

Hello everyone

Welcome to online worship from the East church.

Norma and I have been dealing with a real conundrum recently. You see It turns out our cats, who are now 13 or so months old, are resistant to change.

They are unhappy Norma no longer works from home. They prowl around me all day if I forget to feed them lunch. But most annoyingly they do not like their new adult cat food.

I expected them to leap on this rite of passage. No longer kittens we eat big lumps of food.

But no for four days they only ate familiar dry biscuits- the fresh wet food put down and daily went into the bin daily.

Accepting change is hard for cats. Journeying through life is hard for cats and if I'm honest journeying through this lockdown is unsettling for many, me included. I had constructed a lovely lockdown life; online church, gardening, Norma working from home. But then norma got called

back in to work, my coffee consumption slumped, next the garden was brought under control.

Suddenly I realised I was passing through Lockdown. Change was imminent, but the time scale is still unknown.

The difficulty for the cats was removed when I set off to buy a number of different cat foods and a small tin of tuna just in case I did see ribs poking out in the near future.

No need to worry, they fell on the alternative food I produced and haven't looked back since. Our cats are back on the way through life.

We are passing through lockdown too on our way out and a bout again soon we are promised.

And in Luke's gospel Jesus is passing through Jericho on his way to Jerusalem.

So many people and animals passing through. Today though in the story though Jesus stops for a while to take stock when he sees a tax collector called Zacchaeus in a tree and Zacchaeus' life is

changed for ever when Jesus says I must come and stay with you tonight, Zacchaeus.

Jesus and God do that to people, don't they?

As the psalmist puts it in psalm 105.

Look to the Lord and be strong: at all times seek his presence.

Let us worship.