

## Stepping Forward as Children of Light



### Video service

#### Introduction

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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.

#### *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

**T**hank you God



### **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us join together in The Lord's Prayer (*Recorded by pupils from North Cave Primary School. The school uses British Sign Language in collective worship and shares that with us during this 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**