# Leavers' Service 2025

# 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 Mari Palmer, 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 Barry Hill, 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.



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 Loves

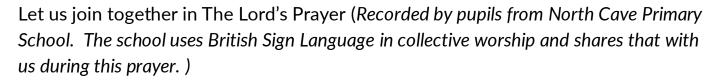
will love others and myself

Help me to be Generous

Help us to bring Hope and light

Thank you God

#### The Lord's Prayer



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 prayer 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

