



# Sunday, October 25, 2020

## Reformation Sunday

### Introduction

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

### Opening Hymn....."We Praise You"

Let praise be a weapon that silences the enemy  
Let praise be a weapon that conquers all anxiety  
Let it rise let praise arise

We sing Your name in the dark  
And it changes ev'rything  
We sing with all we are and we claim Your victory  
Let it rise let praise arise

#### Chorus

We'll see you break down ev'ry wall  
We'll watch the giants fall  
For fear cannot survive when we praise You  
The God of breakthrough's on our side  
Forever lift Him high  
With all creation cry God we praise You

Oh we praise You oh

Let faith be the song  
That overcomes the raging sea  
Let faith be the song  
That calms the storm inside of me  
Let it rise let faith arise

#### Chorus

Oh we praise You oh we praise You  
Oh we praise You oh we praise You

This is what living looks like  
This is what freedom feels like  
This is what Heaven sounds like  
We praise You  
We praise You  
(REPEAT)

### Chorus

Oh we praise You oh we praise You  
Oh we praise You oh  
Give Him all your praise.

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## Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of ✚ Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

**Amen.**

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

*The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy. The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.*

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

**HERE ENDS THE READING.**

## **Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28**

*Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.*

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

**HERE ENDS THE READING.**

## **Gospel: John 8:31-36**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.*

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone.

What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The Gospel of Our Lord.  
**Praise to you O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

### **Sermon Song....."Everlasting God"**

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord  
We will wait upon the Lord

Our God You reign forever  
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

You are the everlasting God  
The everlasting God  
You do not faint  
You won't grow weary  
You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

## Prayers of Intercession

With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

Renew and inspire the church in the freedom of the gospel, O God. Where the church is in error, reform it. Where the church speaks your truth, strengthen it. Where the church is divided, unify it. Ignite in us the working of the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

As the earth changes, as mountains shake and the waters roar, may we care for this planet as a holy habitation for all living things. Sustain all peoples and lands recovering from natural disasters of any kind. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Guide areas of the world divided or traumatized by conflict, especially in our own land. Free all from slavery and human trafficking, and protect all in harm's way. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Release those living in bondage to debts, chronic pain, or addiction. Grant healing touch to those who are ill (*especially Ken, Cy, Becky, Judi, Don, Becky, Vicki, Ethan, Margo, Joy, LauraLee, Barbara, Sharon, Al, Kathryn, Alan, Mike, Michael, Ann, Thelma, John & Christine, Dan, Joe, Gini, Richard, Kathie, Ruth, James, Allan & Betty Jane, Lew; Friends and Family of Nancy, Rita, Shelby and Bob*).

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

In this family of faith we give thanks for courageous voices that have remained firm in their commitment to the one who frees us from sin and death. Centered in your grace, unify us in the hope of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Even in death, you free us and give us a place in your house. We give thanks for our ancestors who have shown us truth and freedom, especially Martin Luther and those who work for the renewal of the church. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Offering Prayer**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving at the Table**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## **Invitation to the Table**

Come to the banquet table where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

## **Distribution of Communion**

*At this time take the elements you have with you saying these words:*

**The Body of Christ given for you. The Blood of Christ shed for you.**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare, the body and blood of Christ. Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

Mothering God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

**Amen.**

# Sending Hymn....."Love The Lord"



1. Love the Lord your God with all \_\_\_ your heart, with all \_\_\_ your soul, with all \_\_\_ your mind,  
 2. I will serve the Lord with all \_\_\_ my heart, with all \_\_\_ my soul, with all \_\_\_ my mind,  
 3. I will love \_\_\_ You, Lord, with all \_\_\_ my heart, with all \_\_\_ my soul, with all \_\_\_ my mind,



\_\_\_ and with all \_\_\_ your strength. \_\_\_ Love the Lord your God with all \_\_\_ your heart,  
 \_\_\_ and with all \_\_\_ my strength. \_\_\_ I will serve the Lord with all \_\_\_ my heart,  
 \_\_\_ and with all \_\_\_ my strength. \_\_\_ I will love \_\_\_ You, Lord, with all \_\_\_ my heart,



with all \_\_\_ your soul, with all \_\_\_ your mind, \_\_\_ and with all \_\_\_ your strength. \_\_\_ With all \_\_\_ your heart,  
 with all \_\_\_ my soul, with all \_\_\_ my mind, \_\_\_ and with all \_\_\_ my strength. \_\_\_ With all \_\_\_ my heart,  
 with all \_\_\_ my soul, with all \_\_\_ my mind, \_\_\_ and with all \_\_\_ my strength. \_\_\_



**Chorus**

\_\_\_ with all \_\_\_ your soul, \_\_\_ with all \_\_\_ your mind, \_\_\_ with all \_\_\_ your strength. \_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ with all \_\_\_ my soul, \_\_\_ with all \_\_\_ my mind, \_\_\_ with all \_\_\_ my strength. \_\_\_



Love the Lord your God Lord with all \_\_\_ your heart, with all \_\_\_ your soul, with all \_\_\_ your mind,  
 I will serve the Lord with all \_\_\_ my heart with all \_\_\_ my soul, with all \_\_\_ my mind,



\_\_\_ and with all \_\_\_ your strength. \_\_\_ **2** **Worship Leader** I will love You.  
 \_\_\_ and with all \_\_\_ my strength. \_\_\_ **Congregation** I will praise You.  
 I will serve You.



I will trust You, Lord. \_\_\_ With all \_\_\_ my heart,  
 to Chorus, meas. 9

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## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**