



## Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY,  
2<sup>nd</sup> of April, 2023

The Lord's Day

Lord's Supper Service

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 evening. We hope you find the time to be both encouraging and thought provoking. Please join us after the service for coffee, tea and snacks.**

## ***A Note about Children in Worship***

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." (Mt. 19:14). It might be a bit uncommon for children to be in worship for the duration of the service in the broader church today, but we are glad for them to be present. There is little of greater importance than learning to worship our God. Our children learn to worship, not by being absent from worship, but by being in worship. It could be stretching or uncomfortable at times for the congregation, or especially parents of squirming children. But we want to keep the big picture in view, and as a congregation, support and pray for God's Word to take deep root in the hearts of our children, and by His Spirit, produce fruit for His glory. We do not want to tolerate them, or merely keep our children quiet, but help them see and savour Jesus Christ.

## **Call to Worship    *(Responsive)*    Zechariah 9:9,10,17<sup>1</sup>**

[9] Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. [10] ... his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

*(Response)*        [17] *For how great is his goodness, and how great his beauty!*

## **Prayer of Adoration, Confession, and Approach**

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

#### *Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven*

Author: Henry Francis Lyte

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
To his feet your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Evermore his praises sing.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favor  
To his people in distress.  
Praise him, still the same as ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Fatherlike he tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame he knows.  
In his hand he gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Widely yet his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him;  
You behold him face to face.  
Sun and moon, bow down before him,

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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.

Dwellers all in time and space.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

### ***Only a Holy God***

Author: Cityalight

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?  
Who else could make every king bow down?  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?  
Only a holy God  
What other beauty demands such praises?  
What other splendor outshines the sun?  
What other majesty rules with justice?  
Only a holy God

*(CHORUS)*

Come and behold Him  
The one and the only  
Cry out, sing "Holy"  
Forever a holy God  
Come and worship the holy God

What other glory consumes like fire?  
What other power can raise the dead?  
What other name remains undefeated?  
Only a holy God

*(CHORUS)*

Who else could rescue me from my failure?  
Who else would offer His only Son?  
Who else invites me to call Him "Father"?  
Only a holy God  
Only my holy God!

*(CHORUS)*

## **Dedication of offering and prayer for children <sup>3</sup>**

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 for further information about the offering.

**Scripture Reading**                      *Psalm 118:19-29*      (*Church Bible p.511*)

## **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**      *John 12:12-19*                      (*Church Bible p.899*)

## **Prayer of Illumination**

**Message**                      *John 12:12-19 “Obliterated Expectations of Kingship”*

*Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions*

**Its our tendency to have very human expectations for Jesus’ Kingship, but our expectations of his Kingship must be obliterated since only Divine expectations will do.**

1. Expectations Identified
2. Expectations Accepted
3. Expectations Obliterated

**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

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### **4 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 an elder or with our Church Treasurer Miriam Burden ([imaburden2@gmail.com](mailto:imaburden2@gmail.com)).

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 11. If you have questions about these things, please contact one of the Elders.

***(Institution of the Lord's Supper, Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 75,76<sup>4</sup>)***

**75. Q.** How does the Lord's Supper signify and seal to you that you share in Christ's one sacrifice on the cross and in all His gifts?

**A.** In this way: Christ has commanded me and all believers to eat of this broken bread and drink of this cup in remembrance of Him. With this command He gave these promises: First, as surely as I see with my eyes the bread of the Lord broken for me and the cup given to me, so surely was His body offered for me and His blood poured out for me on the cross. Second, as surely as I receive from the hand of the minister and taste with my mouth the bread and the cup of the Lord as sure signs of Christ's body and blood, so surely does He Himself nourish and refresh my soul to everlasting life with His crucified body and shed blood.

**76. Q.** What does it mean to eat the crucified body of Christ and to drink His shed blood?

**A.** First, to accept with a believing heart all the suffering and the death of Christ, and so receive forgiveness of sins and life eternal. Second, to be united more and more to His sacred body through the Holy Spirit, who lives both in Christ and in us. Therefore, although Christ is in heaven and we are on earth, yet we are flesh of His flesh and bone of His bones, and we forever live and are governed by one Spirit, as the members of our body are by one soul.

**Profession of Faith**      *Nicene Creed*<sup>5</sup>

We believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,

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<sup>4</sup> The Heidelberg Catechism is a trusted Reformed catechism written in 1563 as a teaching tool for young people. It is known for its warm-hearted and personal tone.

<sup>5</sup> The Nicene Creed is a statement of the orthodox faith of the early Christian church in opposition to certain heresies.

begotten from the Father before all ages,  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made;  
of the same essence as the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and was made human.  
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried.  
The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.  
He ascended to heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again with glory  
to judge the living and the dead.  
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life.  
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
He spoke through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,  
and to life in the world to come. Amen.

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

### ***(Song of Reflection)***

*(While the elements are served use this song to reflect & quietly draw near to the Lord.)*

#### *In Christ Alone*

Authors: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

*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  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every 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 power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand*

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

### **Song of Response**

*I Know Whom I Have Believed*

Author: Daniel W. Whittle

I know not why God's wondrous grace  
To me He hath made known,  
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love  
Redeemed me for His own.  
But I know Whom I have believed,  
And am persuaded that He is able  
To keep that which I've committed  
Unto Him against that day.

I know not how this saving faith  
To me He did impart,  
Nor how believing in His Word



Wrought peace within my heart.  
But I know Whom I have believed,  
And am persuaded that He is able  
To keep that which I've committed  
Unto Him against that day.

I know not how the Spirit moves,  
Convincing men of sin,  
Revealing Jesus through the Word,  
Creating faith in Him.  
But I know Whom I have believed,  
And am persuaded that He is able  
To keep that which I've committed  
Unto Him against that day.

I know not what of good or ill  
May be reserved for me,  
Of weary ways or golden days,  
Before His face I see.  
But I know Whom I have believed,  
And am persuaded that He is able  
To keep that which I've committed  
Unto Him against that day.

I know not when my Lord may come,  
At night or noonday fair,  
Nor if I'll walk the vale with Him,  
Or meet Him in the air.  
But I know Whom I have believed,  
And am persuaded that He is able  
To keep that which I've committed  
Unto Him against that day.

**BENEDICTION<sup>6</sup>**      *1 Peter 5:10*

May the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

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<sup>6</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.

## Encouragement Group Discussion Questions

### Scripture Reading John 12:12-19

1. What did the crowd seem to expect of Jesus? Why?
2. Where these expectations accurate?
3. How does Jesus react to the crowd? Does he affirm or deny their expectations?
4. What do you expect of Jesus kingship? (Honestly.)
5. How can you grow in Divine expectations of His Kingship? What might this look like practically in your life?

## 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** (Today), next: 7<sup>th</sup> of May (first Sunday of every month)

### Prayer Meeting – Sundays, 10am

While we are away from Long Bay Primary, the church is invited to pray together at the Thomas family's home. If you need the address, ask Pastor Russell. *We will not gather for this prayer time on Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.*

### Worship at Graceway Baptist at 4pm

Our worship time and location for this period while we are away from Long Bay Primary will continue to be Graceway Baptist Church at 4pm. We are hopeful to return to Long Bay Primary as soon as possible.

### Women's Fellowship and Morning Tea—Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> of April, 9:30 until 11

This will be at the Goodenough's home in Torbay. Contact Ingrid: 021 215 8171

**Combined Good Friday Worship—10am at Northcross Church, 7<sup>th</sup> of April**

This will be a combined worship service with other church from the Northern Bays. Tea, coffee, and hot cross buns will be provided after the service. The address is 826a East Coast Road, Oteha.

**Serving Roster for next Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> of April**

SHORE KID'S LEADER	CRECHE	KITCHEN & AFTERNOON TEA	OPEN UP & FIRE WARDE N	HALL SET-UP	HALL TAKE DOWN & CLEAN UP	SUPERVISE PLAY GROUND
TBA	Volunteer	Grace Ng & Sarah Thomas	Dennis	Dennis & Thomas Family	Dennis, Thomas Family & Volunteers	N/A

**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.*



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