



## Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY,  
16<sup>TH</sup> OF JANUARY 2023

The Lord's Day

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.**

## ***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 merely tolerate them, or merely keep our children quiet, but help them see and savour Jesus Christ.

## Call to Worship

## *Revelation 5 (extracts)*

Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll...and... I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain... and when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb... and they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth." ... and I heard... the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

## Prayer of Invocation<sup>1</sup>

### Songs of Adoration and Praise

#### *How Can I Keep from Singing?*

Author: Robert Lowry

My life flows on in endless song  
Above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn  
That hails a new creation.

Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing,  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing?

*No storm can shake my inmost calm  
While to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
How can I keep from singing?*

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<sup>1</sup> An invocation is simply a prayer that calls upon God's presence, assistance, and blessing during worship.

What though my joys and comforts die?  
I know my Saviour liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth.

*No storm can shake my inmost calm  
While to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
How can I keep from singing?*

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
A fountain ever springing;  
All things are mine since I am his,  
How can I keep from singing?

*No storm can shake my inmost calm  
While to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
How can I keep from singing?*

### ***Praise My Soul***

Authors: Henry F. Lyte, John Goss

Praise my soul the King of heaven  
To His feet thy tribute bring  
Ransomed healed restored forgiven  
Who like thee His praise should sing  
Praise Him Praise Him  
Praise Him Praise Him  
Praise the everlasting King

Praise Him for His grace and favour  
To our fathers in distress  
Praise Him still the same forever  
Slow to chide and swift to bless  
Praise Him Praise Him  
Praise Him Praise Him  
Glorious in His faithfulness

Father-like He tends and spares us  
Well our feeble frame He knows

In His hands He gently bears us  
Rescues us from all our foes  
Praise Him Praise Him  
Praise Him Praise Him  
Widely as His mercy flows

Angels in the height adore Him  
Ye behold Him face to face  
Sun and moon bow down before Him  
Dwellers all in time and space  
Praise Him Praise Him  
Praise Him Praise Him  
Praise with us the God of grace

### **Confession of Sin**

*Isaiah 1.18-20*

“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD:  
though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though  
they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing  
and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and  
rebel, you shall be eaten by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has  
spoken.”

### **Assurance of Grace**

*Romans 1:16,17*

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for  
salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the  
Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith,  
as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Dedication of Offering <sup>2</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, which is why there is box by the door. Please  
see endnote for further information about the offering.

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#### **2 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)).

**Confession of Faith**      Westminster Shorter Catechism 30<sup>3</sup>

Q30. How does the Holy Spirit apply to us the redemption Christ bought?  
*The Spirit applies to us the redemption Christ bought by producing faith in us and so uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.*

**Scripture Reading**      *Ephesians 1.3-14*      (Church Bible p.976)

***Show Us Christ***

*Author: Sovereign Grace Music*

Prepare our hearts, O God  
Help us to receive  
Break the hard and stony ground  
Help our unbelief  
Plant Your Word down deep in us  
Cause it to bear fruit  
Open up our ears to hear  
Lead us in Your truth

*Show us Christ, show us Christ  
O God, reveal Your glory  
Through the preaching of Your Word  
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord*

Your Word is living light  
Upon our darkened eyes  
Guards us through temptations  
Makes the simple wise  
Your Word is food for famished ones  
Freedom for the slave  
Riches for the needy soul  
Come speak to us today

*Show us Christ, show us Christ  
O God, reveal Your glory  
Through the preaching of Your Word  
Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord*

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<sup>3</sup> From *The Westminster Shorter Catechism in Modern English* by Douglas F. Kelly and Philip Rollinson.

## **BRIDGE**

*Where else can we go, Lord*

*Where else can we go*

*You have the words of eternal life*

*Where else can we go, Lord*

*Where else can we go*

*You have the words of eternal life (repeat)*

*Show us Christ, show us Christ*

*O God, reveal Your glory*

*Through the preaching of Your Word*

*Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord*

## **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.

## **Prayer for our Children**

**Scripture Reading**    *John 6:48-71 (Church Bible p.892)*

## **Prayer of Illumination**

**Message**        *John 6:48-71*

*Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions*

**Big Idea: Through faith we are nourished by Christ, united with him and share in his life.**

Teachings of Christ in the sermon preached in the Synagogue of Capernaum:

- I. (48-50) To be saved, it is not enough to recognise and appropriate the types of Christ, but to recognise Christ himself and, by faith, appropriate him.

- II. (51) To bring salvation, Jesus, the bread of Life, gives himself in a voluntary and vicarious sacrifice for the life of the world.
  
- III. Only by being united to Christ can we have salvation.

Reactions to Jesus' sermon:

- I. Abandonment because of disappointment and unbelief.
  
- II. Confident Confession
  
- III. False Engagement

Applications:

- Praise to God for sending us his Son, the true Manna who offered himself to us in a voluntary and vicarious sacrifice.
  
- Gratitude to God for giving us faith, bringing us to Christ to be nourished and made alive in his blood.
  
- Willingness to place ourselves in Christ's hands in order to proclaim him to the world through his teachings.



## **Song of Response**

### *Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder*

Authors: John Newton, Laura Taylor

Let us love and sing and wonder  
Let us praise the Saviour's name  
He has hushed the Law's loud thunder  
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame  
*You have washed us with your blood  
You have washed us with your blood  
You have washed us with your blood  
You have brought us near to God.*

Let us love the Lord who bought us  
Pitied us when enemies  
Called us by his grace and taught us  
Gave us ears and gave us eyes  
*You have washed us with your blood  
You have washed us with your blood  
You have washed us with your blood  
You present us whole to God.*

Let us sing though fierce temptation  
Threatens hard to bear us down  
For the Lord, our strong salvation,  
Holds in view the conqueror's crown  
*You have washed us with your blood  
You have washed us with your blood  
You have washed us with your blood  
You will bring us home to God.*

Let us wonder grace and justice  
Join and point to mercy's store  
When through grace in Christ our trust is  
Justice smiles and asks no more  
*You have washed us with your blood  
You have washed us with your blood  
You have washed us with your blood  
You secured our way to God.*

Let us praise and join the chorus  
Of the saints enthroned on high  
Here they trusted Him before us  
Now their praises fill the sky

*You have washed us with your blood  
You have washed us with your blood  
You have washed us with your blood  
You are worthy Lamb of God*

### **Benediction and Doxology<sup>4</sup>**      *Ephesians 3:16b-20*

May he grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

### **Encouragement Group Discussion Questions**

#### **Scripture Reading**      *John 6: 48-71*

1. Are there people today who still value the types of Christ more than Christ himself?
2. Do you find offensive the teaching that you do not co-operate at all with your salvation?
3. Do you feel nourished and quickened in the blood of Christ?
4. Does knowing that Christ's voluntary and vicarious death was carried out for people all over the world bring you any responsibility?

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<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.

Doxology: a brief expression of praise to God. (from the Greek *dóxa*, “glory” and *lógos*, “speaking”)

# 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:** first Sunday of every month; next—6<sup>th</sup> of August

## Prayer Mtg – Sundays, Fortnightly @ 7pm (*next week*)

Our regular prayer time is now fortnightly on Sundays at the Goodenough's home in Torbay. Please ask Paul or Ingrid, or Pastor Russell if you need the address. The next three will be the **23<sup>rd</sup> of July**, 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of August.

## Grace Theological College –enrol for next semester

**Everyone's a Theologian:** Have you considered theological study? It sounds more daunting than it really is. At Grace Theological College you can take classes in Bible, Hebrew, Counselling, Pastoral Leadership, Preaching, and, yes, Theology. Classes start 17 July. [www.gtc.ac.nz](http://www.gtc.ac.nz)

## Free counselling sessions

Sharmini needs to increase her practicum hours for her counselling studies, so she is offering free counseling sessions, please speak to Sharmini for more information.

## Serving Roster for next Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July

KITCHEN & SHARED DINNER	OPEN UP & FIRE WARDEN	HALL SET-UP	HALL TAKE DOWN & CLEAN UP
Ingrid Goodenough Dorette Knoeson	Dennis	Dennis van B Paul Goodenough	Same & Volunteers



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