

A reading from the book of Revelation chapter 19 verses 1 through 10.

After this I heard what seemed to be the loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, crying out,

“Hallelujah!

Salvation and glory and power belong to our God,
for his judgments are true and just;
for he has judged the great prostitute
who corrupted the earth with her immorality,
and has avenged on her the blood of his servants.”

Once more they cried out,

“Hallelujah!

The smoke from her goes up forever and ever.”

And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who was seated on the throne, saying, “Amen. Hallelujah!” And from the throne came a voice saying,

“Praise our God,
all you his servants,
you who fear him,
small and great.”

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out,

“Hallelujah!

For the Lord our God

the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his Bride has made herself ready;
it was granted her to clothe herself
with fine linen, bright and pure”—
for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb.” And he said to me, “These are the true words of God.” Then I fell down at his feet to worship him, but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God.” For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please join me in praying Psalm 40

**Leader: I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.**

People: He drew me up from the pit of destruction,
out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock,
making my steps secure.

**Leader: He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God.
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the Lord.**

People: Blessed is the man who makes
the Lord his trust,
who does not turn to the proud,
to those who go astray after a lie!

**Leader: You have multiplied, O Lord my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts
toward us;
none can compare with you!**

People: I will proclaim and tell of them,
yet they are more than can be told.

**Leader: In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted,
but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering
you have not required.**

People: Then I said, "Behold, I have come;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:
I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart."

**Leader: I have told the glad news of deliverance
in the great congregation;
behold, I have not restrained my lips,
as you know, O Lord.**

People: I have not hidden your deliverance
within my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness
and your salvation;

**Leader: I have not concealed your steadfast love
and your faithfulness
from the great congregation.**

People: As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain
your mercy from me;
your steadfast love and your faithfulness will
ever preserve me!

**Leader: For evils have encompassed me
beyond number;
my iniquities have overtaken me,
and I cannot see;**

People: they are more than the hairs of my head;
my heart fails me.
Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me!
O Lord, make haste to help me!

**Leader: Let those be put to shame and
disappointed altogether
who seek to snatch away my life;**

People: let those be turned back and brought to dishonor
who delight in my hurt!

**Leader: Let those be appalled because of their shame
who say to me, "Aha, Aha!"**

People: But may all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who love your salvation
say continually, "Great is the Lord!"

**Leader: As for me, I am poor and needy,
but the Lord takes thought for me.**

People: You are my help and my deliverer;
do not delay, O my God!

**All: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy
Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
forever. Amen.**

Leader: Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

(allow them time to stand)

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Leader: You may be seated.

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Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*