

# Where's Your Chair?

Acts 27 13-26



For at his word the stormy wind arose and lifted up the waves of the sea.  
They were carried up to the heavens and down again to the deep;  
their soul melted away in their peril.

Psalm 107:25-26

## **Praising:**

O Saviour, whose almighty word  
the winds and waves submissive  
heard,  
who walkedst on the foaming  
deep  
and calm amid its rage didst  
sleep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

## **Reading:**

Acts 27:13-26  
The storm off Crete

Having set sail from the harbour  
of Fair Havens against Paul's  
advice, the ship is soon at the  
mercy of the elements. As the  
storm descends and the waves  
rise, the tides and currents make  
further progress impossible. The  
crew struggle desperately to keep  
the vessel afloat, jettisoning

cargo and equipment to lighten  
their load. With hope fading fast  
and morale at a low ebb, Paul  
shares with his companions a  
vision he had received the  
previous night. It seems God has  
granted safety to everyone  
travelling on board with the  
apostle. Paul should not be  
afraid, God insists: his  
appearance before the Emperor  
is part of the divine plan. Hence  
the crew should not be afraid  
either, Paul explains. They are to  
take courage – even though it is  
now unavoidable that the ship  
shall run aground.

## **Listening:**

## **Praying:**

Lord we remember those times  
when we have felt carried along  
helplessly by events

- and everything seems far  
above and totally beyond our  
personal control
- and there is nothing we can do  
to steer or guide things or  
even protect ourselves
- and you have brought us  
through to a whole new place  
of blessing and opportunity

Father: there have been so many  
tumultuous experiences and  
every time you have delivered  
me anew into your peace. Grant  
me trust that you will do the same  
again the next time. Amen

## **Doing:**

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