



## Together as one

Week 3: Thursday



### Reading

#### Revelation 7.9-14

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

‘Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honour  
and power and might  
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.’

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?’ I said to him, ‘Sir, you are the one that knows.’ Then he said to me, ‘These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.’

### Reflection

**We live in a world which can feel very divided. Our culture, too, encourages us to polarise – to stick with people ‘like us’.**

But we are also all too aware of the damaging impact of division. We don’t have to scroll through the news for long before we hear of conflicts across the world and close to home. But it doesn’t have to be this way. And it won’t always be this way.

In our reading today, John describes a vision of heaven’s perfect worship service, where a diverse multitude, saved by Christ, gathers in unity. Although our diversity remains, we will all be united worshipping God face to face. This is the complete, beautiful worship we look forward to, in hope.

This vision also invites us to consider how God’s kingdom can come on earth today. How can we build communities where all are welcome – where we reflect God’s image in all our diversity?

### Challenge

Reflect on these words from the Apostles Creed: ‘I believe in the Holy Spirit..., the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins’. What might this look like in your community?



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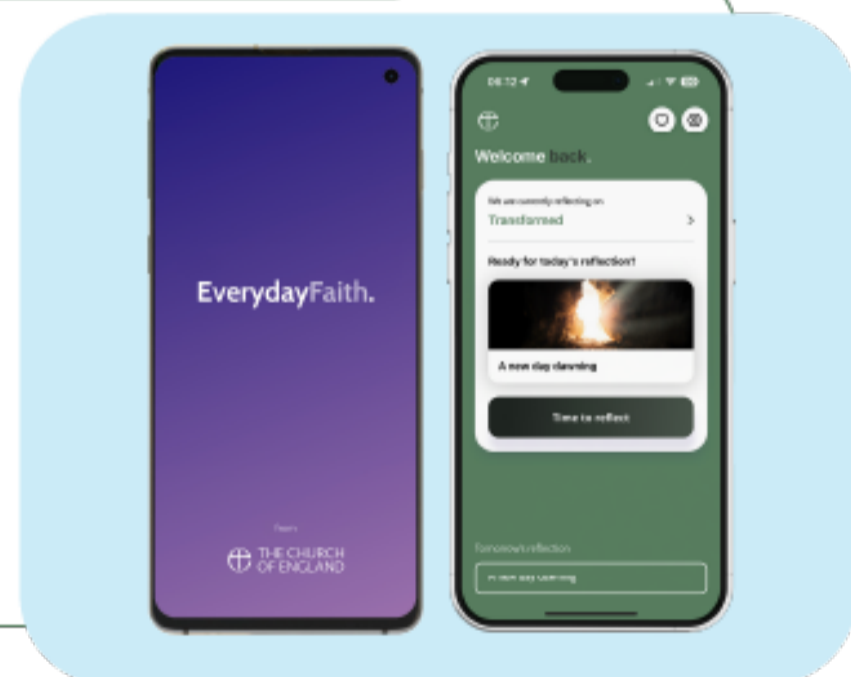
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