



 **St. Mary's Church**  
SAWSTON

**ZOOM TO CHURCH**  
**SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**  
**10.30 am**

# CALM IN THE STORM



## GATHERING - WELCOME & NOTICES

### OPENING SENTENCES

*We make the sign of the cross*

**In my head,  
in my heart,  
and all around me,  
Jesus is here**

### OPENING PRAYER

Let us enter his gate with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name

**SONG:** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of creation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MSpYz-Y6gq4>

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, Who over all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who, when tempests their warfare are waging,  
Who, when the elements madly around thee are raging,  
Biddeth them cease, turneth their fury to peace,  
Whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again,  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

### CONFESSION – we say sorry

Loving God, sometimes we do not trust that you love us and will take care of us  
Lord forgive us

**Lord forgive us**

Sometimes we panic in situations beyond our control  
and make life difficult for ourselves and others

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Sometimes we are slow to see you in the storms of our life and to seek your peace

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### **ABSOLUTION – we are forgiven**

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING: 1 KINGS 19. 8 – 13**

Elijah got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food for forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'

He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

#### **NEW TESTAMENT READING: MATTHEW 14. 22 – 33**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to you O Lord**

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you. O Christ**

## SERMON: Rev'd Petra Shakeshaft

**SONG:** 'Dear Lord and father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WqOnjmr9Ah0>

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways!  
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise;

In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word,  
rise up and follow thee;

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity  
interpreted by love!

With that deep hush subduing all  
our words and works that drown,  
the tender whisper of thy call  
as noiseless let thy blessings fall  
as fell thy manna down

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake,  
wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm.

## PRAYERS

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*We say together*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

**SONG:** 'Yesterday, today and forever you are the same, you never change'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bjOLDaSfIHQ>

Everlasting God the years go by but you're unchanging  
In this fragile world You are the only firm foundation  
Always loving, always true  
Always merciful and good, so good

Yesterday today and forever  
You are the same, You never change  
Yesterday today and forever  
You are faithful and we will trust in You

Uncreated one You have no end and no beginning  
 Earthly powers fade but there is no end to Your kingdom  
 Always loving, always true  
 Always merciful and good, so good

Yesterday today and forever  
 You are the same, You never change  
 Yesterday today and forever  
 You are faithful and we will trust in You

Yahweh, God unchanging  
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### **BLESSING**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ. Amen**

### **BREAKOUT ROOMS: QUESTION FOR DISCUSSION**

*We're going to try just one slightly longer breakout session this week (as an experiment) and give you a question to think about together. Do take time to catch up with each other too!*

Are there any practical ways we, as a community and each one of us as individuals can keep the focus on Christ and not get caught up in the surrounding storm? What could we do today, this coming week and more long term?

**If you have any prayer or pastoral needs, please don't hesitate to contact**

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