A reading from the book of Apocalypse.

1 I, John, seemed to hear the great sound of a huge crowd in heaven, singing, ‘Alleluia! Victory and glory and power to our God!’

5 Then a voice came from the throne; it said, ‘Praise our God, you servants of his and all who, great or small, revere him’.

6 And I seemed to hear the voices of a huge crowd, like the sound of the ocean or the great roar of thunder, answering, ‘Alleluia! The reign of the Lord our God Almighty has begun; let us be glad and joyful and give praise to God, because this is the time for the marriage of the Lamb.

8 His bride is ready, and she has been able to dress herself in dazzling white linen, because her linen is made of the good deeds of the saints.’

9 The angel said, ‘Write this: happy are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.’

The word of the Lord.