

NKMC – Worship at Home Sunday 9 August 2020

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Order of Service

The Broadcast will commence at 10.15am on Sunday morning with three preservice worship songs. Throughout the service, technology allowing, music and words will be broadcast, and the words will appear on the screen.

Pre-service hymns/songs

StF 628 Faithful one

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JqK-
UnsRTFI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JqK-UnsRTFI)

StF 367 When I was lost

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tZ4xkBN
RwXc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tZ4xkBNRwXc)

StF 471 Lord I come to you

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ga6Qtxz
d6vk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ga6Qtxzd6vk)

Welcome

Gathering together with God

Lord, living in a world in which so much has changed and continues to do so, a world of uncertainty and confusion, our faith in you is tested and sometimes found wanting.

We struggle so much, wishing it could be easier: we are reluctant to accept your assurance that while following you would be difficult, you would be with us every step of the way.

We so want to trust you and see your plan for us. Help us this morning to relax into your presence, to hear your word for each of us and with faith and renewed trust in you to act on it.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

Opening Prayer

God of the earth and the waves,
we praise you for all that you have done and all that you continue to do in and through Jesus Christ.

We thank you that he came and still comes for in his coming your promise that you would always be with us took on new meaning. For in Jesus we see that you share the whole of life with us. You meet us in Christ in the ordinary and everyday which for so many of us at this time are anything but.

It's good to be reminded of this as we struggle with the pain, distress, isolation and continuing uncertainties brought about by the effects of Covid-19.

And in and through it all you call us out from the security of what used to be normal and to put aside our craving for certainty to experience your adventures and to receive your blessings.

For you don't want us to be like a becalmed ship, waiting helplessly for the next breath of wind to carry us wherever it will or stuck in the harbour waiting for a crew.

You want us out in deep water, exploring the oceans of your love, searching for those lost in the sea of life, confident that you'll be with us all of the time.

So we thank you for being with us and thank you also that you have called us to be your faithful people.

By your spirit help us to explore new opportunities for sharing our faith and to discover new ways of being your church.

We ask this in and through the name of Jesus.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18

Hymn: StF 65 Sing of the Lord's goodness

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SGE6ZOumLQM>

Sing of the Lord's goodness, Father of all wisdom,
come to him and bless his name.
Mercy he has shown us, his love is forever,
faithful to the end of days.

Refrain:

*Come, then, all you nations,
sing of your Lord's goodness,
melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory,
praise him with your music,
worship him and bless his name.*

Power he has wielded, honour is his garment
risen from the snares of death.
His word he has spoken, one bread he has
broken,
new life he now gives to all.

Refrain

Courage in our darkness, comfort in our
sorrow,
Spirit of our God most high;
solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner,
splendour of the living God.

Refrain

Praise him with your singing, praise him with
the trumpet,
praise God with the lute and harp;
praise him with the cymbals, praise him with
your dancing,
praise God till the end of days.

Refrain

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Let us pray together

Loving God, you whisper in my ear,
when all I want to do is shout and scream.
You draw me to yourself,
when all I want to do is hide away.
You offer me eternal life,
when all I want to do is survive.
Take my life in your hands

and bless me, for I do not always know what I
do.

Amen.

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Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

Reflection

Certainty: can we live with it?

A time of prayer for ourselves and others

Led by Alison Muir

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father

**Hymn: StF 661 Give me the faith which can
remove**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Am_ZMcRLLcs&t=8s

Give me the faith which can remove
and sink the mountain to a plain;
give me the childlike praying love,
which longs to build thy house again;
thy love, let it my heart o'erpower,
and all my simple soul devour.

I would the precious time redeem,
and longer live for this along,
to spend, and to be spent, for them
who have not yet my Saviour known;
fully on these my mission prove,
and only breathe, to breathe thy love.

My talents, gifts, and graces, Lord,
into thy blessed hands receive;
and let me live to preach thy word,
and let me to thy glory live;
my every sacred moment spend
in publishing the sinners' friend.

Enlarge, inflame, and fill my heart
with boundless charity divine,
so shall I all my strength exert,
and love them with a zeal like thine,
and lead them to thy open side,
the sheep for whom their Shepherd died.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

A prayer of blessing

As this time of worship ends,
and we continue to meet the storms of life,
and the uncertainties which they bring,
may we take heart that Jesus is present,
and ever live for His holy name.

And may the blessing of God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with us, and those whom we love, now and
always.

Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

⁹At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

Elijah Meets God at Horeb

¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Kings%2019:9-18&version=NRSV>

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

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Jesus Walks on the Water

²²Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land,^[a] for the wind was against them. ²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind,^[b] he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God".

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