



SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL

13TH SEPTEMBER 2026

16TH 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

Thursday 17th September - **Prayer Meeting, Carter home, 8pm-9pm**
Sunday 20th September - **Sabbath Feast, Longridge Civic Hall, following the service**

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 118:1-4

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say,

"His steadfast love endures forever."

Let the house of Aaron say,

"His steadfast love endures forever."

Let those who fear the Lord say,

"His steadfast love endures forever."

Lift up your hearts!

All: We lift them up to the Lord!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, as your unworthy servants, we give you most humble and heartfelt thanks for all your goodness and lovingkindness to us and to all people. We bless you for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life, but above all, for your precious love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we pray that you would give us that due sense of all your mercies that our hearts may be sincerely thankful and that we may show forth your praise not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, 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 Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, And His praise in the as- sem- bly of saints.

2 Let Is- ra- el re- joice in their Mak- er; Let the chil- dren of Zi- on be joy- ful in their King.

3 Let them praise His name with the dance; Let them sing prais- es to Him with the tim- brel and harp.

4 For the LORD takes pleas- ure in His peo- ple; He will beau- ti- fy the hum- ble with sal- va- tion.

5 Let the saints be joy- ful in glo- ry; Let them sing a- loud on their beds.

6 Let the high prais- es of God be in their mouth, And a two- edg- ed sword in their hand,

7 To ex- e- cute ven- geance on the na- tions, And pun- ish- ments on the peo- ples;

8 To bind their kings with chains, And their no- bles with fet- ters of i- ron;

9 To ex- e- cute on them the writ- ten judg- ment— This hon- or have all His saints. Praise the LORD!

Music: David R. Erb, 2006 ©

Text: Holy Bible, New King James Version, 1982 ©

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.

LORD, Hear My Prayer

From Psalm 102:1-13

1. ¹LORD, hear my pray'r and let my cry Have read - y ac - cess
 2. ⁴My heart is with - ered like the grass, And I for - get my
 3. ¹²But Thou, Je - ho - vah, shalt en - dure, Thy throne for - ev - er

un - to Thee. ²When in dis - tress to Thee I fly, O hide not
 dai - ly bread. ⁷In lone - ly grief my days I pass And sad my
 is the same; And to all gen - e - ra - tions sure Shall be Thy

Thou Thy face from me. At - tend, O LORD, to my de - sire
 thoughts up - on my bed. ⁸My foes re - proach me all the day,
 great mem - or - ial name. ¹²The time for Zi - on's help is near,

And haste to an - swer when I pray. ³For grief con - sumes my
⁹My drink is tears, my bread is grief, ¹⁰For in Thy wrath I
 The time ap - point - ed in Thy love; O let Thy gra - cious

strength like fire; My days as smoke pass swift a - way.
 pine a - way, ¹¹My days are like a fad - ing leaf.
 aid ap - pear, Look Thou in mer - cy from a - bove.

Music Gregory D. Wilbur, 2009 ©

Text *The Psalter*, 1912

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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?

We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin, Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into Hades; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into Heaven; and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Ghost; 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 47 - What is forbidden in the first commandment?

A. The first commandment forbiddeth the denying, or not worshipping and glorifying the true God, as God, and our God; and the giving of that worship and glory to any other, which is due to him alone.

SCRIPTURE READING: DEUTERONOMY 17:1-20

PASTORAL PRAYER

How Firm a Foundation

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,
 3. "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 4. "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 5. "Ev'n down to old age all My peo - ple shall prove
 6. "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!
 For I am thy God and will still give thee aid.
 My grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply:
 The riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;
 I will not, I will not, de - sert to its foes;

What more can He say than to you He hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 For I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 And when thou hoar - y hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

To you who, for re - fuge, to Je - sus hath fled.
 Up - held by My right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 Thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 And sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 Like lambs they shall still in My bos - om be borne.
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake."

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 LORD CONSECRATES US

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (BE SEATED)

SERMON - 2 TIMOTHY 4:9-22

Pastor David Scholes

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The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

Cantor *Congregation*

1 Our Father who art in Heav-en, Hal-low-ed be Thy name. 10 Thy king-dom come.

5 Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heav-en. 11 Give us this day our dai-ly bread,

8 12 And for-give us our tres-pass-es as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us.

10 13 And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil; For Thine is the

12 king-dom and the pow'r and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

Music Traditional, very ancient
Text: Holy Bible, King James Version, 1611

I Waited for the LORD

From Psalm 40:1-11

1. I wait - ed for the LORD; He stooped and heard my cry.
 2. Man - y will see with awe, And so will trust the LORD.
 3. ⁶You want no of - fer - ing, Nor ask a sac - ri - fice.
 4. ⁸To do Your will, O God, To me is my de - light.
 5. ¹⁰I hid not in my heart Your truth and sav - ing help;

²He brought me from the pit, Out of the dun - geon mire,
⁴Blest he who trusts in GOD And turns not to false men.
 But You have giv - en - frings burnt, Nor sac - ri - fice for sin.
 Your law is part of me, Deep in my heart, O God."
 Your faith - ful - ness I preached In con - gre - ga - tion great.

¹³My feet set on a rock, My foot - steps made se - cure.
⁵You have worked won - ders, LORD; No one com - pares to You!
 You ask no of - f'rings burnt, Nor sac - ri - fice for sin.
⁹In con - gre - ga - tion great I told Your right - eous - ness.
¹¹Do not with - hold from me Your ten - der mer - cies, LORD

¹⁹My lips He gave a song, A song to praise our God.
 Should I de - clare each one, Their num - ber is too great.
⁷So I say, "Here I come, As in the scroll in - scribed.
 You know, LORD, I spoke out, I did not close my lips.
 Let Your un - fail - ing love For ev - er keep me safe.

Music Irish traditional melody; arr. Leopold L. Dix, 1933

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

FINGAL

6 6 . 6 6 . 6 6 . 6 6 .

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

THE LORD'S SUPPER (BE SEATED)

THE LORD COMMISSIONS US

STAND

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Come, Thou Almighty King

1. Come, Thou Al - might - y King, Help us Thy name to sing;
2. Come, Thou In - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy might - y sword;
3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
4. To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal prais - es be

Help us to praise! Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic -
Our pray'r at - tend; Come, and Thy peo - ple bless, And give Thy
In this glad hour, Thou who al - might - y art, Rule now in
Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign maj - es - ty May we in

to - ri - ous, Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
Word suc - cess. Spir - it of Ho - li - ness, On us de - scend.
ev - 'ry heart And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
glo - ry see And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

Music: Felice de Giardini, 1769

Text: Whitefield's Collection, 1757

ITALIAN HYMN

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DOXOLOGY

(THE CONGREGATION RAISES HANDS)

Glory Be to the Father

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano/Alto and Bass/Tenor) in 3/2 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.'

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CHARGE & BLESSING

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

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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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