

# Xtra! 14<sup>th</sup> May 2020

We cannot gather together in St John's, but we can gather spiritually as we worship today. So first, refresh yourselves with something to eat and drink and then set your space as we sing:

**Gathering Song:** *Come into His Presence*  
*Singing Alleluia*

*During which the table is set (white cloth) and candle is lit.*

## **Greeting**

Peace be with you

**And also with you**

## **Kyrie Confession**

*Introduce confession. Then:*

Father God, we are sorry for the times when we have thought things that do not please you. [*pause*]

Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**

We are sorry for the times when we have said things that do not please you. [*pause*]

Christ have mercy **Christ have Mercy**

We are sorry for the times when we have done things that do not please you. [*pause*]

Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**

## **Absolution**

May the God of love bring us back to himself,  
forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Gloria:** *Peruvian Gloria*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ep4TLwVM9mQ>

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the  
highest**

To him be glory for ever

**To him be glory for ever**

Alleluia amen. **Alleluia amen**

Alleluia amen. **Alleluia amen**

Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father

**Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the  
Father**

To him be glory for ever

**To him be glory for ever**

Alleluia amen. **Alleluia amen**

Alleluia amen. **Alleluia amen**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the  
Spirit**

To him be glory for ever

**To him be glory for ever**

Alleluia amen. **Alleluia amen**

Alleluia amen. **Alleluia amen**

## **Reading:** *The story of Jonah*

I wonder if you remember this story from holiday club if you were there last year? If not, here's a cartoon of the story:

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

or you can watch a musical version of the story here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ByBDnin6b4E>

or you could do both 😊.

## **Wondering questions**

- I wonder what Jonah thought when God asked him to go to Nineveh;
- I wonder why Jonah thought he could run away from God;
- I wonder what Jonah said to God whilst he was in the big fish;
- I wonder if what Jonah did afterwards (you could read this for yourself in the Bible: Jonah chapter 4).

## **Activity**

If it is warm enough to be outside, perhaps you could use natural things to make a picture of your favourite part of the Jonah story: leaves, stones, twigs. Or if you're inside, perhaps you could collage or draw your favourite part of the story.

## **Song:** *Be Bold, Be Strong*

Be bold, be strong, for the Lord your God is with you.  
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I am not afraid **No! No! No!**

I am not dismayed **No! No!**

Because I'm walking in faith and victory

Come on and walk in faith and victory

Because the Lord, your God is with you.

*Track attached*

## **Prayer**

**Heavenly Father,**

**Thank you that you came down low from  
highest heaven to be with us; that you  
know the heights and depths of our lives  
and are there with us in all we do and  
experience.**

**Help us to know your presence when we  
are low.**

**Help us to celebrate with you when we are  
high.**

**In Jesus' name we pray.**

**Amen**

## **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.**

## **Blessing**

**May the lightness of God go with you.**

**May the brightness of God go with you.**

**May he shine on all you do.**

**May God bless you.**

## **Messy Grace**

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**The love of God,**

**And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,**

**Be with us all, now and for ever more.**

**Amen**

## **Resources:**

Refreshments

White cloth, candle, matches