



Welcome to our Service of the Word Sunday 9th August 2026, 10am

Revelation: The Church in Thyatira

Welcome

Praise God! For the Lord our God the almighty reigns!
Let us rejoice and be glad and give him the glory.

Happy are those who have been invited
to the wedding-feast of the Lamb.

Amen. Praise the Lord!

Almighty God,
your Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence.
Give us new hearts and constant wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Song (839)

*He has risen,
He has risen,
He has risen,
Jesus is alive!*

¹When the life flowed from his
body,
Seemed like Jesus' mission failed.
But his sacrifice accomplished,
Victory over sin and hell.

²In the grave God did not leave
him,
For his body to decay;
Raised to life, the great awakening,
Satan's power he overcame.

³If there were no resurrection,
We ourselves could not be raised;
But the Son of God is living,
So our hope is not in vain.

⁵He has given life immortal,
We shall see him face to face;
Through eternity we'll praise him,
Christ, the Champion of our faith.

⁴When the Lord rides out of
heaven,
Mighty angels at his side,
They will sound the final trumpet,
From the grave we shall arise.

(Gerald Coates, Noel & Tricia
Richards)

Song (1024)

¹All my days I will sing this song of gladness,
Give my praise to the Fountain of delights;
For in my helplessness you heard my cry,
And waves of mercy poured down on my life.

²I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,
I will sing of the blood that never fails;
Of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,
Of death defeated and life without end.

*Beautiful Saviour, Wonderful Counsellor,
Clothed in majesty, Lord of history,
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life.
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion,
And you reign, you reign over all!*

³I long to be where the praise is never-ending,
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades;
Where countless worshippers will share one song,
And cries of 'worthy' will honour the Lamb!

Beautiful Saviour...

(Stuart Townend)

Confession

Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your
call.
Our love for you is like a morning
cloud,

like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

Collect – 10th Sunday after Trinity

Prayer for Sonlight

Bible readings

1 Kings 21:1-29

¹ Some time later there was an incident involving a vineyard belonging to Naboth the Jezreelite. The vineyard was in Jezreel, close to the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. ² Ahab said to Naboth, "Let me have your vineyard to use for a vegetable garden, since it is close to my palace. In exchange I will give you a better vineyard or, if you prefer, I will pay you whatever it is worth."

³ But Naboth replied, "The Lord forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my ancestors."

⁴ So Ahab went home, sullen and angry because Naboth the Jezreelite had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my ancestors." He lay on his bed sulking and refused to eat.

⁵ His wife Jezebel came in and asked him, "Why are you so sullen? Why won't you eat?"

⁶ He answered her, "Because I said to Naboth the Jezreelite, 'Sell me your vineyard; or if you prefer, I will give you another vineyard in its place.' But he said, 'I will not give you my vineyard.'"

⁷ Jezebel his wife said, "Is this how you act as king over Israel? Get up and eat! Cheer up. I'll get you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."

⁸ So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, placed his seal on them, and sent them to the elders and nobles who lived in Naboth's city with him. ⁹ In those letters she wrote:

"Proclaim a day of fasting and seat Naboth in a prominent place among the people. ¹⁰ But seat two scoundrels opposite him and have them bring charges that he has cursed both God and the king. Then take him out and stone him to death."

¹¹ So the elders and nobles who lived in Naboth's city did as Jezebel directed in the letters she had written to them. ¹² They proclaimed a fast and seated Naboth in a prominent place among the people. ¹³ Then two scoundrels came and sat opposite him and brought charges against Naboth before the people, saying, "Naboth has cursed both God and the king." So they took him outside the city and stoned him to death. ¹⁴ Then they sent word to Jezebel: "Naboth has been stoned to death."

¹⁵ As soon as Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned to death, she said to Ahab, “Get up and take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite that he refused to sell you. He is no longer alive, but dead.” ¹⁶ When Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, he got up and went down to take possession of Naboth’s vineyard.

¹⁷ Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite: ¹⁸ “Go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who rules in Samaria. He is now in Naboth’s vineyard, where he has gone to take possession of it. ¹⁹ Say to him, ‘This is what the Lord says: Have you not murdered a man and seized his property?’ Then say to him, ‘This is what the Lord says: In the place where dogs licked up Naboth’s blood, dogs will lick up your blood—yes, yours!’”

²⁰ Ahab said to Elijah, “So you have found me, my enemy!”
“I have found you,” he answered, “because you have sold yourself to do evil in the eyes of the Lord. ²¹ He says, ‘I am going to bring disaster on you. I will wipe out your descendants and cut off from Ahab every last male in Israel—slave or free. ²² I will make your house like that of Jeroboam son of Nebat and that of Baasha son of Ahijah, because you have aroused my anger and have caused Israel to sin.’

²³ “And also concerning Jezebel the Lord says: ‘Dogs will devour Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.’ ²⁴ Dogs will eat those belonging to Ahab who die in the city, and the birds will feed on those who die in the country.”

²⁵ (There was never anyone like Ahab, who sold himself to do evil in the eyes of the Lord, urged on by Jezebel his wife. ²⁶ He behaved in the vilest manner by going after idols, like the Amorites the Lord drove out before Israel.)

²⁷ When Ahab heard these words, he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and fasted. He lay in sackcloth and went around meekly.

²⁸ Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite: ²⁹ “Have you noticed how Ahab has humbled himself before me? Because he has humbled himself, I will not bring this disaster in his day, but I will bring it on his house in the days of his son.”

Revelation 2:18-29

¹⁹ “To the angel of the church in Thyatira write:
These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze. ¹⁹ I know your deeds, your love and

faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.

²⁰ Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols.

²¹ I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. ²² So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. ²³ I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds.

²⁴ Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan's so-called deep secrets, 'I will not impose any other burden on you, ²⁵ except to hold on to what you have until I come.'

²⁶ To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations— ²⁷ that one 'will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery'—just as I have received authority from my Father. ²⁸ I will also give that one the morning star. ²⁹ Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

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

Sermon

Hymn (77)

¹Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King,
Lord of heaven, our lives
sustaining,
Hear us as we sing:

*Yours the glory and the crown,
The high renown, the eternal
name.*

²Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
Power and majesty concealing
By your humble birth:

*Yours the glory and the crown,
The high renown, the eternal
name.*

³Suffering Servant, scorned, ill-
treated,
Victim crucified!
Death is through the cross
defeated,
Sinners justified:

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.**

⁴Priestly King, enthroned forever
High in heaven above!
Sin and death and hell shall never
Stifle hymns of love:

⁵So, our hearts and voices raising
Through the ages long,
Ceaselessly upon You gazing,
This shall be our song:

(Michael Saward)

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.

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Hymn (835)

¹Great is the darkness that covers
the earth,
Oppression, injustice and pain.
Nations are slipping in hopeless
despair,
Though many have come in your
name.
Watching while sanity dies,
Touched by the madness and lies.

*Come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord
Jesus,
Pour out your Spirit we pray.
Come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord
Jesus,
Pour out your Spirit on us today.*

²May now your church rise with
power and love,
This glorious gospel proclaim.
In every nation salvation will come
To those who believe in your
name.
Help us bring light to this world
That we might speed your return.

³Great celebrations on that final
day
When out of the heavens you
come.
Darkness will vanish, all sorrow will
end,
And rulers will bow at your throne.
Our great commission complete,
Then face to face we shall meet.

(Noel Richards & Gerald Coates)

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.

Hymn (921)

¹Purify my heart,
Let me be as gold
And precious silver.
Purify my heart,
Let me be as gold,
Pure gold.

*Refiner's fire,
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy,
Set apart for you, Lord.
I choose to be holy,
Set apart for you, my Master,
Ready to do your will.*

²Purify my heart,
Cleanse me from within
And make me holy.
Purify my heart,
Cleanse me from my sin,
Deep within.

(Brian Doerkson)

Hymn (66)

*Broken for me, broken for you,
The body of Jesus, broken for you.*

¹He offered his body, he poured out his soul;
Jesus was broken, that we might be whole:

²Come to my table and with me dine;
Eat of my bread and drink of my wine.

³This is my body given for you;
Eat it remembering I died for you.

⁴This is my blood I shed for you;
For your forgiveness, making you new.

(Janet Lunt)

Hymn (111)

¹Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise,
In deeper reverence, praise.

²In simple trust like theirs who
heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow thee,
Rise up and follow thee.

³O sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with
thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love,
Interpreted by love.

⁴With that deep hush subduing all
Our words and works that drown
The tender whisper of thy call,
As noiseless let thy blessing fall
As fell thy manna down,
As fell thy manna down.

(John G. Whittier)

⁵Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and
stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace,
The beauty of thy peace.

⁶Breathe through the heats of our
desire,
They coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake,
wind and fire,
O still small voice of calm!
O still small voice of calm!

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 (379)

¹Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Doth his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall rise and set no more.

²To him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown his head;
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

³People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim, their early blessings on his name.

⁴Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blessed.

⁵Let every creature rise and bring
The highest honours to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud Amen!

(Isaac Watts)

Blessing

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