



Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY,
5th of May, 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 *John 1:14*

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Invocation ¹

Song of Adoration & Praise

Come Praise and Glorify

Authors: Bob Kauflin & Tim Chester

Come praise and glorify our God
The Father of our Lord
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms
His blessings on us poured
For pure and blameless in His sight
He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through
His Son eternally

(Chorus)

To the praise of Your glory
To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory
You are the God who saves

Come praise and glorify our God
Who gives His grace in Christ
In Him our sins are washed away
Redeemed through sacrifice
In Him God has made known to us
The myst'ry of His will
That Christ should be the head of all
His purpose to fulfill

Come praise and glorify our God
For we've believed the Word
And through our faith we have a seal
The Spirit of the Lord

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

The Spirit guarantees our hope
Until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise
To God the Three in One

Confession of Sin *Isaiah 53:6*

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

Assurance of Grace *1 Peter 3:18*

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit

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.²

Song of Preparation for Hearing God's Word

Psalm 23

Author: Stuart Townend

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

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).

(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

I will trust I will trust in You
I will trust I will trust in You
Endless mercy follows me
Goodness will lead me home

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

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

Kids Message and Prayer for our children

Scripture Reading

John 16:1-15

(Church Bible p.902)

Prayer of Illumination

Message *John 16:1-15* *“Help for Sorrow-Filled Hearts”*

Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions

Big Idea: The Spirit (Helper) helps Jesus’ disciples by:

- Bringing Conviction
- Guiding into Truth

- Glorifying the Son (and Father)

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

*Nicene Creed*³

We believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all ages,
God of God,
Light of Light,
very God of very God;
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made.
Who, for us and for our salvation,
came down from heaven;
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried.

³ The Nicene Creed is a statement of the orthodox faith (325 AD) of the early Christian church in opposition to certain heresies.

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and sits on the right hand of the Father
He will come again with glory
to judge the living and the dead.
His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and Giver of life.
He proceeds from the Father and the Son,
and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
He spoke by the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic⁴ and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,
and to life in the world to come. 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.)

There Is A Fountain

Author: William Cowper

There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Emmanuel's veins;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.

*Lose all their guilty stains,
Lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.*

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away.

*Wash all my sins away,
Wash all my sins away;
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away.*

⁴ "catholic" means universal; that is, there is one church across all times, places, and peoples.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.

*And shall be till I die,
And shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.*

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its power
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved, to sin no more.

*Be saved, to sin no more,
Be saved, to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed church of God
Be saved, to sin no more.*

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Song of Response

There Is A Hope

Authors: Mark Edwards / Stuart Townend

There is a hope that burns within my heart
That gives me strength for ev'ry passing day
A glimpse of glory now revealed in meager part
Yet drives all doubt away
I stand in Christ with sins forgiv'n
And Christ in me the hope of heav'n
My highest calling and my deepest joy
To make His will my home

There is a hope that lifts my weary head
A consolation strong against despair
That when the world has plunged me
In its deepest pit
I find the Savior there
Through present suff'rings future's fear
He whispers courage in my ear
For I am safe in everlasting arms
And they will lead me home

There is a hope that stands the test of time
That lifts my eyes beyond the beck'ning grave
To see the matchless beauty of a day divine
When I behold His face
When suff'rings cease and sorrows die
And ev'ry longing satisfied
Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul
For I am truly home

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BENEDICTION⁵

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Questions for Contemplation or Discussion

Scripture Reading

John 16:1-15

- 1) Would you agree that the more spiritually mature a person is, the more they are willing to receive help? Why or why not?
- 2) How was it to the disciples' advantage that Jesus was going away? Do you truly believe this?
- 3) Why is the Spirit's conviction a blessing?
- 4) How would you describe the Spirit's role or ministry to someone?
- 5) How does this passage display the unity and ministry of the Trinity? (Esp 12-15)?

⁵ 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

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

As a church, we hope to encourage growth in discipleship through various discipleship group opportunities. Currently, we have 4 opportunities to grow in the Word and in fellowship throughout the week. Please contact the point person below according to each opportunity. If you have general questions, ask one of the elders.

Glenfield Co-Ed Group

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

Torbay/Browns Bay Co-Ed Group

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

Men's Small Groups

When Fortnightly; meeting time at the discretion of each group.
Where **Location – Determined by Group**
Contact Russell Thomas 0224123460.

Women's Bible Study

When Wednesdays, Fortnightly, 7:00-9:00 pm (next: 15th & 29th of May)
Where **40 Mahoney Drive, Albany**
Contact Sarah Thomas 0224123495.

Lord's Supper and Shared Meal (today)

When: next: 2nd of June (first Sunday of every month)

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

Our regular prayer meeting is fortnightly. Today it will be at the Goodenough's home in Torbay. The next two, 19 May and 2 June will be at the Burton's home in Torbay. Please ask if you need the address.

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 15th and 29th of May.

Membership Class – Continuing 12th of May, after the service

For those who have already begun the membership process, or are interested in becoming members at Shore Pres. The last class will be on the 12th of May.

Serving Roster for next Sunday the 12th of May

CRECHE	KITCHEN & AFTERNOON TEA	OPEN UP & FIRE WARDEN	HALL SET-UP	HALL TAKE DOWN & CLEAN UP
Volunteer	Santos Family	Dennis	Dennis & Santos Family	Dennis, Santos Fam, Volunteers

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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