



Welcome to the
Metropolitan Community Church
in Glasgow

Prayers and Communion – 9th August 2020

Welcome

Gathering Prayer

Call to Worship – based on Psalm 69:1-3, 13-15

Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck.
I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold;

I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me.

I am weary with my crying; my throat is parched.

My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God.

But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD.

**At an acceptable time, O God,
in the abundance of your steadfast love, answer me.**

With your faithful help rescue me from sinking in the mire;

let us be delivered from our enemies and from the deep waters.

Do not let the flood sweep over us, or the deep swallow us up,
or the Pit close its mouth over us.

Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

Gospel Response

“When the storms of life are raging, stand by me”

I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me.

“When the world is tossing me like a ship upon the sea”

God who rules wind and water, stand by me.

God stands with you in bright sunshine and deepest storm.

God gently guides us to safety and peace. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Reflection – Rev Jane Clarke

Song When the storms of life are raging, stand by me;

When the storms of life are raging, stand by me;
When the world is tossing me
Like a ship upon the sea,
Thou Who rulest wind and water, stand by me.

In the midst of tribulation, stand by me;
In the midst of tribulation, stand by me;
When the hosts of hell assail,
And my strength begins to fail,
Thou Who never lost a battle, stand by me.

In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me;
In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me;
When I do the best I can,
And my friends misunderstand,
Thou Who knowest all about me, stand by me.

When I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me;
When I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me;
When my life becomes a burden,
And I'm nearing chilly Jordan,
O Thou "Lily of the Valley," stand by me.

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Prayers for the world

Lord's prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and 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 forever. Amen.**

Communion

Closing Prayer

Over the turbulent waves in our lives, Jesus calls us.

Watching the clouds for the coming storm we sometimes miss Jesus' call.

Look again. Jesus is calling to you.

Lord, help us hear your voice.

Neither wind nor waves can swamp you. Place your trust in God's mercy and love. And go into this world in peace, confident that God is present with you. The abundance of God's steadfast love will lift you up through the storms of life. **Amen.**

The Grace

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
And the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
Be always with us. Amen**