



Welcome to Holy Communion

Sunday 13th September 2026, 10am

Revelation 4: Worship in heaven

Welcome

We stand before the throne of God
with countless crowds
from every nation and race, tribe and language.

**Blessing and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour, power and might
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Song (1124)

We fall down, we lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus.
The greatness of mercy and love,
At the feet of Jesus.

And we cry holy, holy, holy.
And we cry holy, holy, holy.
And we cry holy, holy, holy
Is the Lamb.

(Chris Tomlin)

Song (976)

Blessing and honour, glory and power
Be unto the Ancient of Days;
From every nation, all of creation
Bow before the Ancient of Days.

*Every tongue in heaven and earth
Shall declare your glory,
Every knee shall bow at your throne, in worship;
You will be exalted, O God,
And your kingdom shall not pass away, O Ancient of Days.*

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth:
Sing unto the Ancient of Days.
For none shall compare to your matchless worth:
Sing unto the Ancient of Days. (Gary Sadler & Jamie Harvill)

Confession

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.'
We long for the fire of God's cleansing
to touch our unclean lips,
for our guilt to be removed and our sin wiped out.
So we meet Father, Son and Holy Spirit
with repentance in our hearts.

Father,
we have sinned against heaven and against you.
We are not worthy to be called your children.
We turn to you again.
Have mercy on us,
bring us back to yourself
as those who once were dead
but now have life through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

May God our Father forgive us our sins,
and bring us to the fellowship of his table
with his saints for ever. **Amen.**

Collect – 15th Sunday after Trinity

Prayer for Sonlight, as they leave

Sonlight children go to their group, but Mega young people stay because it is a Communion service.

Bible readings

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: with two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.’

⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. ⁵ ‘Woe to me!’ I cried. ‘I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.’

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, ‘See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.’

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’

Revelation 4

¹ After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, ‘Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.’ ² At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. ³ And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne.

⁴ Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. ⁵ From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God. ⁶ Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal.

In the centre, round the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and behind. ⁷ The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. ⁸ Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all round, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying:

“‘Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God Almighty,” who was, and is, and is to come.’

⁹ Whenever the living creatures give glory, honour and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say:

¹¹ 'You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they were created
and have their being.'

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Hymn (1072)

¹In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my
song;
This Cornerstone, this solid
Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought
and storm.
What heights of love, what depths
of peace,
When fears are stilled, when
strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

²In Christ alone! – who took on
flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones he came to
save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

³There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness
slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am his and he is mine –
Bought with the precious blood of
Christ.

⁴No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of
man,
Can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll
stand!

(Stuart Townend and Keith Getty)

Affirmation of faith

We say together in faith:

**Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:
**for by his will they were created
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:
**for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
**the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.**

Intercessions

The Peace

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,
to give light to those who dwell in darkness
and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And always with you.

Hymn (431)

¹Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
Glorious, first-born from the dead,
You alone, our strong Defender,
Lifting up your people's head.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Jesus, true and living Bread.

²Prince of life, for us now living,
By your body souls are healed;
Prince of peace, your pardon
giving,
By your blood our peace is sealed.
Alleluia, alleluia,
Word of God in flesh revealed.

³Paschal Lamb! Your offering,
finished
Once for all when you were slain,
In its fulness undiminished
Shall for evermore remain,
Alleluia, alleluia,
Cleansing souls from every stain.

⁴Great High Priest of our
profession,
Through the veil you entered in,
By your mighty intercession
Grace and mercy there to win,
Alleluia! Alleluia,
Only sacrifice for sin.

⁵Life-imparting, heavenly Manna,
Stricken Rock with streaming side,
Heaven and earth with loud
hosanna
Worship you, the Lamb who died,
Alleluia, alleluia,
Risen, ascended, glorified!

(George Hugh Bourne)

Thanksgiving for our offering

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, you made the world...

...with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father...

...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Lord of all life...

...all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

Lord's prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

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 for ever. Amen.

Breaking of bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body,

because we all share in one bread.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

*(a prayer that can be said by those unable to receive the bread and wine
because they are watching at home)*

*Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.*

Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,

I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.

*O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.*

The receiving of Communion, with these hymns:

Hymn (239)

¹Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
Holy is the Lord God Almighty.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
Holy is the Lord God Almighty,
Who was and is and is to come,
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

²Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord,
Jesus is the Lord God Almighty.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord,
Jesus is the Lord God Almighty,
Who was and is and is to come,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord.

³Worthy, worthy, worthy is the
Lord,
Worthy is the Lord God Almighty.
Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lord,
Worthy is the Lord God Almighty,
Who was and is and is to come,
Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lord.

⁴Glory, glory, glory to the Lord,
Glory is the Lord God Almighty.
Glory, glory, glory to the Lord,
Glory is the Lord God Almighty,
Who was and is and is to come,
Glory, glory, glory to the Lord.

(Authur unknown)

Hymn (142)

¹Father, we love you,
We worship and adore you,
Glorify your name in all the earth.
Glorify your name,
Glorify your name,
Glorify your name in all the earth.

²Jesus, we love you,
We worship and adore you,
Glorify your name in all the earth.
Glorify your name,
Glorify your name,
Glorify your name in all the earth.

³Spirit, we love you,
We worship and adore you,
Glorify your name in all the earth.
Glorify your name,
Glorify your name,
Glorify your name in all the earth.

(Donna Adkins)

Hymn (454)

Majesty, worship his majesty,
Unto Jesus be glory, honour and praise.
Majesty, kingdom, authority,
Flow from his throne unto his own,
His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus,
Magnify, come glorify, Christ Jesus the King.
Majesty, worship his majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified,
King of all kings.

(Jack W. Hayford)

Hymn (34)

¹Angel voices ever singing
Round thy throne of light,
Angel harps forever ringing,
Rest not day nor night;
Thousands only live to bless thee,
And confess thee
Lord of might.

²Thou who art beyond the farthest
Mortal eye can scan,
Can it be that thou regardest
Songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us
And wilt hear us?
Yes, we can.

³Yes, we know that thou rejoicest
O'er each work of thine;
Thou didst ears and hands and
voices
For thy praise design;
Craftsman's art and music's
measure
For thy pleasure
All combine.

⁴In thy house, great God, we offer
Of thine own to thee,
And for thine acceptance proffer,
All unworthily,
Hearts and minds and hands and
voices
In our choicest
Psalmody.

⁵Honour, glory, might, and merit
Thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
Blessèd Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast given
Earth and heaven
Render thee.

(Francis Pott)

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Notices and family news

Hymn (564)

¹Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Brothers and sisters, draw near,
Praise him in glad adoration.

²Praise to the Lord, who o'er things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth:
Has thou not seen? All that is needful has been
Granted in what he ordaineth.

³Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee:
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
Who with his love doth befriend thee.

⁴Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
Sound from his people again:
Gladly for aye we adore him.

(Joachim Neander (tr. Catherine Winkworth))

Blessing

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