



## Father's Day Service

### Welcome everyone

today's podcast is led by Revd Natasha Brady

As you prepare to meet with the Lord today, please have with you some colouring pens or pencils for part of the service.

#### Greeting

Let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you ... **and also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made. **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

#### Opening Prayer

God told his people: honour your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

**We pray that this day might bring honour to our fathers, healing to broken hearts and glory to you, our heavenly Father.**

**Amen.**

**Song**      How deep the Father's love for us?

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How vast beyond all measure?

That He should 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 sin 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 power, 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

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## Confession

*Silence to reflect*

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives;

**Father, forgive us: save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you;

**Father, forgive us: save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do and think and say;

**Father, forgive us: save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you by temptations in the world about us;

**Father, forgive us: save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;

**Father, forgive us: save us and help us.**

**Amen**

**Reading** Mark 4. 35-41 ... read to us by John Wheatley

**35** That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, 'Let us go over to the other side.' **36** Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. **37** A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. **38** Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, 'Teacher, don't you care if we drown?'

**39** He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, 'Quiet! Be still!' Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

**40** He said to his disciples, 'Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?'

**41** They were terrified and asked each other, 'Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!'

## Sermon

Nigel Lowe

## Anthem & Response

Be still for the presence of the Lord

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,

The holy One, is here;

Come bow before him now

With reverence and fear

In him no sin is found

We stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,

The holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord

Is shining all around;

He burns with holy fire,

With splendour he is crowned:

How awesome is the sight

Our radiant king of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord

Is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord

Is moving in this place:

He comes to cleanse and heal,

To minister his grace -

No work too hard for him.

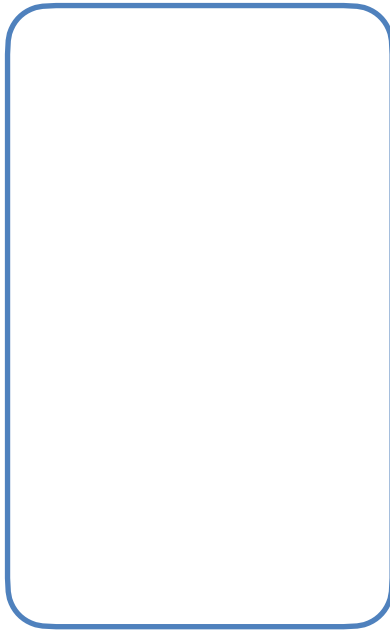
In faith receive from him.

Be still, for the power of the Lord

Is moving in this place.



A good day ....



A bad day ....



A mixed day ...

### Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### Intercessions

Based on Psalm 107

Let us give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
and bring our prayers and praises before him.

Lord, you have redeemed your people from trouble and gathered us from east and west, from north and south to be one people: your people.  
Hear our prayers for your church in every land And join our praises with those of every language:

**Let the redeemed of the LORD say, his steadfast love endures for ever.**

You satisfy the thirsty, and fill the hungry with good things.  
We pray for those who hunger and thirst, their soul fainting within them.  
Longing for a harvest that will feed their village, or longing for justice and peace... With them we cry to you that you would deliver them and lead them.  
**Let the redeemed of the LORD say his steadfast love endures for ever.**

You shatter the doors of bronze, and cut in two the bars of iron.  
We pray for those who sit in darkness and in gloom, prisoners in misery and in irons... those lawfully convicted and those who have been unjustly detained... those in prison cells of their own making with no means to escape for those imprisoned by their own riches, pride or vanity. With them we cry to you, that you would deliver them and lead them.  
**Let the redeemed of the LORD say, his steadfast love endures for ever.**

You bring healing to those in pain, and raise up the needy from their distress.  
We pray for those who are sick in body, mind or spirit... and those who draw near to the gates of death... With them we cry to you that you would deliver them and lead them.  
**Let the redeemed of the LORD say, his steadfast love endures for ever.**

You make the storm be still, and hush the waves of the sea. We pray for those who go down to the sea in ships, and do business on the mighty waters; Sailors, oil-rig workers, pilots, lifeboat crews and coastguard. Those who travel for pleasure And those who journey far to escape violence or to build a new life. With them we cry to you, that you would deliver them and lead them.  
**Let the redeemed of the LORD say, his steadfast love endures for ever.**

**Amen.**

### **Collect**

God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who is in heaven, hallowed be your name;  
Your kingdom come; your will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.  
For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.  
Amen**

**Final Hymn**          In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm

What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless Babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save

'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live, I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day

Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From a life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny

No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Could ever pluck me from His hand  
'Til He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I stand

I will stand, I will stand  
All other ground is sinking sand  
All other ground, all other ground  
Is sinking sand, is sinking sand  
So I'll stand

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## **Dismissal**

Now may he who laid the foundations of the earth,  
who stills the storm, and hushes the waves of the sea,  
speak his peace to you, as you go on in your journey.

May you have grace to perceive the one whom even the wind and the sea obey, and strength to persevere in walking in his way, now and always.  
**Amen.**

## Thank you for joining us today

Notices can be found on your [Friday Email](#), on our [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).  
At the end of the service sheet, are your Roots at Home & Activity Sheets.

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## Big questions

### Mark 4.35-41

In which Jesus and his disciples leave the crowd behind and go sailing on the lake. A storm blows up and the disciples are frightened. They wake Jesus up. He stills the storm and asks the disciples why they had been frightened. He tells them they should have faith.

Now read **Mark 4.35-41** see p.2 for text.

### A note on the passage

Jesus has been teaching in parables. He goes into the boat with his disciples to get away from the crowd. He is so tired he falls asleep and sleeps through the squall that blows up. The Sea of Galilee is subject to sudden and violent storms. Fishermen should have been aware of that and not panicked; what is interesting about the way the disciples reacted? Does it help to know that even those closest to Jesus often had doubts and questions?



**Ask yourself:** In what situations is it more difficult to feel able to 'cry out'?

## WATCH

Watch an animated version of the Bible story:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZzPwRXytr7U>

Think about a time when you felt as if you were in a storm. Thank God for those who brought peace. Pray for those facing storms in their lives at the moment.



## BAKE

Bake four cupcakes. Ice them each with one letter to spell, 'love'. Give them to your dad or someone who has cared for you like a father. Or give them to someone and tell them that their Father God loves them.

**You will need:** access to an oven; 50g caster sugar, 50g butter, 35g self-raising flour, 20g cocoa powder, 1 egg, paper cases, baking tin, melted chocolate/icing, a piping bag.

- Preheat your oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4.
- Mix together the caster sugar and butter until the mixture is smooth. Then add the flour, cocoa powder and egg. Stir well.
- Divide your mixture evenly between four paper cases.
- Cook the cupcakes for about 15 minutes.
- When they are ready, remove the cakes from the oven and allow to cool.
- Add the letters on top, writing in melted chocolate or icing.

## MAKE

On a piece of A4 paper, write a 'big question' you have about faith, or something you'd like to ask God. Use the paper to make a paper boat following the instructions (see link below or use QR code). Take your boat somewhere to float it on water – or you can do this at home – as you do, pray that your question would be heard by God.

[www.easypeasyandfun.com/how-to-make-a-paper-boat/](http://www.easypeasyandfun.com/how-to-make-a-paper-boat/)



## ACT IT OUT

Act out the story as a household with someone as Jesus, someone as a disciple and someone as the storm. Talk about how it feels: to be woken up/when the storm blows up/to be told by Jesus to be still.

Alternatively, read the story to yourself imagining you are one of the disciples. How does it feel when: you get on the boat/the boat starts to move/the storm blows/it is calm. What experiences have you had that give a similar feeling?

## Pray

Every evening, spend two minutes in quiet praying about any 'storms' you are facing, and ask God to give you peace.

Name \_\_\_\_\_



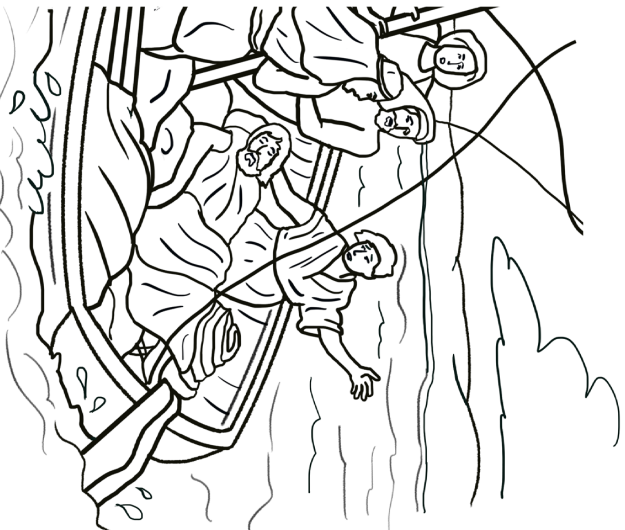
# ROOTS Activity Sheet

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## Mark 4.35-41

Jesus is woken by his frightened disciples and calms a fierce storm.



The disciples were scared that no one could hear them when they were afraid.



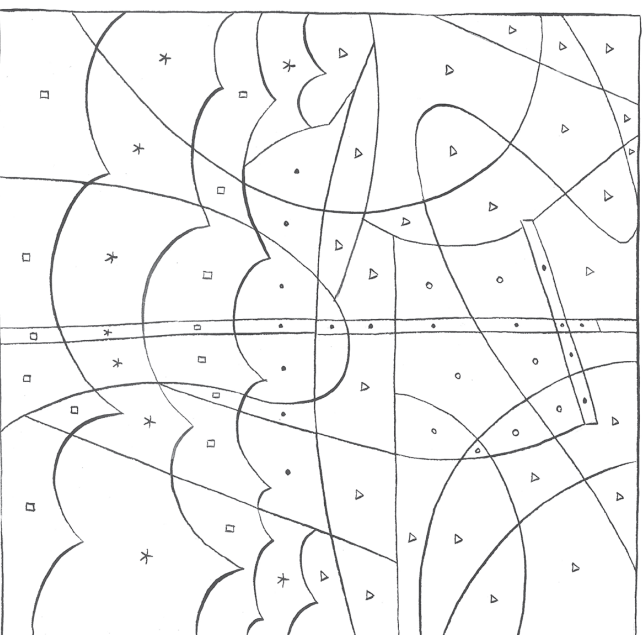
Write 'True' or 'False' next to each of these statements. Use the story to help you.

1. The crowd came in the boat with Jesus
2. Jesus was asleep on a cushion
3. Jesus was covered in a blanket
4. Peter calmed the storm
5. Jesus told the wind and the sea to 'Be still'

6. The disciples stayed calm
7. Jesus asked the disciples why they were afraid
8. The disciples apologised for waking Jesus up
9. The boat sank in the storm
10. The disciples were amazed at what Jesus did.



Colour in the sections according to the key to see what this week's story might look like.



Key to colouring in the sections:

△ White • Dark brown ○ Light brown ★ Light blue □ Dark blue



Find these words connected to today's story in the grid.



boat faith storm  
calm Jesus waves  
disciples sleep wind