

# Church Family Worship at Home

9th August 2020

Service Theme: Jesus walks on water



Welcome

## Preparation

Take a moment to be still and place yourself in God's hands.  
Remember those who will also be worshipping with us and even though we cannot see them,  
we hold them to God.

## Opening Prayer

Lord God, as we gather in your house,  
we thank you for your presence, here with us.  
Thank you, Lord, that each one of us is unique,  
yet we share a common bond in you.  
We come together as one body,  
but we all learn and experience things in different ways.  
We thank you for your amazing word  
that gives us so many pictures of your kingdom.  
Something for everyone,  
something to feed our hearts and minds.  
Be with us, Lord,  
and bless us richly as we call upon your name.  
**Amen.**

## Saying Sorry

Dear God  
for the silly things I have done wrong  
I am sorry.  
For the serious things I have done wrong  
I am sorry.  
For the things I didn't even know were wrong  
I am sorry.  
For all the things I need to put right  
Make me strong. Amen.

Song : This is the day

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



## BIBLE READING



### Reading – Romans 10:5-15

<sup>5</sup> Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: “The person who does these things will live by them.” <sup>6</sup> But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> “or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup> But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: <sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. <sup>11</sup> As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup> for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

<sup>14</sup> How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? <sup>15</sup> And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

### Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

#### Jesus Walks on the Water

<sup>22</sup> Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>23</sup> After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

<sup>25</sup> Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. <sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear.

<sup>27</sup> But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

<sup>28</sup> “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.”

<sup>29</sup> “Come,” he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

<sup>31</sup> Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

<sup>32</sup> And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. <sup>33</sup> Then those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”



## Reflection Time



### Short Reflection by Peter Roslyk

**For children: While listening to this, why not do the colouring sheet that is provided with the children's sheets.**

As soon as I knew the reading was Jesus walking on the water. This story came to mind.

A boy was sitting on a park bench with one hand resting on an open Bible. He was loudly exclaiming his praise to God. **"Hallelujah! Hallelujah! God is great!"** he yelled without worrying whether anyone heard him or not.

Shortly after, along came a man who had recently completed some studies at a local university. Feeling himself very enlightened in the ways of truth and very eager to show this enlightenment, he asked the boy about the source of his joy.

"Hey" asked the boy in return with a bright laugh, **"Don't you have any idea what God is able to do? I just read that God opened up the waves of the Red Sea and led the whole nation of Israel right through the middle."**

The enlightened man laughed lightly, sat down next to the boy and began to try to open his eyes to the realities of the miracles of the Bible. **"That can all be very easily explained. Modern scholarship has shown that the Red Sea in that area was only 10-inches deep at that time. It was no problem for the Israelites to wade across."**

The boy was stumped. His eyes wandered from the man back to the Bible laying open in his lap. The man, content that he had enlightened a poor, naive young person to the finer points of scientific insight, turned to go. Scarcely had he taken two steps when the boy began to rejoice and praise louder than before. The man turned to ask the reason for this resumed jubilation.

**"Wow!"** exclaimed the boy happily, **"God is greater than I thought! Not only did He lead the whole nation of Israel through the Red Sea, He topped it off by drowning the whole Egyptian army in 10 inches of water!"**

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I am not saying that Jesus only walked on 10 inches of water.

The intelligent man had lost sight of the ways of God:

**"For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways,"**  
declares the LORD.

**<sup>9</sup>"As the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55: 8-9"**

When the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water they recognised him in a new way.

**"Who is this Jesus"** the disciples response was **"Truly you are the Son of God."**

**If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9**

The Christian faith involves declaring the truth out loud

The text from the full Romans reading declares certain Christian truths.

We cannot speak out loud in church but you can at home.

Why not say out loud the following truths from Romans:

- I declare Jesus is Lord and believe in my heart that God raised him from the dead
- I declare that by faith I will live by the law of the Lord
- I declare by faith that I will be saved
- I declare that if I believe in Jesus. I will not be put to shame
- I declare that the sacrifice of Jesus has cleansed my sins
- I declare my life and words will reflect the good news of Jesus because  
“He was truly the Son of God”

Amen



**Family Song “I got the joy joy joy down in my heart”**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LylgwOEI7AY&list=PLopoCJGNLdnoJc7C6xrtw1rLdNaksSylM&index=4>

## **Intercessory Prayer**

**Say your own prayers under the following areas:**

- **For our world and specific incidents e.g. Lebanon**
- **For our country during these challenging times**
- **For Swindon employment and food collective**
- **For our church and congregation (notices list)**
- **For friends and family**
- **For your own needs**

## **Lord’s Prayer**

**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 that declares our faith: "I believe in you Lord"

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_d5HbddjrTU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_d5HbddjrTU)

## Closing Prayer

God to enfold me,  
God to surround me,  
God in my speaking,  
God in my thinking.

God in my sleeping,  
God in my waking,  
God in my watching,  
God in my hoping.

God in my life,  
God in my lips,  
God in my soul,  
God in my heart.

God in my sufficing,  
God in my slumber,  
God in mine ever-living soul,  
God in mine eternity.

(Ancient celtic oral traditions - carmina gadelica)

## Dismissal

**Go and make a coffee or tea just the way you like it**

### The Grace

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all,  
now and evermore.  
Amen.

*God bless you now and always*

