

**Worship Service**  
**St Paul's Church, Shipley**  
**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity, 9<sup>th</sup> August**  
**Theme: Crossing the sea .....**

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**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

Faithful one, whose word is life:  
come with saving power  
to free our praise, inspire our prayer  
and shape our lives for the Kingdom of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Hymn: Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us**

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
For we have no help but Thee;  
Yet possessing every blessing  
If our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;  
All our weakness Thou dost know;  
Thou didst tread this earth before us,  
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
Lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
Through the desert Thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,  
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
Love with every passion blending,  
Pleasure that can never cloy;  
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
Nothing can our peace destroy.

## **Confession and Absolution**

### **From Psalm 51:**

Have mercy on us, O God,  
in your unfailing love and great compassion,  
take away our sins and heal us from our brokenness.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and make me willing to obey you.

### **From Psalm 145**

The LORD is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
The LORD is good to all,  
and his compassion is over all that he has made.  
The LORD upholds all who are falling,  
and raises up all who are bowed down.

Let's look to Jesus, our saviour our friend, our healer and redeemer and because of him, filled with his Spirit, we can live a life of freedom and obedience.

## **Sudan Emergency Appeal**

### **Interview with Kate Butler**

### **Song: Be bold, be strong**

Be bold, be strong, for the Lord your God is with you.  
I am not afraid no no.  
I am not dismayed: not me!  
Because I'm walking in faith and victory.  
Come on and walk in faith and victory.  
For the Lord your God is with you.

## **Bible Reading: Exodus 14: 13-22**

Moses answered the people: Do not be afraid, stand firm, and you will see the deliverance that the LORD will bring you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. <sup>14</sup>The LORD will fight for you, you need only to be still.” <sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses: why are crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on.<sup>16</sup> Raise your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water, so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. <sup>17</sup>Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horse men. <sup>18</sup>The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD, when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horse men.” <sup>19</sup>Then the angel of God who had been travelling in front of Israel's army withdrew and went behind them; the pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, <sup>20</sup>coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night, the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other, so neither went near the other all night long. <sup>21</sup>Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. And all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided. <sup>22</sup>And the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

## **Gospel Reading Matthew 14: 22-33**

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” <sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come

to you on the water.”<sup>29</sup> He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.<sup>30</sup> But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!”<sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?”<sup>32</sup> When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.<sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

## **Talk by Andy Jolley, Archdeacon of Bradford**

### **Song: Oceans**

You call me out upon the waters,  
the great unknown where feet may fail.  
And there I find You in the mystery,  
in oceans deep, my faith will stand.

*And I will call upon Your name  
and keep my eyes above the waves.  
When oceans rise, my soul will rest in Your embrace  
for I am Yours and You are mine.*

Your grace abounds in deepest waters,  
your sovereign hand will be my guide.  
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,  
you've never failed and you won't start now.

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders.  
Let me walk upon the waters,  
wherever You would call me.  
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander  
and my faith will be made stronger,  
in the presence of my Saviour.

## **Prayers for the world, the church and ourselves**

## Final Song: Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

*Christ alone, Cornerstone,  
weak made strong in the Saviour's love  
Through the storm, he is Lord, Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide His face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale  
my anchor holds within the veil.  
When he shall come with trumpet sound  
Oh, may I then in Him be found.  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
faultless, stand before the throne.

## The Blessing

When we struggle with the hard times and difficulties,  
we can put our trust in Jesus.

**God will bless us.**

When we cry out to Jesus we can be sure his strength is in us.

**God will bless us.**

All this week we can trust God in everything.

**God will bless us.**

And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon us, and upon those we love and for whom we pray,  
this day and always. **Amen.**