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**Reformation Sunday**

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## Prelude

### Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“A Mighty Fortress”

- ♪ A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious;  
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod And wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe Has sworn to work us woe. With craft and dreadful might  
He arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.
- ♪ No strength of ours can match his might. We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God Himself elected.  
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is He, Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.
- ♪ Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat'ning to devour us,  
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot overpower us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage; In battle we'll engage. His might is doomed to fail;  
God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.
- ♪ God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it;  
For God Himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house, Goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
Though life be wrenched away, They cannot win the day. The Kingdom's ours forever!

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## Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 28:19b*

**Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution

O almighty God, merciful Father,

**I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I  
have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment.  
But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your  
boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of  
Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word,  
announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus  
Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise *Please Be Seated*

“The Lamb”

♪ The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?  
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!

~Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own! The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

♪ The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.  
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing. ~Worthy...

♪ The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill  
So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill. ~Worthy...

♪ He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.  
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness. ~Worthy...

♪ He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows,  
His song prolongs Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. ~Worthy....

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## The Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Psalmody

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

**The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

**“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”**

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## Hymn

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

♪ The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want; He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me The quiet waters by.

♪ My soul He doth restore again And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness, E’en for His own name’s sake.

♪ Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou are with me, and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.

♪ My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.

♪ Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me;  
And in God’s house forevermore My dwelling place shall be.

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Tune: William Gardiner 1770-1853; Setting: The Lutheran Hymnal 1941; Public Doman; LSBHymnLicense.net #100012386.*

## The First Reading

Revelation 14:6–7

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup>And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Epistle

Romans 3:19–28

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup>It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

“Beautiful Savior”

♪ Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I’d love Thee, Truly I’d serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

♪ Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow’rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr’wing spirit sing.

♪ Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.

♪ Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration Now and forevermore be Thine!

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### **Holy Gospel** *Please Stand*

John 8:31–36

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

#### **Glory to You, O Lord!**

<sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” <sup>33</sup>They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

#### **Praise to You, O Christ!**

### **Children’s Message** *Please Be Seated*

#### **Hymn**

“On Eagles’ Wings”

♪ You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Who abide in His shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord: “My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!”

~And He will raise you up on eagles’ wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand.

♪ The snare of the fowler will never capture you, And famine will bring you no fear;  
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield. ~And He...

♪ You need not fear the terror of the night, Nor the arrow that flies by day;  
Though thousands fall about you, Near you it shall not come. ~And He...

♪ For to His angels He’s given a command To guard you in all of your ways;  
Upon their hands they will bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. ~And He....

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### **Proclamation of the Word**

“Confidence from the Cross”

Psalm 46:1–12

### **Offering and Musical Offering**

**Prayer of the Church** *Please Stand* Each petition is concluded with the following:

Lord, in Your mercy,

**Hear our prayer!**

## Lord's Prayer

### Benediction

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

**Amen.**

### Recessional Hymn *Please Be Seated*

“Abide With Me”

- ♪ Abide with me, fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens;  
Lord, with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
- ♪ I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour; What but Thy grace can  
Foil the tempter's pow'r? Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.
- ♪ Come not in terrors, as the King of kings, But kind and good, with  
Healing in Thy wings; Tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea.  
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.
- ♪ Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim, its  
Glories pass away; Change and decay in all around I see;  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
- ♪ I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight  
And tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
- ♪ Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom,  
And point me to the skies. Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

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### Postlude