



SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

26TH APRIL 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WELCOME TO VERITAS CHURCH

All of Life Under the Lord Jesus Christ

Veritas Church exists because of God's grace and for the sake of His glory. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome you to join us in our highest privilege: worshipping the Triune God. In this service, the Father renews covenant with His people in Christ and through the Holy Spirit. We receive God's gifts through Word and sacrament, and respond in faithful prayer and sacrificial praise, through our Great High Priest, Jesus Christ. If you'd like to learn more about why we worship the way we do, please ask an elder. Simply put, we desire that our worship service is:

- **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.

The Order of Worship which is in your hands provides instructions throughout, with extra information in the grey margins. The congregation speaks or sings the words in **bold**. Those who are able are invited to **kneel** during the confession of sin. We also encourage everyone to give a hearty "**Amen!**" after every prayer and song, and to raise your hands to our Father in heaven during the sung doxology at the end of the service.

We delight in having our covenant children with us in the service. They are part of God's royal priesthood, just as much as their parents! Jesus tells us in Scripture that they are models for us in entering the Kingdom because of their humble faith (Mark 10:13-16). We appreciate that children can be noisy at times, and that there may be occasion for you to take them out of the room for care or discipline. Please do so as necessary, but please also minimise coming and going during worship as much as possible.

For visitors, we are very glad you are with us. Please do introduce yourselves to the pastor and our members after the service. We would enjoy getting to know you. Please also consider filling out a details form at the resource desk, placing it in the offering box, to enable us to keep in touch with you.

"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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MEDITATION

Friday 8th May, 8pm - **Men's Beer & Psalms** (The Carter house - 14 Crofts Drive, PR25LW)

Thursday 14th May, 8pm - **Prayer Meeting** (The Carter house - 14 Crofts Drive, PR25LW)

Sunday 24th May, following the service - **Sabbath Feast**
(The Carter house - 14 Crofts Drive, PR25LW)

Venue Changes

Sunday 3rd May – Grimsargh Village Hall

Meditation

Prepare your hearts and minds for worship.



THE LORD CALLS US

Let us stand together to worship the Triune God.

ADORATION

The Lord is risen!

All: He is risen, indeed!

SCRIPTURE: PSALM 136:1-3

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

All: For his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods,

All: For his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

All: For his steadfast love endures forever.

Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord!

PRAYER

O Lord, we desire to adore Your name, which is excellent in all the earth, and whose glory is above the heavens. You are the maker and disposer of all things; and for Your sovereign pleasure it is that they still exist, and were at first created. Your hands have made and fashioned us; and all that we enjoy comes from You. As we are the workmanship of Your power, O make us likewise Your spiritual workmanship, created anew in Christ Jesus, unto holiness and true righteousness. Give proof that You have formed us for yourself, by causing us to show forth Your praise, and by making us to live to glory, as we do every day live upon Your bounty. Amen.

- Augustus Toplady

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.

It's Good to Thank the LORD

From Psalm 92

1. It's good to thank the LORD, To praise Your name, Most High! 2 To
 2. 4 Your deeds, LORD, made me glad. I'll joy in what You've done. 5 How
 3. 7 *Though sin - ners grow like weeds, Ill - do - ers blos - som may,* 8 *They're*
 4. 10 You've raised, like ox, my horn, Fresh oil poured on my head. 11 You
 5. 13 Those plant - ed by the LORD Shall in God's courts be seen; 14 When

5 show Your love at dawn, Your faith - ful - ness all night! 6 The ten-stringed
 great Your do - ings, LORD! How deep Your thoughts; each one! 7 Fools won't be
doomed to be de - stroyed. You, LORD, ex - alt - ed stay. 8 *LORD, Your foes*
 made me see the spies And hear what plot - ters said. 12 Like thiv - ing
 old they'll still bear fruit And flour - ish, fresh and green, 13 And loud pro -

10 lyre With sweet-voiced lute and rip - pling harp Your praise in - spire.
 shown; The stu - pid can't ac - cept this truth, to him un - known!
fall. See! How Your foes - vain e - vil men - are scat - tered all!
 palm The right - eous grows, like ce - dars tall on Leb - a - non.
 claim How up - right is the LORD, my Rock; no wrong in Him!

Music: John Darwall, 1770

Text: *The Book of Psalms for Singing*, 1973 ©

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16 LORD, Our Lord, in All the Earth

From Psalm 8

1. ¹LORD, our Lord, in all the earth How ex - cel - lent Your name!
2. ³When I view the skies a - bove Which Your own fin - gers made,
3. ⁵You made man just less than God With ra - diant glo - ry crowned.

4. You a - bove the heav'ns have set The splen - dor of Your fame.
5. When I see the moon and stars Which You in or - der laid,
6. You placed him a - bove Your works; Be - neath him all is found:

7. From the mouths of in - fants young You the pow'r of praise com - pose
8. What is man so frail and weak That You should re - mem - ber him?
9. Ox - en, sheep, and all wild beasts, ¹⁰Birds, and fish the o - ceans claim.

11. In the face of en - e - mies To stop a - veng - ing foes.
12. What can be the son of man That You should care for him?
13. LORD, our Lord, in all the earth How ex - cel - lent Your name!

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.

Music: James Nares (1715–1783)

Text: *The Book of Psalms for Worship*, 2009 ©

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WE CONFESS AND ARE CLEANSED

READING OF THE LAW ^(BE SEATED)

CONFESSION ^(KNEEL AS ABLE)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON ^(STAND)

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

PROFESSION

The Apostles' Creed

Christian, what do you believe?

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 Westminster Shorter Catechism

Question 27 - Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?

A - Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

SCRIPTURE READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:1-23 ^(BE SEATED)

PASTORAL PRAYER

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' means global or universal, not Roman Catholic.*

(STAND)

91a God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

From Psalm 46:1-6



1. ¹God is our ref-uge and our strength, In straits a pre-sent aid;
2. ²Though hills a-mid the seas be cast; ³Though wa-ters roar-ing make,
3. ⁴A riv-er is, whose streams do glad The cit-y of our God;
4. ⁵God in the midst of her doth dwell; Noth-ing shall her re-move:
5. ⁶The hea-then raged tu-mul-tuous-ly, The king-doms mov-ed were:



²There-fore, al-though the earth re-move, We will not be a-fraid:
And trou-bled be; yea, though the hills, By swell-ing seas do shake.
The ho-ly place, where-in the Lord Most high hath His a-bode.
The Lord to her an help-er will, And that right ear-ly, prove.
The Lord God ut-ter-ed His voice, The earth did melt for fear.



THE LORD CONSECRATES US

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (BE SEATED)

Most Gracious God, our Heavenly Father, in whom alone dwells the fullness of light and wisdom. Illuminate our minds, we pray, by your Holy Spirit, in the true understanding of your Word. Give us grace to receive it with reverence and sincere humility. May it lead us to put our whole trust in you alone, and so to serve and honour you, so that we may glorify your name and edify our neighbours by our godly example. Since you are pleased to number us among your people, enable and dispose us to give you the love and honour that we owe, as children to our Father, and as servants to our Lord. Amen.

- Calvin

SERMON: 1 TIMOTHY 1:1-11

Pastor David Scholes

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

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

The sermon is teaching and pointed application 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.

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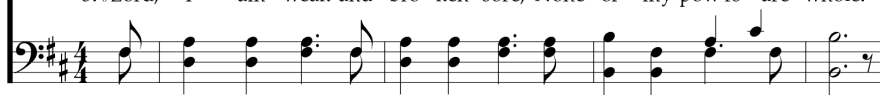
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Amidst Thy Wrath

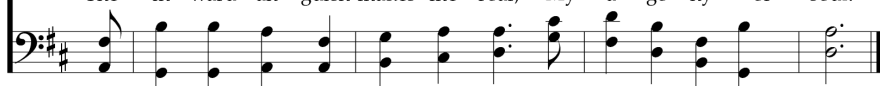
From Psalm 38:1-8



1. A - midst Thy wrath, re - mem - ber love; Re - store Thy ser - vant, Lord,
2. Thine ar - rows stick with - in my heart, My flesh is sore - ly pressed;
3. My sins a heav - y load ap - pear, And o'er my head are gone;
4. My thoughts are like a trou - bled sea, My head still bend - ing down;
5. Lord, I am weak and bro - ken sore, None of my pow'rs are whole:



Nor let a Fa - ther's chast - ning prove Like an a - ven - ger's sword.
Be - tween the sor - row and the smart, My spir - it finds no rest.
Too heav - y they for me to bear, Too hard for me t'a - tone.
And I go mourn - ing all the day, Be - neath my Fa - ther's frown.
The in - ward an - guish makes me roar, My a - go - ny of soul.



OFFERTORY PRAYER

*Here we consciously
bring our gifts to the Lord
in response to His
manifold kindness to us.
This act of worship is not
paying dues, but cheerful
giving, and we pray that
God would use it for the
advance of His Kingdom
and the good of His
people.*

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 LORD COMMUNES WITH US

THE LORD'S SUPPER (BE SEATED)

STAND

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God the Lord Is Known in Judah

From Psalm 76

1. 1 God the Lord is known in Ju - dah; Great His name in Is - ra - el;
 2. 4 Ex - cel - lent art Thou and glo - rious Com - ing from the hills of prey.
 3. 6 Horse and char - iot low are ly - ing In the sleep of death's dark night.
 4. 8 When from Heav'n Thy sen - tence sound - ed, All the earth in fear was still,
 5. 11 Make your vows now to Je - ho - vah; Pay your God what is His own,

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 2 His pa - vil - ion is in Sa - lem; His a - bode on Zi - on's hill.
 3 Thou hast spoiled the val - iant - heart - ed; Wrapped in sleep of death are they.
Ja - cob's God, Thou didst re - buke them; 7 Thou art fear - ful in Thy might.
 6 While to save the meek and low - ly God in judg - ment wrought His will.
 All men, bring your gifts be - fore Him; Fear is due to Him a - lone,

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 3 There He broke the bow and ar - rows, Made the sword and shield be still.
 Might - y men have lost their cun - ning; None are read - y for the fray.
When Thine an - ger once is ris - en, Who may stand be - fore Thy sight?
 10 Ev'n the wrath of man shall praise Thee; What re - mains will come to nil.
 12 He brings low the pride of princ - es; Kings shall trem - ble at His frown.

Music: Joachim Neander, 1680

Text: *The Book of Psalms for Singing*, 1973; alt. ©

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THE LORD COMMISSIONS US

(THE CONGREGATION RAISES HANDS)

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Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures here be - low;
Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A-men.

Music: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551; alt.
Text: Thomas Ken, 1709

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CHARGE & BENEDICTION

2 Corinthians 13:11-14

Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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.

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