



Family Service

10.30 a.m. 12 September 2021

Welcome

Song - Jesus calls us

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
saying "Christian, follow me."

As, of old, Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.

In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
that we love him more than these.

Prayer

**Lord we thank you for the joys of life.
We thank you for the good gifts that you give to us.
We thank you that you are with us in the hard times too.
Show us how to know you in all that life brings,
the sorrow and the joy,
the challenge and the success .
May we worship you what ever life brings,
and find you change even the wilderness
into a place of goodness. Amen.**

confession

**Lord Jesus we can be so busy with our work or
get so wrapped up in our pleasures.
You promise us your presence and love.
Forgive us for forgetting you or doing what you
do not want.
We ask that we might know you better
and find your path for our lives. Amen.**

absolution

Our God shows his love in Jesus Christ,
he desires you to have love, joy and peace.
Know that God hears you, forgives you and
blesses you. **Amen.**

Bible Reading - Job 41.1-11

'Can you draw out Leviathan with a fish-hook,
or press down its tongue with a cord?
Can you put a rope in its nose,
or pierce its jaw with a hook?
Will it make many supplications to you?
Will it speak soft words to you?
Will it make a covenant with you
to be taken as your servant for ever?
Will you play with it as with a bird,
or will you put it on a leash for your girls?
Will traders bargain over it?
Will they divide it up among the merchants?
Can you fill its skin with harpoons,
or its head with fishing-spears?
Lay hands on it;
think of the battle; you will not do it again!
Any hope of capturing it will be disappointed;
were not even the gods overwhelmed at the
sight of it?
No one is so fierce as to dare to stir it up.
Who can stand before it?
Who can confront it and be safe?
—under the whole heaven, who?

Quiz – Facing the monster?

Our nation has tales that help us face trouble.
Can you think of what these refer to?

- A mighty saint?
- A horrid plot?
- A finest hour?
- A lady with a lamp?
- A football match?
- 1948?

Have we faced monsters?

Tell us of a challenge you have had

Birthdays

*Everyone who has had a birthday since our last
Family Service is welcome to join us at the front
and receive a candle.*

We then sing the following:

**Happy birthday to you,
happy birthday to you,
may God bless you and keep you,
happy birthday to you.**

Song - 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?
refrain

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?
refrain

Bible Reading - John 21.4-9

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach;
but the disciples did not know that it was
Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no
fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He
said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the
boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and
now they were not able to haul it in because
there were so many fish. That disciple whom
Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!'
When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he
put on some clothes, for he was naked, and
jumped into the lake. But the other disciples
came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for
they were not far from the land, only about a
hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal
fire there, with fish on it, and bread.

Boatmakers for climate change



Talk

**Together we stop
this climate crisis**

Song - 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 your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

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 sing to thee,
I will ever sing to thee.

Prayer

We pray for the things we are concerned about
at this time and conclude with the 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 - 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 walkedst upon 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 Trinity of love and pow'r,
Your brethern shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire, and foe,
Protect them where-so-e'er they go;
And ever let there rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Blessing

May the eternal God
who is Lord of each day of our lives,
give us energy to serve,
recreation for joy and rest to refresh us,
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you
and remain with you always. **Amen.**