

Stepping Forward as Children of Light



Video service

Introduction

The Diocese of York is grateful to both the students and their staff for the ideas and preparation that have gone into this act of worship. The Diocese is also grateful to Mr Tony Bower (YoYo) for writing the drama and poem and to those who have recorded aspects of the service.

Take Heart (written by Tony Bower)



*On boat battering days
In wild warrior like waves
On the dark side of the sea
Drowning in despair you see;
The Saviour
Walking on a restless storm*



*The Saviour
Holding all fear in his palm
'Take heart, it is I, do not be afraid'
'Take heart
It is I
Do not be
Afraid'*



Opening Words from Andrew Smith, Diocesan Director of Education

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it

Dramatised Reading - Walk of Faith - led by YoYo

Based on Matthew 14: 22-33 (The Message)

22-23 As soon as the meal was finished, he insisted that the disciples get in the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he dismissed the people. With the crowd dispersed, he climbed the mountain so he could be by himself and pray. He stayed there alone, late into the night.

24-26 Meanwhile, the boat was far out to sea when the wind came up against them and they were battered by the waves. At about four o'clock in the morning, Jesus came toward them walking on the water. They were scared out of their wits. "A ghost!" they said, crying out in terror.

27 But Jesus was quick to comfort them. "Courage, it's me. Don't be afraid."

28 Peter, suddenly bold, said, "Master, if it's really you, call me to come to you on the water."

29-30 He said, "Come ahead."

Jumping out of the boat, Peter walked on the water to Jesus. But when he looked down at the waves churning beneath his feet, he lost his nerve and started to sink. He cried, "Master, save me!"

31 Jesus didn't hesitate. He reached down and grabbed his hand. Then he said, "Faint-heart, what got into you?"

32-33 The two of them climbed into the boat, and the wind died down. The disciples in the boat, having watched the whole thing, worshiped Jesus, saying, "This is it! You are God's Son for sure!"



Reflection on the reading – led by Rt Revd Paul Ferguson, Bishop of Whitby

Reflection activity

Take your printout of a footprint whilst the music is playing, take a few moments to do a wow, thank you, please and hope reflection on your footprint.

Song: **Children of Light**

Children of Light, children of God
Called out of darkness by wonderful love.
Live in the light, children of God,
Mirroring glory in heaven above.

Chorus

We're gonna shine out, burn bright,
Love well, choose right,
We are children of light. (repeat)

Walk in the light, children of God,
Loving each other, standing as one.
We are the light, kindled by God,
Living the story of Jesus the Son.

Chorus



We're gonna shine out, burn bright,
Love well, choose right,
We are children of light. (repeat)

Words and Music: Simon Bray, Dave Godfrey and Gav Richards

LIGHT Prayer

God **L**oves

I will love others and myself

Help me to be **G**enerous

Help us to bring **H**ope and light

Thank you God



The Lord's Prayer

Let us join together in The Lord's Prayer (Recorded by pupils from Archbishop Holgate's School, York.)

All: **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.**

Closing words and Blessing led by The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Stephen Cottrell - Archbishop of York

Blessing sung by pupils from All Saints Church of England Academy, Ingleby Barwick