

What Jesus wants for his church – communion

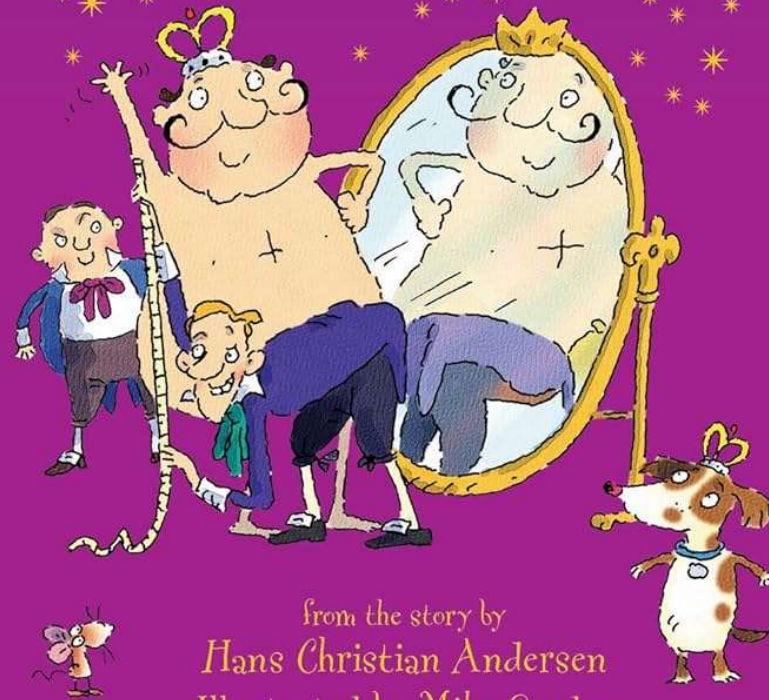
Revelation 3:14-22

Slides from John Percival's sermon at the morning service
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The Emperor's New Clothes



from the story by
Hans Christian Andersen
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Seven Churches of Revelation

— Chapters 2-3 —

- 1 Ephesus
- 2 Smyrna
- 3 Pergamos
- 4 Thyatira
- 5 Sardis
- 6 Philadelphia
- 7 Laodicea

Island of Patmos: where John received the vision



1. Jesus' diagnosis (v14-17)

Revelation 3v15-16

¹⁵ I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.



Revelation 3v17

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2. Jesus' counsel (v17-19)

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Revelation 3v18

I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

Isaiah 55v1-2

¹ Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;

and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!

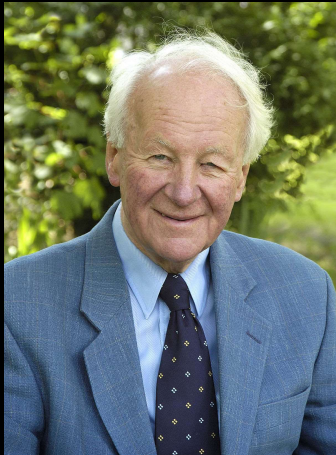
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.

² Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labour on what does not satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare.

“Our gracious God, forgive us for our folly and those times when we think we have no need of you. Help us to reflect afresh on what you are like, marvel at the depth of your love to us in Christ, and to turn to you again today, for Jesus’ sake, Amen.”

“Here is welcome news for naked, blind beggars! They are poor, but Christ has gold. They are naked, but Christ has clothes. They are blind, but Christ has eye ointment. Let them no longer trust in their banks, their eye powders and their clothing factories! Let them come to him! He can enrich their poverty, clothe their nakedness and heal their blindness.”



John Stott

*Are you weary, heavy laden?
Come and lay your burdens down
Jesus calls you, Jesus draws you
Rest in Him*

*He is gentle, He is lowly
He delights to bring us peace
Tender shepherd, mighty Saviour
Rest in Him*

*How sure, His compassion for us
Oh, how deep is His love
So come, come to Jesus
And rest in Him*

3. Jesus' promise (v20)

Revelation 3v20

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.