



## Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY,  
9<sup>th</sup> of April, 2023

The Lord's Day

Easter Sunday

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)*     1 Peter 1:3, 2:1, Luke 24:34<sup>1</sup>

*Leader:* Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

*(Response)*         *He has called us out of darkness and into His marvelous light!*

*Leader:*             Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

*(Response)*         *He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

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

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

#### *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Author: Charles Wesley

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

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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.

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!

King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia!  
Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!  
Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia!  
Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

### ***Because He Lives***

*Author: Bill Gaither*

God sent His son  
They called Him Jesus  
He came to love  
Heal and forgive  
He bled and died  
To buy my pardon  
An empty grave  
Is there to prove  
My savior lives

And because He lives  
I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives  
All fear is gone  
Because I know  
He holds the future  
And life is worth the living  
Just because He lives

And then one day  
I'll cross the river  
And I'll fight life's final war with pain  
And then  
As death gives way to victory

I'll see the lights of glory  
And I'll know He reigns

Because He lives  
I can face tomorrow  
Because He lives  
All fear is gone  
Because I know  
He holds the future  
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## **Reading of Easter Story for Kids & Prayer for Children**

### **Songs of Adoration & Praise**

#### *Jesus Paid it All*

Author: Elvina M. Hall

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

#### *REFRAIN*

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

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

#### *(REFRAIN)*

For nothing good have I  
Whereby Thy grace to claim;  
I'll wash my garments white  
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

#### *(REFRAIN)*

And when, before the throne,  
I stand in Him complete,  
“Jesus died my soul to save,”  
My lips shall still repeat.  
(REFRAIN)

### ***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 burning eye  
At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace,  
Whose power a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
And all be prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end,  
And round His pierced feet  
Fair flowers of glory now extend  
Their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years,  
The Potentate of time.  
Creator of the rolling spheres,

Ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For Thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise shall never, never fail  
Throughout eternity.

### **Dedication of offering and Pastoral Prayer** <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.

*(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.

### **Confession of Faith**      *Heidelberg Catechism 45*

Q. How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

A. First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained of 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.

**Scripture Reading**    *John 20:1-18*      *(Church Bible p.906)*

### **Prayer of Illumination**

**Message** *John 20:11-18 "Grief to Glee through Resurrection Grace"*

*Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions*

Big Idea: The Gardener (Jesus) replaces grief with glee through resurrection grace by:

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#### **3 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)).

1. Making a tomb the throne of Grace.
2. Meeting us personally, by name.
3. His presence in the garden.
4. Ascending to the Father.

## **Song of Response**

### *On That Day*

*Authors: CityAlight*

I believe in Christ, risen from the dead  
He now reigns victorious, His kingdom knows no end  
Through His resurrection death has lost its hold  
I know on that final day I'll rise as Jesus rose

On that day we will see You shining brighter than the sun  
On that day we will know You as we lift our voice as one  
Till that day we will praise You for Your never ending grace  
And we will keep on singing on that glorious day

What a blessed hope, though now tired and worn  
We will spend eternity around our Saviour's throne  
Though we grieve our losses we grieve not in vain  
For we know our crown of glory waits beyond the grave

On that day we will see You shining brighter than the sun  
On that day we will know You as we lift our voice as one  
Till that day we will praise You for Your never ending grace  
And we will keep on singing on that glorious day  
Hallelujah what a day it will be  
For at home with You my joy is complete  
As I run into Your arms open wide I will see  
My father who is waiting for me

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### **BENEDICTION<sup>4</sup>**      *1 Thessalonians 5:23–24*

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

## **Encouragement Group Discussion Questions**

### **Scripture Reading**      John 20:1-18

1. What has brought you grief of late?
2. What might the location of the two angels in the tomb indicate? If so, why?
3. In the context of the whole Bible, what's the significance of the garden and the "gardener"?
4. What benefits does the ascension bring to believers? (See also Heidelberg 49)
5. How does Jesus' resurrection give you hope in the midst of current grief? (Pray for these things together.)

## **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

<sup>4</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.

### Lord's Supper and Fellowship Meal

**When:** first Sunday of every month; next—7<sup>th</sup> of May

### 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.

### 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

### Serving Roster for next Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> of April

SHORE KID'S LEADER	CRECHE	KITCHEN & AFTERNOON TEA	OPEN UP & FIRE WARDEN	HALL SET-UP	HALL TAKE DOWN & CLEAN UP	SUPERVISE PLAY GROUND
TBA	Volunteer	Nicki Sartori & Julie Tupu-South	Dennis	Dennis & Ben Tupu	Dennis, Ben & Volunteers	N/A

**Some of the basic commitments of Shore Pres for your interest  
(more available on the website: [shorepres.org.nz](http://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 Russell our pastor to discuss them.*



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