



## Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY,  
7<sup>th</sup> of April, 2024

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 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 tolerate them, or merely keep our children quiet, but help them see and savour Jesus Christ. *However, since we realize that helping little ones in worship can be difficult, there is an additional room available for parents with little ones to use during the service as needed.*

## **Call to Worship**     *1 Cor. 1:30-31 & Ps. 13:5-6*     *(Responsive)*

*(Leader):*            God is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

*(Response):*        My heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

## **Invocation** <sup>1</sup>

### **Song of Adoration & Praise**

#### *Psalm 150 (Praise the Lord)*

*Authors: Matt Boswell & Matt Papa*

You made the starry hosts  
You traced the mountain peaks  
You paint the evening sky with wonders  
The earth, it is Your throne  
From desert to the sea  
All nature testifies Your splendor

#### *(CHORUS)*

Praise the Lord  
Praise the Lord  
Sing His greatness  
All creation  
Praise the Lord  
Raise your voice  
You heights and all you depths  
From furthest east to west  
Let everything that has breath  
Praise the Lord

You reached into the dust  
In love, Your Spirit breathed  
You formed us in Your very likeness  
To know Your wondrous works

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

To tell Your mighty deeds  
To join the everlasting chorus

*(CHORUS)*

Let symphonies resound  
Let drums and choirs ring out  
All heaven hear the sound of worship  
Let every nation bring  
Its honors to the King  
A roar of harmonies eternal

*(FINAL CHORUS)*

Praise the Lord  
Praise the Lord  
Sing His greatness  
All creation  
Praise the Lord  
Raise your voice  
You heights and all you depths  
From furthest east to west  
You distant burning stars  
All creatures near and far  
From sky to sea to shore  
Sing out forevermore  
Let everything that has breath  
Praise the Lord

### **Confession of Sin**

*Exodus 20:2–3*

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.”

### **Assurance of Grace**

*Isaiah 1:18*

“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.”

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving for Grace**

## **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 footnote for further information about the offering.<sup>2</sup>

## **Song of Preparation for Hearing God's Word**

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Author: Reginald Heber

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Who was, and is, and evermore will be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

## **Kids Message and Prayer for our children**

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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 (treasurer@shorepres.org.nz).

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Message**      *John 14:1-14*      *“Jesus as Balm for Troubled Hearts”*

*Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions*

**Big Idea:** For disciples with troubled hearts, comfort is given, through:

- 1) Jesus’ person
  
- 2) Jesus’ redemptive work
  
- 3) Jesus’ continuing work through his disciples

**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*

## Confession of Faith

*Apostles Creed*<sup>3</sup>

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:

Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.<sup>4</sup>

The third day He arose 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 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.)*

### ***Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery***

*Author: Matt Papa*

*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*

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<sup>3</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.

<sup>4</sup> There is admittedly some confusion about this phrase in the creed. Calvin and other Reformers affirmed its place and usage. It's best understood to mean that Christ underwent not only a bodily death but experienced the fullness of God's wrath in order to appease and satisfy his justice. In this way he "descended into hell."

*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*

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

### **Song of Response**

#### *The Church's One Foundation*

*Author: Samuel John Stone*

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is his new creation by water and the Word.  
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.



Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we  
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee.

## **BENEDICTION<sup>5</sup>**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

## **Questions for Contemplation or Discussion**

### **Scripture Reading**

John 14:1-14

1. Why did the disciples have troubled hearts?
2. What is currently bringing trouble to your heart? Why?
3. How does the person of Jesus bring comfort to troubled hearts?
4. How will the works the disciples will do be "greater?"
5. How would you explain v.13-14 to someone?

## **NOTICES**

### **Encouragement Groups**

#### **Glenfield**

**When** Every Tuesday, 7:30–9:00 pm

**Where** **Check with the contact person!**

**Contact** Tom Wilson 027 785 1332 or [glenfieldgroup@shorepres.org.nz](mailto:glenfieldgroup@shorepres.org.nz)

#### **Torbay/Browns Bay**

**When** Every Thursday, 7:00-9:00 pm,

**Where** **17A Tainui St, Torbay**

**Contact** Paul Burton 473 0086 or 021 253 0980 or [torbaygroup@shorepres.org.nz](mailto:torbaygroup@shorepres.org.nz)

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<sup>5</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 Shared Meal (today)**

**When:** next: 5<sup>th</sup> of May (first Sunday of every month)

**Prayer Meeting—Fortnightly at the Goodenoughs, Sundays at 7:00pm (today)**

Our regular prayer meeting is fortnightly at the Goodenoughs home in Torbay. The next two are today and the 21<sup>st</sup> of April.

**Women’s Bible Study—Wednesdays, 7:00pm, continuing fortnightly**

Sarah is leading a women’s Bible study, taking a more in-depth, verse by verse look at the Gospel of John. All women are invited. The next two are the 17<sup>th</sup> of April and 1<sup>st</sup> of May.

**Discipleship Group Opportunities—Please Express Interest on Back Table**

As a church, we are hoping to encourage growth in discipleship through various discipleship group opportunities. Please express interest for group participation on an interest sheet in the back of the hall, so the elders can help you connect with a group. If you have any questions, please ask one of the elders.

**Membership Class – Continuing 14<sup>th</sup> of April, after the service**

For those who have already begun the membership process, or are interested in becoming members at Shore Pres. We will meet after the service for about 45 minutes, in classroom #4. The class will run for several weeks. We will continue on the 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup> of April. Please inform Pastor Russell if you plan to attend.

**Serving Roster for next Sunday the 14<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	Dorette & Ingrid	Dennis	Dennis & Paul G.	Dennis, Paul G. & 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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