

What Should We Expect to Happen at Church?

Glory

You will see the glory of the Lord

Exodus 16:6-8

⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was the Lord who brought you out of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning **you will see the glory of the Lord**, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?" ⁸Moses also said, "You will know that it was the Lord when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the Lord."

Psalm 97:1-6

¹The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice. ²Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne. ³Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side. ⁴His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles. ⁵The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth. ⁶The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and **all peoples see his glory**.

Isaiah 35:1-2

¹The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, ²it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; **they will see the glory of the Lord**, the splendor of our God. ³Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; ⁴say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you." ⁵Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. ⁶Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. ⁷The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow. ⁸And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it. ⁹No lion will be there, nor any ravenous beast; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there, ¹⁰and those the Lord has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Isaiah 40:3-5

³A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. ⁵And **the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together**. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Exodus 33:18

Then Moses said, "Now **show me your glory**."

John 1:14

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. **We have seen his glory**, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 11:40

Did I not tell you that if you believed **you would see the glory of God**?

John 2:11

What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which **he revealed his glory**; and his disciples believed in him.

Glory in the House

2 Chronicles 7:1-3

¹ When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and **the glory of the Lord filled the temple**. ² The priests could not enter **the temple** of the Lord because **the glory of the Lord filled it**. ³ When all the Israelites **saw the fire coming down and the glory of the Lord** above the temple, they knelt on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave thanks to the Lord, saying, "He is good; his love endures forever."

Psalm 63:2

I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.

Haggai 2:6-9

⁶ "This is what the Lord Almighty says: 'In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. ⁷ I will shake all nations, and what is desired by all nations will come, and **I will fill this house with glory**,' says the Lord Almighty. ⁸ 'The silver is mine and the gold is mine,' declares the Lord Almighty. ⁹ 'The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,' says the Lord Almighty. 'And in this place I will grant peace,' declares the Lord Almighty."

2 Corinthians 3:7-11

⁷ Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, transitory though it was, ⁸ will not the ministry of the Spirit be **even more glorious**? ⁹ If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much **more glorious** is the ministry that brings righteousness! ¹⁰ For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with **the surpassing glory**. ¹¹ And if what was transitory came with glory, **how much greater is the glory** of that which lasts!

Come and see

John 1:35-42

³⁵ The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. ³⁶ When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" ³⁹ **"Come,"** he replied, **"and you will see."** So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon. ⁴⁰ Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). ⁴² And **he brought him to Jesus**. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

John 1:43-51

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴ Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of

Joseph.”⁴⁶ “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked. **“Come and see,”** said Philip.
⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.”
⁴⁸ “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.”⁴⁹ Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.”
⁵⁰ Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. **You will see greater things than that.**”⁵¹ He then added, “Very truly I tell you, you will see ‘heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on’ the Son of Man.”

John 4:28-30,39-42

²⁸ Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ²⁹ **“Come, see** a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?”³⁰ They came out of the town and made their way toward him...³⁹ Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.”⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days.⁴¹ And because of his words many more became believers.⁴² They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.”

What God is about to do

Isaiah 66:18

¹⁸ “And I, because of what they have planned and done, am about to come and gather the people of all nations and languages, and **they will come and see my glory.**”

1 Corinthians 14:24-25

²⁴ ...if an unbeliever or an inquirer **comes in** while everyone is prophesying, they are convicted of sin and are brought under judgment by all,²⁵ as the secrets of their hearts are laid bare. So they will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, **“God is really among you!”**

Isaiah 60:1-14

¹ “Arise, shine, for **your light has come**, and the **glory of the Lord rises upon you.** ² See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord **rises upon you** and **his glory appears over you.**
³ Nations will **come** to your light, and kings to the **brightness of your dawn.** ⁴ “Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and **come** to you; your sons **come** from afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip. ⁵ Then you will look and **be radiant**, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will **come.** ⁶ Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will **come**, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the Lord. ⁷ All Kedar’s flocks will be gathered to you, the rams of Nebaioth will serve you; they will be accepted as offerings on my altar, and I will **adorn my glorious temple.** (literally: the house of my glory I will glorify.) ⁸ “Who are these that fly along like clouds, like doves to their nests? ⁹ Surely the islands look to (wait for) me; in the lead are the ships of Tarshish, bringing your children from afar, with their silver and gold, to the honor of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has **endowed you with splendor.** ¹⁰ “Foreigners will rebuild your walls, and their kings will serve you. Though in anger I struck you, in favor I will show you compassion. ¹¹ Your gates will always stand open, they will never be shut, day or night, so that people may bring you the wealth of the nations—their kings led in triumphal procession. ¹² For the nation or kingdom that will not serve you will perish; it will be utterly ruined. ¹³ “The **glory of Lebanon will come** to you, the juniper, the fir and the cypress together, to adorn my sanctuary; **and I will glorify the place for my feet.** ¹⁴ The children of your oppressors will **come** bowing before you; all who despise you will bow down at your feet and will call you the City of the Lord, Zion of the Holy One of Israel.