



## Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY,  
2<sup>nd</sup> of July, 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

*Psalm 107:1-3,23-32*

- [1] Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!
- [2] Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,  
whom he has redeemed from trouble
- [3] and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.
- [23] Some went down to the sea in ships,  
doing business on the great waters;
- [24] they saw the deeds of the LORD,  
his wondrous works in the deep.
- [25] For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,  
which lifted up the waves of the sea.
- [26] They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths;  
their courage melted away in their evil plight;
- [27] they reeled and staggered like drunken men  
and were at their wits' end.
- [28] Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.
- [29] He made the storm be still,  
and the waves of the sea were hushed.
- [30] Then they were glad that the waters were quiet,  
and he brought them to their desired haven.
- [31] Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to the children of man!
- [32] Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,  
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

## Prayer of Adoration, Confession, and Approach

## **Song of Adoration & Praise**

### *Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery*

Authors: Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, Michael Bleecker

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
In the dawning of the King  
He the theme of heaven's praises  
Robed in frail humanity  
In our longing, in our darkness  
Now the light of life has come  
Look to Christ, who condescended  
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
He the perfect Son of Man  
In His living, in His suffering  
Never trace nor stain of sin  
See the true and better Adam  
Come to save the hell-bound man  
Christ the great and sure fulfillment  
Of the law; in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
Christ the Lord upon the tree  
In the stead of ruined sinners  
Hangs the Lamb in victory  
See the price of our redemption  
See the Father's plan unfold  
Bringing many sons to glory  
Grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery  
Slain by death the God of life  
But no grave could e'er restrain  
Him Praise the Lord; He is alive!  
What a foretaste of deliverance  
How unwavering our hope  
Christ in power resurrected  
As we will be when he comes

## Pastoral Prayer with Dedication of Offering

This will normally include opportunity for you to share things you are thankful for or want to ask God for. Although 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. Please see endnote for further information about the offering.<sup>1</sup>

## Song of Preparation for Hearing God's Word

### *Before the Throne of God Above*

Author: Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook

Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong, a perfect plea,  
A great high priest whose name is "Love,"  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands,  
My name is written on his heart;  
I know that while in heav'n he stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see him there  
Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Saviour died,  
My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the just, is satisfied  
To look on him and pardon me.  
To look on him and pardon me.

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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)).

Behold him there! the risen Lamb,  
My perfect, spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of glory and of grace!  
One with himself I cannot die,  
My soul is purchased by his blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Saviour and my God  
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## **Kids Message and Prayer for our children**

**Scripture Reading**                      *John 6:16-21*                      (*Church Bible p.891*)

### **Prayer of Illumination**

**Message**                      *John 6:16-21*                      “*The I AM*”

*Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions*

Big Idea: Jesus is the I AM.

Because Jesus is the I AM we should:

- Be afraid of Jesus.
- Not be afraid of Jesus.
- Be afraid of nothing.
- Live in wonder and worship.

**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**        *Apostle Creed*<sup>2</sup>

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 to the dead.

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.)*

*"As the Deer"*

*Author: Marty Nystrom*

*As the deer panteth for the water*

*So my soul longeth after Thee*

*You alone are my heart's desire*

*And I long to worship Thee*

*You alone are my strength my shield*

*To You alone may my spirit yield*

*You alone are my heart's desire*

*And I long to worship Thee*

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<sup>2</sup> 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.

*You're my friend and You are my brother  
Even though You are a King  
I love You more than any other  
So much more than anything*

*I want You more than gold or silver  
Only You can satisfy  
You alone are the real joygiver  
And the apple of my eye*

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

### **Song of Response**

*Oh the Mercy of God*

*Author: Geoff Bullock*

Oh the mercy of God  
The glory of grace  
That You chose to redeem us  
To forgive and restore  
And You call us Your children  
Chosen in Him  
To be holy and blameless  
To the glory of God  
*To the praise of His glorious grace  
To the praise of His glory and power  
To Him be all glory  
Honour and praise  
Forever and ever and ever  
Amen*

Oh the richness of grace  
The depths of His love  
In Him is redemption  
The forgiveness of sin  
You called us as righteous  
Predestined in Him  
For the praise of His glory  
Included in Christ  
*To the praise of His glorious grace*



*To the praise of His glory and power  
To Him be all glory  
Honour and praise  
Forever and ever and ever  
Amen*

Oh the glory of God  
Expressed in His Son  
His image and likeness  
Revealed to us all  
The plan of the ages  
Completed in Christ  
That we be presented  
Perfected in Him

*To the praise of His glorious grace  
To the praise of His glory and power  
To Him be all glory  
Honour and praise  
Forever and ever and ever  
Amen (Repeat)*

**BENEDICTION<sup>3</sup>**                      *Psalm 91:14-16*

For those who hold fast to the Lord Most High in love, may He deliver you and protect you. When you call to him, may he answer you, be with you, rescue you, and honor you; and with long life may he satisfy you and show you his salvation.

**Encouragement Group Discussion Questions**

**Scripture Reading** John 6:16-21 (also Exodus 3)

1. Why were the disciples frightened?
2. When Jesus said, “Ego Emi” (“It is I,”) (“I am”), as he stood on the water, what was did this mean?
3. Why should we be afraid of Jesus? What Scriptures support this?
4. Why should we not be afraid of Jesus, and how do you reconcile fearing Him and not fearing Him?
5. What does it mean to live in wonder and worship, and how can doing so impact non-believers around you?

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<sup>3</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** (Today), next: 6<sup>th</sup> of August (first Sunday of every month)

### Prayer Meeting—Fortnightly at the Goodenoughs, Sundays at 7:00pm

Our regular prayer meeting is fortnightly at the Goodenoughs. The next three are July 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and August 6<sup>th</sup>. Please ask Paul or Ingrid, or Pastor Russell if you need their address.

### Serving Roster for next Sunday the 9<sup>th</sup> of July

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	Nicki Sartori & 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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