

## Revelation 4

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.'<sup>2</sup> At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne!<sup>3</sup> And the one seated there looks like jasper and cornelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald.<sup>4</sup> Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads.<sup>5</sup> Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God;<sup>6</sup> and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind:<sup>7</sup> the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle.<sup>8</sup> And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.'

<sup>9</sup> And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever,<sup>10</sup> the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

<sup>11</sup> 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

## Luke 8:22-25

<sup>22</sup> One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out,<sup>23</sup> and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger.<sup>24</sup> They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm.<sup>25</sup> He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?'

## Collect

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens  
and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in  
all your works  
and your likeness in all your  
children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son  
our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit  
reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever.

## Psalm 65:1-5; 8-13

Praise is due to you,  
O God, in Zion;  
and to you shall vows be performed,  
**O you who answer prayer!**  
**To you all flesh shall come.**  
When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us,  
you forgive our transgressions.

**Happy are those whom you  
choose and bring near  
to live in your courts.**  
**We shall be satisfied with the  
goodness of your house,  
your holy temple.**

By awesome deeds you answer  
us with deliverance,  
O God of our salvation;  
you are the hope of all the ends  
of the earth and of the farthest seas.

**Those who live at earth's farthest  
bounds are awed by your signs;  
you make the gateways of the  
morning and the evening shout  
for joy.**

You visit the earth and water it,  
you greatly enrich it;  
the river of God is full of water;  
you provide the people with grain,  
for so you have prepared it.

**You water its furrows abundantly,  
settling its ridges,  
softening it with showers,  
and blessing its growth.**

You crown the year with your bounty;  
your wagon tracks overflow  
with richness.

**The pastures of the wilderness  
overflow, the hills gird  
themselves with joy,**

the meadows clothe themselves  
with flocks,  
the valleys deck themselves  
with grain,  
they shout and sing together for joy.

**Glory to the Father and to the  
Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now,  
and shall be for ever. Amen**