

# St Peter's Barge

London's Floating Church

Sunday 26th April 2020

## Welcome!

Marcus Nodder is leading and preaching

**SONG:** Behold the power of his word

Most merciful Father, our Creator and Judge,  
we acknowledge and confess  
that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed.  
We have not loved you with all our heart;  
and we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We earnestly repent,  
and are truly sorry for all our sins.  
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake forgive us,  
and strengthen us to serve and obey you  
in lives wholly renewed by your Spirit;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**SONG:** Awake, awake, O Zion

**READING:** Hebrews 12:18-29

**SONG:** I stand amazed

**READING:** Psalm 46

**TALK**

**PRAYER**

**SONG:** Blessed be your name

**Q&A** (on Zoom) 844 5971 1881

## Hymn by John Newton

Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken  
formed thee for his own abode;  
on the Rock of Ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See! the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, when such a river  
ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the Giver,  
never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering,  
see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a covering,  
showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus they march, their pillar leading,  
light by night, and shade by day;  
daily on the manna feeding  
which he gives them when they pray.

Blest inhabitants of Zion,  
washed in the Redeemer's blood!  
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,  
makes them kings and priests to God.  
'Tis his love his people raises  
over self to reign as kings:  
and as priests, his solemn praises  
each for a thank-offering brings.

Savior, if of Zion's city,  
I through grace a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in thy Name.  
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,  
all his boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure  
none but Zion's children know.

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### NEXT SUNDAY

Date: May 3<sup>rd</sup> 11.00am

Speaker: Marcus Nodder

Passage: Psalm 46:8-11

## PSALM 46:4-7

### God is with us

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#### Psalm 46

*To the choirmaster. Of the Sons of Korah.  
According to Alamoth. A Song.*

<sup>1</sup> God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. <sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, <sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. *Selah*

<sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. <sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. <sup>6</sup> The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. <sup>7</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*

<sup>8</sup> Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth. <sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. <sup>10</sup> "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" <sup>11</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. *Selah*

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- the city of man & the city of God <sup>1</sup>

#### The city of God enjoys God's PRESENCE

- past <sup>2</sup>
- present <sup>3</sup>
- future <sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Hebrews 12:22; Revelation 21:2

<sup>2</sup> Isaiah 57:15; Psalm 48:1-2; 87:3

<sup>3</sup> John 14:16; Ephesians 2:21-22; Hebrews 12:22

<sup>4</sup> Revelation 21:3; 22:3

#### The city of God enjoys God's PROVISION

- past <sup>5</sup>
- present <sup>6</sup>
- future <sup>7</sup>

#### The city of God enjoys God's PROTECTION

- past <sup>8</sup>
- present <sup>9</sup>
- future <sup>10</sup>

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**Questions for reflection / discussion:** what has struck you most from this talk? Which benefit of being a citizen of God's city do you value most? How can we keep our eyes fixed on the heavenly city?

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<sup>5</sup> Isaiah 8:6

<sup>6</sup> John 7:37

<sup>7</sup> Revelation 22:1-2,17

<sup>8</sup> Psalm 48:8; 2 Kings 19:34

<sup>9</sup> John 10:28; Matthew 16:18; Romans 8:31,35,37; Hebrews 13:5

<sup>10</sup> 2 Timothy 4:18; Hebrews 12:28; Revelation 21:4,12; Philippians 3:20; Hebrews 11:10