

Small Group Worship – Revelation 4

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Opening Scripture

Leader: After this I looked, and there in heaven was an open door. The first voice that I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.” (Rev. 4:1)

Song: Come, Christians Join to Sing *or* Behold Our God

Scripture Reading: Revelation 4:2-8

Reader 1: Immediately I was in the Spirit, and there was a throne in heaven and someone was seated on it. ³The one seated there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian stone. A rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald surrounded the throne.

Reader 2: Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and on the thrones sat twenty-four elders dressed in white clothes, with golden crowns on their heads.

Reader 3: Flashes of lightning and rumblings and peals of thunder came from the throne. Seven fiery torches were burning before the throne, which are the seven spirits of God. ⁶Something like a sea of glass, similar to crystal, was also before the throne.

Reader 4: Four living creatures covered with eyes in front and in back were around the throne on each side. ⁷The first living creature was like a lion; the second living creature was like an ox; the third living creature had a face like a man; and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. ⁸Each of the four living creatures had six wings; they were covered with eyes around and inside. Day and night they never stop, saying,

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

Song: Holy, Holy, Holy

Scripture Readings (Revelation 4:9-10 and 1 John 1:5-9)

Leader: Whenever the living creatures give glory, honor, and thanks to the one seated on the throne, the one who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall down before the one seated on the throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever. (Rev. 4:9-10)



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Responsive Reading

Leader: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

People: If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

Leader: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,

People: We have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Group Prayer Time

Song: Day By Day

Song: Solid Rock

Scripture Benediction: Revelation 4:11

All: Our Lord and God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power, because you have created all things, and by your will they exist and were created.

Closing Prayer