



Lord's Day Worship
Sunday 5th October 2025
10:00 a.m.

WELCOME!

Welcome to Veritas Church. We exist to please and glorify the triune God through His Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who is the incarnate second person of the Trinity, crucified, risen, exalted, and reigning as Head of the Church, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We hope you have a great time with us, and we'd love to get to know you. Feel free to stay after the service to meet us and get connected. You can also get in touch by emailing us at info@veritaschurch.co.uk or head to our website at veritaschurch.co.uk and fill out the contact form. Or just come and say hi!

At Veritas Church, we desire that our worship services be:

- **Biblical.** We want to be built on the Word of God top to bottom and all the way through. Everything we do will be determined and regulated by the Word. We will hear the Word, sing the Word, pray the Word, speak the Word, and see the Word throughout.
- **Shaped by the Gospel.** The service is structured to tell the gospel story. God calls us, we confess our sins, hear His forgiveness, then listen to the Word as it transforms us, responding in the celebration of the Lord's Supper, and ending in God's own words of blessing as we go.
- **Historically Connected.** We are just a tiny part of God's plan, but we are a part of it! As such, we will gladly take advantage of the wisdom of those who have gone before us, using catechisms, creeds, confessions, ancient prayers, and more.

Children. Children are a blessing from the Lord (Psalm 127:3) and your children are more than welcome at Veritas so please don't worry if they make noise. There are worksheets, a space at the back with toys for very young children, baby-changing facilities, and a mum's room with audio feed, should you wish to make use of any of those things.

"May I Participate in The Lord's Supper?" By participating in the Lord's Supper, you are affirming to the elders of this congregation that you are in covenant with God, having been baptised, and are active in this or another local church which is covenantally bound to the triune God through Word and sacrament. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak with the elders before or after the service. Likewise, please speak with the elders before allowing your children to participate.

Giving. You can find out how to give at veritaschurch.co.uk/giving. There is also an offering box at the back of the room where GiftAid forms are also available. Veritas Church is a registered charity in England, number 1209204.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 66:1-4

Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

All: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you. All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name." Selah

PRAYER OF ADORATION

We praise and glorify you, our Lord and owner, for we and all things are your own.

We praise and glorify you, our king and ruler, for we are your subjects, and our perfect obedience is your due. Just are all your laws and judgment; true and sure is all your Word. We praise and glorify you, our great benefactor. In you we live, and move, and are: all that we are, or have, or can do, is wholly from you, the cause of all; and all is for you, for you are our end. Delightfully to love you is our greatest duty, and our only felicity, for you are love itself, and infinitely amiable.

Amen.

- Richard Baxter

SONG: PSALM 117

Four Part Canon

**1. Praise the Lord, all ye nations;
Praise Him, all ye people.**

**2. For His merciful kindness
Is great toward us;**

**3. And the truth of the Lord endureth
Forever.**

**4. Praise ye the Lord!
Praise ye the Lord!
Praise ye the Lord!**

Since worship is always a response to who God is and what He has done, we begin our service with a call from God to the people, in the words of Scripture, to worship Him. Throughout the service, the congregation says the words in bold together.

We use historic prayers to help us express truth to God that we otherwise wouldn't say if we just used our own vocabulary.

We sing psalms and songs based closely on psalms because we are commanded to (Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:19), and because psalms are inspired by the Holy Spirit. When we sing psalms, we are singing the Word of God.

We sing because this is one of the ways the Word of Christ dwells in us richly (Colossians 3:16), thereby building faith, and helping us grow in the knowledge of God.

"Lord Sabaoth" means "Lord of Hosts," or "Lord of Heaven's armies."

Here we read the law of God that reveals two things to us: that God is holy, and that we fall short of His standards. This drives us to confess our sins to God who has assured us that everyone who truly comes to Him in repentance and faith will receive forgiveness.

Here we declare what Christians believe, and have believed throughout history. By doing this, we recognise that the faith we profess is the same faith that has been passed down since the time of Christ.

** In the creed, 'catholic' refers to the universal church, not the Roman Catholic church.*

SONG: A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

1. A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
does seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.
2. Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right Man on our side,
the Man of God's own choosing.
You ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth* his name,
from age to age the same;
and he must win the battle.
3. And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.
4. That Word above all earthly powers
no thanks to them abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever!

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Be seated

READING OF THE LAW

Kneel if able

CONFESSION

Stand

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Your sins are forgiven. All: Thanks be to God!

PROFESSION

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only-begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall 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.

The Heidelberg Catechism

Question 127 - [Regarding the Lord's Prayer] What is the sixth petition?

A - And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. That is: In ourselves we are so weak that we cannot stand even for a moment. Moreover, our sworn enemies – the devil, the world, and our own flesh – do not cease to attack us. Will you, therefore, uphold and strengthen us by the power of your Holy Spirit, so that in this spiritual war we may not go down to defeat, but always firmly resist our enemies, until we finally obtain the complete victory.

Be seated

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 20:1-30

PASTORAL PRAYER

Stand

SONG: PSALM 4

1. O Lord, please answer when I call!
O God, my strength and righteousness,
Your strength is great and mine is small—
Give me relief from my distress!
2. How long, O men, will you corrupt
My glory, turning it to shame?
How long will you with lies erupt
And serve the gods that have no name?
3. Know that the Lord has set apart
Unto Himself all godly men.
So, trembling, cease! And doubt, depart!
The Lord will hear my prayer. Amen!
4. So in your anger do not sin
When you lie down upon your bed.
Prepare your hearts and search within
Before the offered prayer is said.
5. While many scoff and many doubt
And say, "Who shows us any good?"
You fill us with more joy throughout
Our lives than grain or new wine could.
6. I will lie down and sleep in peace,
For You alone, O Lord, protect.
So let all fear and trembling cease—
The Lord will cover His elect.

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The Heidelberg Catechism was completed by Zacharias Ursinus in 1563, approved at the Synod of Dort in 1619, and is used to teach doctrine through the recitation of questions and answers.

We are committed to reading the Bible in public and at length, because it is the inspired Word of God, and because the Church must be devoted to the public reading of scripture (1 Timothy 4:13). We need God's Word far more than we need the words of man.

Here we pray that God, through His Spirit, would prepare our hearts and minds to understand and believe His Word.

The sermon is teaching based on Scripture. This is not just an intellectual exercise. The role of the sermon is to make plain the truths of the gospel and to call us to respond to those truths.

Be seated

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Divine Spirit, illumine to me the words of the Lord. Show me the wealth of glory that lies beneath the old familiar stories. Teach me the depths of meaning hidden in the songs of Zion. Raise me to the heights of aspiration that is reached by the wings of the prophet. Lift me to the summit of faith that is trod by the feet of the apostle. Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of your law. Amen.

- George Matheson

SERMON: MARK 14:32-52

Rev David Scholes

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen.

Stand

SONG: HIS ROBES FOR MINE

1. His robes for mine, O wonderful exchange
Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered 'neath
God's rage
Draped in His righteousness, I'm justified
In Christ I live, for in my place He died

[Chorus]

I cling to Christ and marvel at the cost
Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God
Bought by such love, my life is not my own
My praise, my all, shall be for Christ alone

2. His robes for mine, what cause have I for
dread?
God's daunting law, Christ mastered in my
stead
Faultless, I stand with righteous works not
mine
Saved by my Lord's vicarious death and life

[Chorus]

3. His robes for mine, God's justice is
appeased
Jesus is crushed, and thus the Father's
pleased
Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried,
"Tis done!"
Sin's wage is paid, propitiation won

[Chorus]

4. His robes for mine, such anguish none
can know
Christ, God's beloved, condemned as
though His foe
He, as though I, accursed and left alone
I, as though He, embraced and welcomed
home

[Chorus]

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Be seated

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Stand

SONG: PSALM 85a

1. Lord, Thou hast favour shown Thy land,
Brought Jacob's captives in;
Thou hast forg'ven Thy people's guilt,
And covered all their sin.

2. Thy wrath Thou hast removed from us,
Fierce anger turned to peace;
Us, God of our salvation turn,
And make Thy wrath to cease.

3. Shall Thy displeasure thus endure
Against us without end?
Wilt Thou to generations all
Thine anger still extend?

4. Revive Thy people yet again
That we may joy in Thee.
O Lord, to us Thy mercy show,
Give Thy salvation free.

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The congregation raises hands

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Amen.

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Romans 15:33

May the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

The Lord's Supper is the spiritual meal of the Church. It was instituted by Christ and we eat and drink to remember Him, to renew covenant with Him, and to have the results of His work applied to our lives by the Spirit. Please hold the bread and wine in your hand until everyone has been served before eating and drinking.

The charge is a summary of the key applications of the sermon, to encourage you not to leave behind what you've learned at church, but to apply it to your life. This is followed by a benediction (blessing), from Christ to His people.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 13th October, 7pm - Hope Explored Course begins (three consecutive Monday evenings at Grimsargh Village Hall)

Tuesday 21st October, 8pm - Bible Study & Prayer Meeting (at the Scholes house)

Tuesday 4th November, 6am - Men's Breakfast (location TBC)

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