



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY,
7th of May, 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 *Derived from John 10:3,4,11¹*

I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for His sheep. My sheep know my voice and listen to my voice. I call them by name and lead them out.

Prayer of Adoration, Confession, and Approach

Songs of Adoration² & Praise

Who Am I?

Author: Mark Hall

Verse 1

Who am I that the Lord of all the earth
Would care to know my name
Would care to feel my hurt
Who am I that the Bright and Morning Star
Would choose to light the way
For my ever wand'ring heart

Pre-Chorus

Not because of who I am
But because of what You've done
Not because of what I've done
But because of who You are

Chorus

I am a flower quickly fading
Here today and gone tomorrow
A wave tossed in the ocean
A vapor in the wind
Still You hear me when I'm calling
Lord You catch me when I'm falling
And You've told me who I am
I am Yours

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.

Verse 2

Who am I that the eyes that see my sin
Would look on me with love
And watch me rise again
Who am I that the voice that calmed the sea
Would call out through the rain
And calm the storm in me

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Author: Henry Lyte

Jesus, I my cross have taken,
All to leave and follow Thee.
Destitute, despised, forsaken,
Thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought or hoped or known.
Yet how rich is my condition!
God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me;
Thou art not, like them, untrue.
O while Thou dost smile upon me,
God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me,
Show Thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me,
'Twill but drive me to Thy breast.
Life with trials hard may press me;
Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me
While Thy love is left to me;
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me,
Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure,
Come disaster, scorn and pain
In Thy service, pain is pleasure,
With Thy favor, loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father,
I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;
All must work for good to me.

Soul, then know thy full salvation
Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station,
Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee,
Think what Father's smiles are thine,
Think that Jesus died to win thee,
Child of heaven, canst thou repine.³

Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith, and winged by prayer.
Heaven's eternal days before thee,
God's own hand shall guide us there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,
Hope shall change to glad fruition,
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

Scripture Reading *Ezekiel 34:7-16* (Church Bible p.722)

Pastoral Prayer with Dedication of Offering and Prayer for Children

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.

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.

³ Repine means to feel discontentment.

That is why we have a box by the door. Please see endnote for further information about the offering.⁴

Scripture Reading *Titus 1:1-11* (*Church Bible p.998*)

Prayer of Illumination

Message *Titus 1:1-11* “*The Elder as God’s Steward*”

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

Big Idea: Christ shepherds his people in the local church through a plurality of elders.

- *What is an elder?*
 - “Elders are under-shepherds with Christ-like character who serve the Good Shepherd by leading *his* sheep.”
 - “Teaching” and “Ruling” elders
- *What does an elder do?*
 - (not a person necessarily successful in worldly business...)
 - Seeks to tend the sheep as Jesus would.
 - Teaches
 - Guards doctrine
 - Serves the broader church
 - Gives an account to the Lord. (Hebrews 13...)
- *How does a local church get elders?*
 - Ultimately the Holy Spirit provides...
 - The Lord has compassion on his ppl who are like sheep without a shepherd.
 - They aspire to it.
 - They are qualified.
 - The Lords uses the congregation, the local church elders, and the presbytery to confirm a man’s calling.
- *What if I distrust leadership or do not want to submit to leaders?*
Conclusion: (Ezekiel 34)

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).

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

Institution of the Lord's Supper *1 Corinthians 11:23-29*

Profession of Faith *Apostles Creed*⁵

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only-begotten Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate; Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; The holy catholic 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

(Song of Reflection)

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

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

Author: Horatius Bonar

Verse 1

I heard the voice of Jesus say,

"Come unto me and rest;

Lay down, O weary one, lay down

Your head upon my breast."

I came to Jesus as I was

⁵ The Apostles' Creed dates to the time shortly after Jesus' apostles and expresses the core tenets of the faith, held and taught by Jesus' apostles.

*So weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place
And he has made me glad.*

Verse 2

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
The living water, thirsty one,
Stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.*

Verse 3

*I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,
And all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found
In Him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till traveling days are done.*

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Song of Response

Psalm 23

Stuart Townend

Verse 1

The Lord's my Shepherd I'll not want
He makes me lie in pastures green
He leads me by the still still waters
His goodness restores my soul

Chorus

And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home

Verse 2

He guides my ways in righteousness
And He anoints my head with oil
And my cup it overflows with joy
I feast on His pure delights

Chorus

And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home

Verse 3

And though I walk the darkest path
I will not fear the evil one
For You are with me
And Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know

Chorus

And I will trust in You alone
And I will trust in You alone
For Your endless mercy follows me
Your goodness will lead me home

BENEDICTION⁶ *Psalm 23*

May the Lord shepherd you and make you lie down in green pastures;
may He restore your soul and lead you in paths of righteousness;
may he be with you and comfort you;
may He anoint your head with oil and bestow his goodness and mercy on you all the
days of your life.

⁶ 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 Titus 1:1-11 & Ezekiel 34:7-16

1. Why is the structure (or “trellis”) of a church important?
2. Identify a leader whose leadership was a blessing to you. How so?
3. What stands out to you among the qualifications in Titus 1? Why?
4. What can give us peace and confidence to be under spiritual leaders, even when we know they aren’t perfect?
5. What are the challenges of being a leader in the church?
6. As a group, pray for your leaders, especially your spiritual leaders.

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: 4th of June (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.

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.

Music Ministry Interest

We are interested in bringing more singers and musicians into the fold to contribute toward our musical worship. If you are interested in contributing, please contact Oliver Burton at 0224309860 or oliver@burtonfamily.co.nz

“Heart for Asia” – Learn and Pray for mission in Japan & other Asian countries

Sophia will be taking part in an OMF event called, “Heart for Asia,” which will highlight and be an opportunity to pray for missions work throughout Asia. The event will be at Eden Community Church in Auckland, next Saturday, 13th of May, 1:30-3:00pm. You can also register to join via zoom at <https://omf.org/nz/event/heart-for-asia-13-may/>

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 14th of May

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 & Debbie Port	Dennis	Dennis & Justin Port	Dennis, Justin & 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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