

Order of Service

20th June 2021

10.00am



Worship led by Rev Dr André Groenewald
Music from Harry Thomson



Worshipping God Together

Call to worship: Psalm 107:28-32

They cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress.
He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed.

They were glad when it grew calm, and he guided them to their desired haven.

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind.

Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people and praise him in the council of the elders.

Beloved, I greet you in the Name of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Hymn 260 Eternal Father, strong to save

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:

Oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

Opening prayer and Lord's prayer

O Christ, whose voice the waters heard and hushed their raging at thy word,
who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amid the storm didst sleep:

Oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who didst brood upon the waters dark and rude,
and bid their angry tumult cease, and give, for wild confusion, peace:

Oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power, shield all of them in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them whereso'er they go:
thus evermore shall rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Opening Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

We ask this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray:

*Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, the
glory for ever. Amen.*

Reflecting on God's Word

Bible Reading: Mark 4:35-41 (NIV) read by Neil Johnstone

Jesus Calms the Storm

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!"

Children's Address

Hymn 737 Will your anchor hold

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life
when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?

When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,
will your anchor drift, or firm remain?

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul steadfast and sure while the billows roll;
fastened to the Rock which cannot move,
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love*

Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,
when the breakers roar and the reef is near?

While the surges rage, and the wild winds blow,
shall the angry waves then your bark o'erflow?

We have an anchor.....

Will your anchor hold in the floods of death,
when the waters cold chill your latest breath?

On the rising tide you can never fail, while your anchor holds within the veil.

We have an anchor....

Will your eyes behold through the morning light,
the city of gold and the harbour bright?

Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore,
when life's storms are past for evermore?

We have an anchor.....

Sermon

Prayer of thanksgiving

Ishbel Smith

Hymn 167 Guide me o thou great Redeemer

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak, but thou art mighty hold me with thy powerful hand

Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven

feed me till my want is o'er, feed me till my want is o'er

Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow

Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through

Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer
be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield
When I tread the verge of Jordan bid my anxious fears subside
Death of death, and hell's Destruction land me safe on Canaan's side!
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee, I will ever give to thee

William Williams, 1717-91

Blessing

Prayer

God of power and peace,
when the storm is raging:
 You are there.
When our boats are sinking:
 You are there.
When faith slips through our fingers:
 You are there.
When our hearts sink and our courage fails:
 You are there.
In the roar of the waves,
in the sound of the wind,
and in the silence:
 You are there.
So, we praise you.
 We thank you.
 We worship you.
In Jesus' name. Amen.