



Chet Valley Churches



All Together Worship

Calming the Storm

20th June 2021

Introduction

We Prepare for Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you

♪♪ **Hymn: Sing Hosanna!**

**Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising.
Give me joy in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising.
Keep me praising 'til the end of day.**

***Sing hosanna! Sing Hosanna! Sing hosanna to the King of kings
Sing hosanna! Sing Hosanna! Sing hosanna to the King.***

**Give me peace in my heart, keep me resting.
Give me peace in my heart, I pray.
Give me joy in my heart, keep me resting.
Keep me resting 'til the end of day.**

Sing hosanna!...

**Give me love in my heart, keep me serving.
Give me love in my heart, I pray.
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving.
Keep me serving 'til the end of day.**

Sing hosanna!...



🙏 **The Collect for Purity: A Prayer of Preparation**

**Almighty God to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden,
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy name
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Collect: A Special Prayer for the Day

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

Confession: We Say Sorry to God

**Father God, we ask you to forgive us
for the things we have thought and the things we have said
and the things we have done that do not please you.
We are sorry.**

**Help us to be more like Jesus:
ready to pray, ready to help others,
ready to do your will in all things, every day. Amen.**

Absolution: The Minister Proclaims God's Forgiveness

May the God of love and power, forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

♪ Hymn: Anderson Gloria

Gloria 🙌🙌, Gloria 🙌🙌, in excelsis deo. x2

**Lord God, Heavenly King, Peace you bring to us;
We worship you, we give you thanks,
We sing our song of praise.**

Gloria 🙌🙌, Gloria 🙌🙌, in excelsis deo. x2

**Jesus, Saviour of all, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away our sins, O Lord,
have mercy on us all.**

Gloria 🙌🙌, Gloria 🙌🙌, in excelsis deo. x2

**At the Father's right hand, Lord receive our prayer,
For you alone are the Holy One,
And you alone are the Lord.**

Gloria 🙌🙌, Gloria 🙌🙌, in excelsis deo. x2

sorry



**Glory, Father and Son, Glory, Holy Spirit,
To you we raise our hands up high,
We glorify your name.**

Gloria 🙌🙌, Gloria 🙌🙌, in excelsis deo. x2

📖 Bible Reading: Mark 4:35-end

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

After the Bible reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

Talk [Rev Alison]

In our reading we heard about Jesus calming the storm. How did he do that? He was certainly in command of the situation rebuking the wind and saying to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” But they obeyed him?

We know God has power over the elements:

He created the world out of emptiness as the spirit moved over the water dividing the sky from the water and then separating the land and the sea.

He parted the waters of the Red Sea as Moses and the Israelites were fleeing from Pharaoh in Egypt bringing them safely to the other side;

He whipped up a storm as Jonah tried to run away from him and what he had been asked to do, and then bringing calm and a whale to the rescue.

Does Jesus have that same power?

In John’s Gospel we hear Jesus saying, “I and the Father are one”. Jesus and God are one. So, yes, Jesus can do whatever God the Father can do. He

too has control over the elements and can still the storm raging all around the boat on the Sea of Galilee and frightening the disciples.

Lucky for the disciples that they had Jesus and that God is his father! We have to make do with our earthly fathers. When we feel frightened and all at sea, we hope that we can trust them to keep us safe:

Well, my Dad was pretty good at rescuing me from large black spiders scuttling across the floor when I was shrieking in fear as a child; I still don't like them and now I rely on my husband, Richard, to do the same;

At university I had a friend who was quite upset by her exam results; they were not what she had hoped for nor expected and she was anxious about telling her family. When she phoned her university lecturer father, contrary to expectation, he was really kind about it and confessed that he hadn't done very well at university either. She felt much calmer after that.

However good our earthly fathers are, they can never be wholly reliable. Some are frankly horrible. And some are no longer with their families for whatever reason.

In God, though, we have the perfect father – not some distant figure but someone who is close to us. We are told that, through the Holy Spirit, we are adopted into God's family. As children of God, we have the closest possible intimacy with God. St Paul says, "By the Spirit we cry 'Abba, Father!'"

Nowhere in the Old Testament is God addressed as Abba. It was a word distinctive of Jesus. It is an impossible word to translate from Aramaic, the language Jesus spoke; our nearest equivalent is Daddy though this misses the respect for the authority of fatherhood that Abba contains. It is not only a child's word. It was the term that Jesus, the man, used in addressing God.

Jesus allows us to share in that intimate relationship with God when we receive his Spirit. We can call God Abba, Daddy – an intimate name for someone who loves us unreservedly. We can rely on God our heavenly father. Even if we think that he is sleeping and doesn't care, he will be with us through the storms in our lives when we call on him in faith.

So call out and let him hear you. He's always waiting.

🎵 **Hymn: Do Not Be Afraid**

*Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; you are mine.*

**When you walk through the waters I'll be with you,
You will never sink beneath the waves.**

Do not be afraid...

**When the fire is burning all around you,
You will never be consumed by the flames.**

Do not be afraid...

**When the fear of loneliness is looming,
Remember I am at your side.**

Do not be afraid...

**When you dwell in the exile of a stranger,
Remember you are precious in my eyes.**

Do not be afraid...

**You are mine, oh my child; I am your father,
And I love you with a perfect love.**

Do not be afraid...

We Say What We Believe

Let us affirm our common faith in Jesus.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God and makes Jesus known in the world?
I believe and trust in him.



This is the faith of the Church:

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We Pray Together

We pray for the storms in our own lives...

Calm me, O Lord,
as you stilled the storm.

We pray for our family and friends...

Calm us, O Lord,
as you stilled the storm.

We pray for our communities...

Calm our community, O Lord,
as you stilled the storm.

We pray for the world...

Calm the world, O Lord,
as you stilled the storm.



We draw all our prayers together in the words that Jesus taught us:

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.**

Hymn: Eternal Father Strong to Save

Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.

**O Saviour whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walkèdst on the foaming deep,
And calm amid its rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.**

**O sacred Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
Who bad'st its angry tumult cease,
And gavest light and life and peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
For those in peril on the sea.**

**O Trinity of love and power,
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them whereso'er they go:
And ever let there rise to thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.**

Blessing

May God who hears us when we cry and calms the raging storms of life, Bring us to his enduring peace. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and for evermore. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

