



## Welcome to Worship

SUNDAY,  
7<sup>th</sup> of July, 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.*** 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.

***New to Shore Pres?*** ***Our hope is to "learn life with Jesus through beholding and proclaiming the King's glory."*** We recognise that churches have varying worship styles and identities, and that some things about our specific church may be new or different for you. Our "basic commitments," near the back of the bulletin, provide an introduction to our church. If you have questions about anything, our pastor or others involved in the service, would be glad to answer your questions.

**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**                      *Psalms 116:1-5*

- <sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, because he has heard  
my voice and my pleas for mercy.
- <sup>2</sup> Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
- <sup>3</sup> The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.
- <sup>4</sup> Then I called on the name of the LORD:  
“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”
- <sup>5</sup> Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.

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

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

#### *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

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

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**            *1 John 1:5-9*

<sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup> If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness

## **Assurance of Grace**

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## **Song of Assurance**

### **He Will Hold Me Fast**

Original Words verses 1-2 by Ada Habershon, new words and Music by Matt Merker © 2013 Getty Music Publishing

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast,  
He will hold me fast;  
For my Saviour loves me so,  
He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.

He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast,  
He will hold me fast;  
For my Saviour loves me so,  
He will hold me fast.*

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

*He will hold me fast,  
He will hold me fast;  
For my Saviour loves me so,  
He will hold me fast.*

## **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>

**Reading of Scripture**      *John 19:28-42*      *(Church Bible p.906)*

## **Prayer of Illumination**

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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 (treasurer@shorepres.org.nz).

## **Message** *John 19:28-42*      *“You Cannot improve on Perfection”*

*Message outline for your notes, thoughts, questions*

### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **I. PROMISED SAVIOUR**

#### **II. PASSOVER SACRIFICE**

#### **III. PERISHING SAVIOUR**

#### **IV. PERFECT SALVATION**

### **Song of preparation for the Lord’s Supper**

#### *How Deep the Father’s Love*

*Author: Stewart Townend*

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He would give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross  
My guilt upon His shoulders  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts, no powr's, no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

**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*<sup>3</sup>

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 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. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to 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.

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

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 catholic 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**

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

#### **Closing Song**

##### *There is a Hope*

Stuart Townend

There is a hope that burns within my heart,  
That gives me strength for every passing day;  
A glimpse of glory now revealed in meagre part,  
Yet drives all doubt away:

I stand in Christ, with sins forgiven;  
And Christ in me, the hope of heaven!  
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 Saviour there!

Through present sufferings, 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 beckoning grave,  
To see the matchless beauty of a day divine  
When I behold His face!

When sufferings cease and sorrows die,  
And every longing satisfied.  
Then joy unspeakable will flood my soul,  
For I am truly home.



## Benediction<sup>4</sup>

*Hebrews 13:20,21*

<sup>20</sup> Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, <sup>21</sup> equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

### Questions for Contemplation or Discussion

#### Scripture Reading

*John 19:28-42*

1. What are the prophecies fulfilled in this section and how do they encourage you?
2. What is the significance of the Passover sacrifice and how is Jesus identified here as that sacrifice and what does that mean for you?
3. What is the significance of Jesus' thirst? How does His thirsting mean that we shall not thirst (see John 4:13-14; 7:37-39)?
4. What does the cry "it is finished" mean? What does this mean for you personally?
5. In what ways do we actually deny the truths that are displayed here? What are the assurances given and how can we live in the light of them?

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

<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.

## Women's Bible Study

**When** Wednesdays, Fortnightly, 7:00-9:00 pm (next: to be confirmed – second half August)  
**Where** 40 Mahoney Drive, Albany  
**Contact** Sarah Thomas 0224123495

### Lord's Supper and Shared Meal (today)

**When:** next: 4<sup>th</sup> of August (first Sunday of every month)

### “Kiwi Connections” – Great Outreach Opportunity!

The Chaplain's office at Massey University is offering our church a phenomenal outreach opportunity, by hosting an international student for a meal. If you are interested, start by reading the “Kiwi Connections – Guidelines and Conditions” sheet. If you wish to apply, fill out the application form and give it to Marcos. Marcos will email the forms to Massey. If you have any questions, talk to Marcos, Tom, or Paul B.

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

The next one will be at the Goodenough's home in Torbay, the 14<sup>th</sup> of July. Please ask if you need the address.

### Serving Roster for next Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> of July

AFTERNOON TEA	OPEN UP & FIRE WARDEN	HALL SET-UP	HALL TAKE DOWN & CLEAN UP
Gemma & Grace	Dennis	Dennis & Stephen.	Dennis, Stephen., & 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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