that have been made—in order that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup> Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup> for our God is a consuming fire.

## **Prayer of adoration, approach 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.

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

Author: Reginald Heber

Holy holy holy

Lord God Almighty

Early in the morning

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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.

Our song shall rise to Thee  
Holy holy holy  
Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons  
Blessed Trinity

Holy holy holy  
Though the darkness hide Thee  
Though the eye of sinful man  
Thy glory may not see  
Only Thou art holy  
There is none beside Thee  
Perfect in power  
In love and purity

Holy holy holy  
Lord God Almighty  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name  
In earth and sky and sea  
Holy holy holy  
Merciful and mighty  
God in three persons  
Blessed Trinity

### ***Come Thou Fount***

Author: Robert Robinson

Come Thou Fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>;  
Hither by Thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

O that day when freed from sinning,  
I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed I'll be in blood washed linen  
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace;  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry,  
Take my ransomed soul away;  
Send Thine angels now to carry  
Me to realms of endless day.

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<sup>3</sup> Ebenezer is a name meaning “stone of help” and refers to a stone that was set up by the Israelites to remember a victory over the Philistines by God’s help, when previously they had suffered defeat, see 1 Samuel 7:12. The memorial stone represented God’s merciful help to His people; it also therefore represents a fresh beginning, a reversal of course for God’s people. It also says something important about God’s commitment to His redeemed people: His mercies are everlasting; his covenant is forever. As we sing these words it says the same for us. We remember that God has shown us His mercies and faithfulness and so we are strengthened and encouraged to continue to walk by faith in Him and His grace as we go into the unknown future.

## **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.**<sup>4</sup>

## **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** 2 Samuel 5:6-16 (Church Bible p258)

## **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 (p13) for further information about the offering.

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<sup>4</sup> Adapted from the Anglican Prayer Book

## **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.

### **Message** 2 Samuel 5:6-16 *"An Unshakable Foundation"*

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

### **INTRODUCTION**

**God creates a city with an unshakable foundation by:**

- I. KEEPING HIS PROMISES
  
- II. TRIUMPHING OVER FEARSOME FOES AND VINDICATING HIS HONOUR
  
- III. HIS VERY PRESENCE IN THE CITY
  
- IV. CAUSING THE NATIONS TO BE SUBSERVIENT TO HIS RULE AND REIGN
  
- V. RULING FOR THE SAKE OF THE PEOPLE
  
- VI. PROVIDING A PERFECT KING AND CITY FOUNDER

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



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

### *I Surrender All*

Author: Judson W. Van de Venter

All to Jesus I surrender,  
All to him I freely give;  
I will ever love and trust him,  
In his presence daily live.

*I surrender all I surrender all  
All to Thee, my blessed Saviour,  
I surrender all.*

All to Jesus I surrender,  
Make me, Saviour, wholly Thine;  
May Thy Holy Spirit fill me,  
May I know Thy pow'r divine.

*I surrender all I surrender all  
All to Thee my blessed Saviour  
I surrender all.*

All to Jesus I surrender,  
Lord, I give myself to Thee;  
Fill me with Thy love and power,  
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

*I surrender all I surrender all  
All to Thee my blessed Saviour  
I surrender all.*

## **Confessing our Faith *The Apostle's Creed*<sup>5</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.

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<sup>5</sup> The Apostle's Creed represents the earliest and most widespread expression of faith among Christians throughout the history of the Church.

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>6</sup> church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

## **Prayer at the Lord's Table**

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

#### **Closing Song** *All Glory be to Christ*

Author: Dustin Kensrue

Should nothing of our efforts stand  
No legacy survive  
Unless the Lord does raise the house  
In vain its builders strive

To you who boast tomorrow's gain  
Tell me, what is your life?  
A mist that vanishes at dawn  
All glory be to Christ!

*All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ!  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, All glory be to Christ!*

His will be done, His kingdom come  
On earth as is above  
Who is Himself our daily bread  
Praise Him, the Lord of love

Let living water satisfy  
The thirsty without price  
We'll take a cup of kindness yet  
All glory be to Christ

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<sup>6</sup> The term "catholic" here means "worldwide" and "universal" in regards to the church and is not referring to any particular denomination.

*All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ!  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, All glory be to Christ!*

When on the day the great I Am  
The faithful and the true  
The Lamb who was for sinners slain  
Is making all things new

Behold our God shall live with us  
And be our steadfast light  
And we shall e'er his people be  
All glory be to Christ!

*All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ!  
His rule and reign we'll ever sing, All glory be to Christ!*

## **BENEDICTION<sup>7</sup>**

### **Encouragement Group Discussion Questions**

**Scripture Reading**    2 Samuel 5:6-16

1. Are there ways that you feel God is slow to keep his promises? Why and how can you hold fast to hope?
2. What do you feel are your biggest "foes" right now? (Those things that keep you from the life God intends for you). What can you do to appropriate Christ's victory against these foes?
3. In what things that are sure to crumble or fade away are you most tempted to place your hope? Why?
4. What do you think it looks like to live each day in light of the certainty of the Lord's eternal rule and reign?

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<sup>7</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, 7:00-9:00 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: 7<sup>th</sup> of August, **today**

### Men's Ministry

**What** Men...encouraging men...reaching men (young & not so young)  
**When** From 6:30 pm, 10<sup>th</sup> of August (monthly 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday)  
**Where** Pastor Pete's home  
**Contact** Pastor Pete 021 0367 957, ***NB, postponed as Pete is away.***

### Prayer Meeting

**When** 7:15, 24<sup>th</sup> of August (4<sup>th</sup> Wed of the month)  
**Where** Boyd's home, 15 Summit Drive, Torbay

### Welcome to Russell, Sarah, and Evangelina Thomas

We are delighted to have Russell and Sarah with us. Please take the opportunity to get to know them. Russell will be preaching today. We pray the Lord's blessings on their children back home and for safe travel this as they return to the States this evening. Thanks for being with us Russell and Sarah!

## Important Congregational Meeting

Please note your diaries for the 14<sup>th</sup> of August, next Sunday. We will have a Congregational Meeting straight after morning worship. This is an important meeting to discuss and decide if we would like to issue a Call to Russell Thomas to be our Pastor.

## Pastor Pete and Jan's Timetable

Please continue in prayer for the transitions that are ahead of us as a Church. Dates are becoming clearer and Peter and Janet's last Sunday with us will be the 30<sup>th</sup> of October.

## News regarding the Brazilian Missionaries coming to Shore

Hallelujah! The Visas for Pastor Marcos, Edenise, and children Lucas, Stephanie, and André, to come to New Zealand have been approved. More news to follow about when they may be arriving and how we can welcome and support them.

## Serving Roster for next Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> of August

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	Dorette Knoeson and Nicki Sartori	Dennis	Dennis, Allan Huang and Jonathan Munroe	Dennis, Allan, Jonathan and Volunteers	Volunteers

### ***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)).

## **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.*

**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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