



SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

26TH JULY 2026

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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. You can also give to the Deacon's Fund by marking your gift 'Deacons' Fund'. Veritas Church is a registered charity in England, number 1209204.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MEDITATION

Today, after the service - **Sabbath Feast**
Saturday 8th August, 8am - **Men's Breakfast**
Saturday 22nd August, 2pm - **Longridge Psalm Sing**

Meditation

Prepare your hearts and minds for worship.



THE LORD CALLS US

Let us stand together to worship the Triune God.

The Lord is risen!

All: He is risen, indeed!

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 66:1-4

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

Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands. Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be sure that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise. Be thankful to him, and speak good of his name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endures from generation to generation. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

- Book of Common Prayer

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.

1. ¹From heav'n, O praise the LORD; Ye heights, His glo - ry raise. ²All an - gels, LORD;

2. ⁵Yea, let them glo - rious make Je - ho - vah's match - less name; For when the

3. ⁷From earth, oh, praise the LORD, Ye deeps and all be - low, ⁸Wild winds that

4. ¹¹Let all the peo - ple praise, And kings of ev - 'ry land; Let all their

5. Je - ho - vah's name be praised A - bove the earth and sky. ¹⁴For He His

5 praise ac - cord; Let all His host give praise. ³Praise Him on high, Sun, word He spake, They in - to be - ing came. ⁶And from that place Where do His word, Ye clouds, fire, hail and snow; ⁹Ye moun - tains high, Ye voic - es raise Who judge and give com - mand. ¹²By young and old, By saints has raised And set their pow'r on high. Him praise ac - cord, O

¹¹moon, and star, Sun, moon, and star, ⁴Ye heav'ns a - far, And cloud - y sky. fixed they be, Where fixed they be, By His de - cree They can - not pass. ce - dars tall, Ye ce - dars tall, ¹⁰Beasts great and small, And birds that fly. maid and youth, By maid and youth, ¹³His name in truth Should be ex - tolled. Is - rael's race, O Is - rael's race, Near to His grace. Praise ye the LORD!

Music: Horatio R. Palmer (1834–1907)

Text: Trinity Psalter, 1994 ©

ST. CATHERINE'S

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Why do we sing the psalms?

Singing the psalms in church gives God's people words that God himself has given us, teaching us how to praise, lament, confess, rejoice, plead, remember, and hope before him. The Psalter is the Bible's own hymnbook, centred on Christ and fulfilled in him, so when the church sings the psalms, she is not merely borrowing ancient poetry but joining her voice to the prayers and praises of Christ and his covenant people through the ages. Psalm-singing also forms the congregation in the full emotional and theological range of biblical faith, guarding us from worship that is too narrow, sentimental, or man-centred, and training us to bring every part of life under the lordship of Christ. In this way, the psalms unite doctrine, devotion, and discipleship, giving the church a vocabulary of worship that is inspired, enduring, and deeply fitted for the gathered praise of God.

God Send Us Men

1. God send us men whose aim 'twill be, In keep - ing
2. God send us men a - lert and quick His loft - y
3. God send us men of stead - fast will, Pa - tient, cou -
4. God send us men with hearts a - blaze, All truth to

with our an - cient creeds, Sub - mis - sion to our
pre - cepts to trans - late, Un - til the laws of
ra - geous, strong and true, With vi - sion clear and
love, all wrong to hate; These are the pa - triots

tri - une God In ev - 'ry thought and word and deed.
Christ be - come The laws and hab - its of the state.
mind e - quipped, His will to learn, His work to do.
na - tions need, These are the bul - warks of the state.

Music: Frederick Charles Maker (1844-1927) MELROSE (Maker)
Text: Frederick J. Gillman, 1866; alt. 8 8 8 8.

WE CONFESS AND ARE CLEANSED

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.

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.

** In the creed, 'catholic' means global or universal, not Roman Catholic.*

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Question 40 - What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience?

A - The rule which God at first revealed to man for his obedience, was the moral law.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS ^(BE SEATED)

The Mercer Household

SCRIPTURE READING: DEUTERONOMY 10:1-22

PASTORAL PRAYER

(STAND)

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Blest the Man That Feels Jehovah

From Psalm 128

1. Blest the man that fears Je - ho - vah And that walk - eth in His ways;
2. Lo, on him that fears Je - ho - vah Shall this bless - ed - ness at - tend,

Thou shalt eat of thy hands' la - bor And be pros - per - ed all thy days.
For Je - ho - vah out of Zi - on Shall to thee His bless - ing send.

Like a vine with fruit a - bound - ing In thy house thy wife is found,
Thou shalt see Je - ru - s'lem pros - per All thy days till life shall cease;

And like ol - ive plants thy chil - dren, Com - pass - ing thy ta - ble 'round,
Thou shalt see thy chil - dren's chil - dren. Un - to Is - ra - el be peace!

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Music: Robert Lowry, 1875

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

ALL THE WAY (Lowry)

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THE LORD CONSECRATES US

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (BE SEATED)

Almighty, gracious Father, since our whole salvation depends on our true understanding of your holy Word, grant that our hearts—freed from worldly affairs—may hear and understand your holy Word with all diligence and faith, so that we may rightly discern your gracious will, cherish it, and live by it with all earnestness, to your praise and honour, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

- Martin Bucer

SERMON

Ben Zornes

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.

The Son of God Goes Forth to War

1. The Son of God goes forth to war, A king - ly crown to gain.
 2. The mar - tyr first, whose ea - gle eye Could pierce be - yond the grave;
 3. A glo - rious band, the cho - sen few On whom the Spir - it came,
 4. A no - ble ar - my, men and boys, The ma - tron and the maid,

His blood-red ban-ner streams a - far: Who fol - lows in His train?
 Who saw his Mas-ter in the sky And called on Him to save.
 Twelve val - iant saints, their hope they knew And mocked the cross and flame.
 A - round the Sav - ior's throne re - joice In robes of light ar - rayed.

Who best can drink His cup of woe, Tri - um - phant o - ver pain?
 Like Him, with par - don on His tongue, In midst of mor - tal pain,
 They met the ty - rant's bran - dished steel, The li - on's gor - y mane;
 They climbed the steep as - cent of Heav'n Through per - il, toil and pain;

Who pa - tient bears his cross be - low, He fol - lows in His train.
 He prayed for them that did the wrong! Who fol - lows in His train?
 They bowed their necks the death to feel: Who fol - lows in their train?
 O God, to us may grace be giv'n To fol - low in their train.

Music: Gregory D. Wilbur, 1994 ©

Text: Reginald Heber, 1827

GREYOAKS

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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)

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US

STAND

185 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

From Psalm 100

1. All peo-ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the LORD with cheer-ful voice.
 2. Know that the LORD is God in - deed; With-out our aid He did us make;
 3. Oh, en - ter then His gates with praise; Ap-proach with joy His courts un - to;
 4. For why? The LORD our God is good; His mer - cy is for - ev - er sure;

6 Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell; Come ye be - fore Him and re - joice.
 We are His folk, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.
 Praise, laud, and bless His name al-ways, For it is seem-ly so to do.
 His truth at all times firm - ly stood, And shall from age to age en - dure.

Music: *Genevan Psalter*, 1551; alt
 Text: William Kethe, 1561; alt.

OLD HUNDREDTH
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(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

OLD HUNDREDTH

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CHARGE & BENEDICTION

(YOU MAY WISH TO EXTEND YOUR HANDS PALMS UPWARD TO RECEIVE THE LORD'S BLESSING)

Romans 15:33

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

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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