

19<sup>th</sup> September 2021



10.30am Morning Worship

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity



## A message to encourage the church

Revelation 1:1-11

Philip Robertson

Please speak aloud words in **bold text**.  
Sing songs indicated & listen to others.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Based on Psalm 84:1-3 & 10-12 ERV*

Lord All-Powerful, the place where  
you live is so beautiful!

**Lord, I cannot wait to enter your  
presence. I am so excited!**

Every part of me cries out to be with  
you - the Living God.

**Lord All-Powerful, my King, and my  
God.**

One day with you is better  
**than a thousand days anywhere else.**

Serving as a guard at the gate of my  
God's house  
**is better than living in the homes of  
the wicked.**

The Lord God is our protector and  
glorious king.

**He blesses us with kindness and  
honour.**

The Lord freely gives every good  
thing

**to those who do what is right.**

Lord All-Powerful,  
**great blessings belong to those who  
trust in you!**

### 1<sup>ST</sup> SONG – COME PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING

*Getty & Townend* **STAND & SING**

Come people of the Risen King  
Who delight to bring Him praise  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing  
To the Morning Star of grace  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
We will lift our eyes to Him  
Where steady arms of mercy reach  
To gather children in.

*Rejoice rejoice*

*let ev'ry tongue rejoice.*

*One heart one voice*

*O Church of Christ rejoice.*

Come those whose joy is morning sun  
And those weeping through the night  
Come those who tell of battles won  
And those struggling in the fight  
For His perfect love will never change  
And His mercies never cease  
But follow us through all our days  
With the certain hope of peace.

Come young and old from ev'ry land  
Men and women of the faith  
Come those with full or empty hands  
Find the riches of His grace  
Over all the world His people sing  
Shore to shore we hear them call  
The truth that cries through ev'ry age  
Our God is all in all.

## CONFESSION

When the Lord Jesus Christ comes, he will bring to light things now hidden in darkness, and disclose all desires of our hearts. Therefore, in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Jesus Christ, risen master and triumphant Lord,  
**we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.**

We have lived by our own strength,  
**and not by the power of your resurrection.**

In your mercy, forgive us.  
**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,  
**as faithless and not believing.**

In your mercy, forgive us.  
**Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,  
**and doubted our home in heaven.**

In your mercy, forgive us.  
**Lord, hear us and help us. Amen.**

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SONG – O LOVE THAT WILL NOT

**LET ME GO** *George Matheson*

O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee.  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
that in thine ocean depths its flow  
may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follows all my way,  
I yield my flick'ring torch to thee.  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee.  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
and feel the promise is not vain,  
that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee.  
I lay in dust, life's glory dead,  
and from the ground there blossoms  
red,  
life that shall endless be.

## BIBLE READING *Read by Brian Titton*

*Revelation 1:1-11 NIVUK 2011*

<sup>1</sup> The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, <sup>2</sup> who testifies to everything he saw – that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. <sup>3</sup> Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

<sup>4</sup> John,  
To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father – to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

<sup>7</sup> ‘Look, he is coming with the clouds,’ and ‘every eye will see him, even those who pierced him’; and all peoples on earth ‘will mourn because of him.’

So shall it be! Amen.

<sup>8</sup> ‘I am the Alpha and the Omega,’ says the Lord God, ‘who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.’

<sup>9</sup> I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

<sup>10</sup> On the Lord’s Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, <sup>11</sup> which said: ‘Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.’

### **A MESSAGE TO ENCOURAGE THE CHURCH**

#### **3<sup>RD</sup> SONG - SEE HIM COMING** *Mark Peterson*

Glory and power to the One who loves us.

Honour and praise him forever.

Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus.

Glory and power to the One who freed us.

From all our sins by his blood.

Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus.

*See him coming on the clouds of heaven.*

*Every eye behold him now.*

*He’s the Living One the first and last.*

*Who once was dead,*

*but now he lives forever and ever.*

Glory and power to the One who made us.

A kingdom and priests for God’s service.

Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus.

Jesus is the living one.

Who died and came alive.

Jesus is Almighty Lord.

Who was, and is to come!

*(Repeat verse)*

### **APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty, creator of  
heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only  
Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy  
Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to hell.**

**The third day he rose again from  
the dead.**

**He ascended to heaven and is seated  
at the right hand of God the Father  
almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the  
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic\* church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*(\*that is, the true Christian church of  
all times and all places)*

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *Ivor Saunders*

#### **COLLECT**

**Lord of creation,  
whose glory is around and within us:  
open our eyes to your wonders,  
that we may serve you with reverence  
and know your peace at our lives' end,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

#### **NEWS**

#### **4<sup>TH</sup> SONG – TO GOD BE THE GLORY** *Crosby*

#### **STAND AND SING**

To God be the glory!  
great things He hath done;  
so loved He the world  
that He gave us His Son;  
who yielded His life  
an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life gate  
that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father,  
through Jesus the Son:  
and give Him the glory!  
great things He hath done!*

O perfect redemption,  
the purchase of blood!  
To every believer  
the promise of God;  
the vilest offender  
who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus  
a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us,  
great things He hath done,  
and great our rejoicing  
through Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher,  
and greater will be  
our wonder, our rapture,  
when Jesus we see.

#### **BLESSING**

The love of the Lord Jesus  
draw us to himself,  
the power of the Lord Jesus  
strengthen us in his service,  
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill our hearts;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy  
Spirit,  
be among us and remain with us  
always.

**Amen.**

# Prayer Topics for the week

If you would like the vicar to pray with you on the phone, call him on 01902 827214; or alternatively you can place a prayer request on our 'Prayer Chain' by phoning Brian on 01902 788017. He will have several people pray, in confidence, for your request.

**Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of Revelation, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.**

*Revelation 1:3 NIV*

## For the World and our Nation and our City

*Holy One, we have so many prayers on our hearts, sometimes it is hard to know where to begin.*

- **Afghanistan** – Pray for its people, that they may have peace and come to know God's salvation.
- **Migrants** – Pray for people fleeing their homeland leaving everything behind; pray for those in power, that God will give them mercy, compassion and wisdom as they deal with each situation.
- **COVID pandemic** – Pray for those suffering the effects, for those without vaccine supplies, for medical staff, for anxious parents, and wisdom for governments in making the best decisions.

## For St Jude's Church

- **Reflect on Revelation 1-11.** *Look at vs.1-3:* God gave Jesus a message. What is the sequence that brings that very message to us today? What are we promised if we take this message to heart? What event do you think is 'very near' (v.3)? *Look at vs.4-8:* Revelation is written in 'Apocalyptic' language, symbolic language to powerfully communicate truths about God. In v.4 we find an example of it "the seven spirits before the throne of God." Seven represents completeness or perfection. The "seven spirits" is the Spirit of God who is always present and ever seeing. What greeting is offered from God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit), and what does this promise? What comparisons are made between God (and his gospel of peace) and the rulers of the world (the mighty Roman Empire at the time John wrote)? What has God done for those who love him (vs.5-6)? What will become of those who reject Jesus (v.7)? What guarantees this will happen (v.8)? *Look at vs.9-11:* What does John, and the churches he is writing to, face (v.9)? Given what we know about the number 7, what is the significance of the churches listed in v.11? Key themes in Revelation are: suffering, kingdom, and patient endurance. What encouragement do you find in these verses to patiently endure suffering for the sake of the kingdom of God? Pray for confidence to trust in Jesus' rule (and in his gospel of peace), even when people who ignore him thrive, the church in the west is dwindling, and so much of the world is in chaos.
- **School Assemblies** Pray for Phil as he takes his first assembly of the new academic year at St Andrew's School on Monday with years 4 to 6. The theme given is "Count your blessings" and Luke 8:2-25.
- **John Welsby** Pray for John standing for election to General Synod (see News for details).
- **Those you know suffering in Body or Spirit** Pray for them and for wisdom how to best help them.

## For our Mission Partners – The Good Shepherd Services

- **'New Start' project** Pray for Neil helping ex-offenders make a new start with tailored support.
- Praise God – we are proud of our **art and photography class** Their work 'Recovery is for You' is part of a fantastic exhibition @ the Light House from 17-29<sup>th</sup> Sept.
- **Family Food Hub** supporting families; and for the **Housing First** accommodation needs.
- Pray for **generous Harvest donations** this month.
- **Pray especially for all our service users;** for those who are homeless, vulnerable, and struggling with addiction or mental health problems.

## CONTACTING ST JUDE'S

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