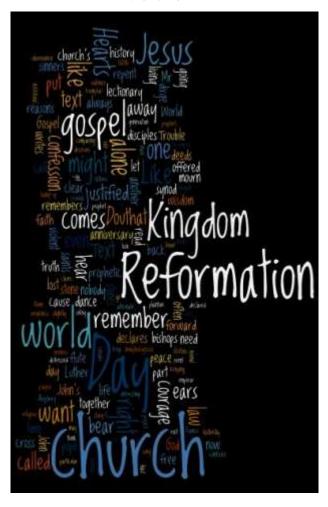
# Reformation Sunday The Kingdom of Heaven has Suffered Violence October 25, 2020 11:00 am







### WELCOME

To know and serve Christ by reaching out in love to all.

Please wear a mask during this service and while you are in the building.

This service has been modeled after the Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting One and does not include congregational singing. All singing will be done by Pastor and secluded choir members.

Our financial gifts are offered as a response to what God has given us, and as a reminder that we are caretakers of the world he created. Our members support this church. Visitors are not expected to give an offering. Offerings will be collected in the plates as you exit the nave.

Ushers will direct the way to exit after the service.

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Due to necessary restrictions on congregational singing, Pastor and choir members will sing the congregation's parts throughout the service.

#### **Prelude**

Ein Feste Burg

setting by David Cherwein

#### **† Confession**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

#### C: Amen.

**P:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleans us from all unrighteousness.

Please kneel as you are able.

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

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

**P:** God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. May Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

#### C: Amen.

Please stand.

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

**Introit** (Psalm 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46)

R: I will speak of your testimonies before / kings, O Lord,\* and shall not be / put to shame.

R: I will bless the LORD at / all times;\*

his praise shall continually be / in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast / in the LORD;\*

let the humble hear / and be glad.

Come, O children, lis- / ten to me;\*

I will teach you the fear / of the LORD.

The LORD redeems the life / of his servants;\* none of those who take refuge in him will / be condemned.

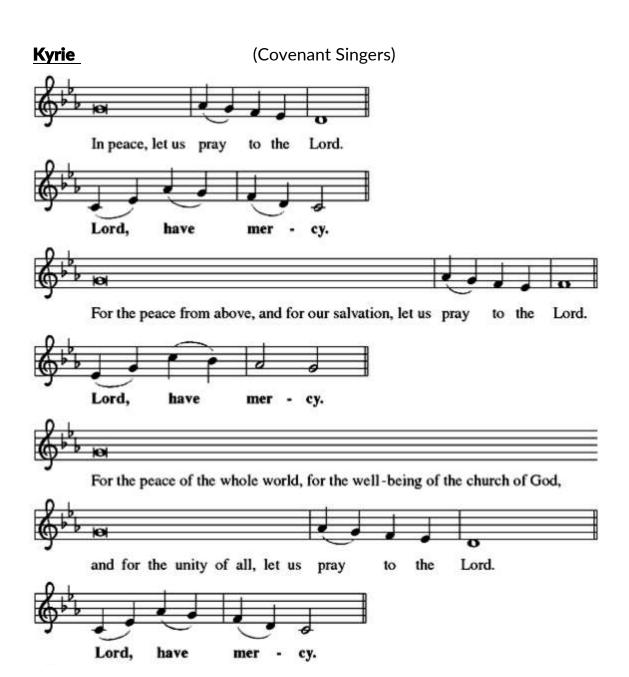
R: Glory be to the Father and / to the Son\*

and to the / Holy Spirit;

as it was in / the beginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

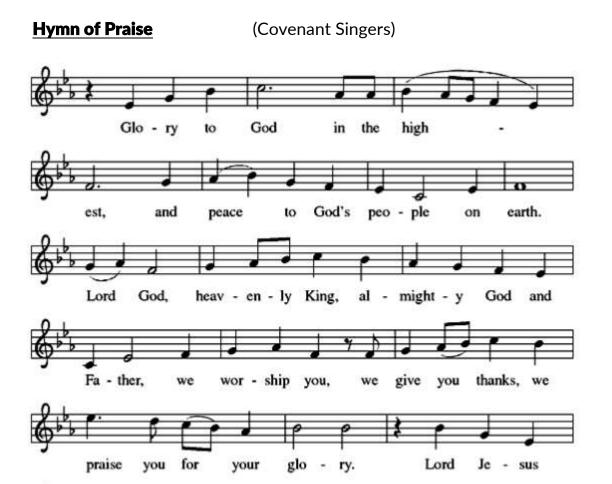
I will speak of your testimonies before / kings, / O Lord,\* and shall not be / put to shame.





Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.











#### **Greeting and Collect**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

#### C: And also with you.

**P:** We 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, you Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

#### **First Christian Scripture** (*Revelation* 14:6-7)

**A:** A reading from Revelation:

<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."

**A:** The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### **Gradual** (Psalm 48:1a, 12-14a)

R: Great is the LORD and greatly / to be praised\*
in the city / of our God!
Walk about Zion, go around her, num- / ber her towers,\*
consider well her ramparts, go through her / citadels,
that you may tell the next / generation\*
that this is God, our God forev- / er and ever.

#### **Second Christian Scripture** (Romans 3:19-28)

A: A reading from Romans:

<sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the [Torah] says it speaks to those who are under the [Torah], 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 [Torah] no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the [Torah] comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the [Torah], although the [Torah] 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 [Torah]? By a [Torah] of works? No, but by the [Torah] of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the [Torah].

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### ↑ Verse (Luke 12:32)



## R: Fear not, / little flock,\* for it is your Father's good pleasure to give / you the kingdom.



#### **The Holy Gospel** (Matthew 11:12-19)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew:

#### C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>12</sup> From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. <sup>13</sup> For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, <sup>14</sup> and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. <sup>15</sup> He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

<sup>16</sup> "But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

<sup>17</sup> "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn."

<sup>18</sup> For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' <sup>19</sup> The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

#### **The Nicene Creed**

C: We believe in one God, the Father, Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**↓ Musical Offering** 

Exsultate! Jubilate!

**Kyle Pederson** 

(Covenant Singers)

#### <u>Sermon</u>

**Pastor Dan Skillman** 

#### **Announcements**

#### **Prayers of the People**

**A:** Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

#### **Preface and Proper Preface**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

# **Sanctus**

name of the Lord.

#### (Covenant Singers)



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

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: 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.

#### The Words of Institution

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

He 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,

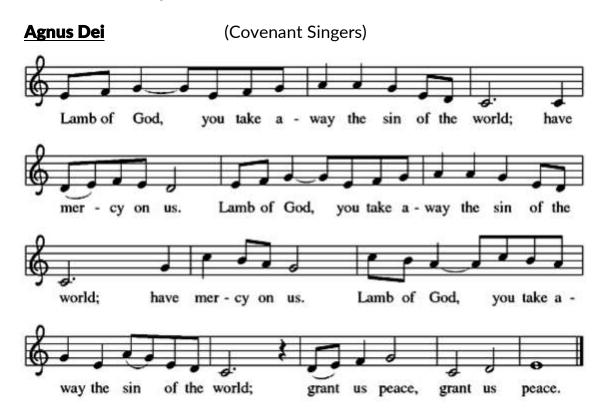
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### **Pax Domini**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.





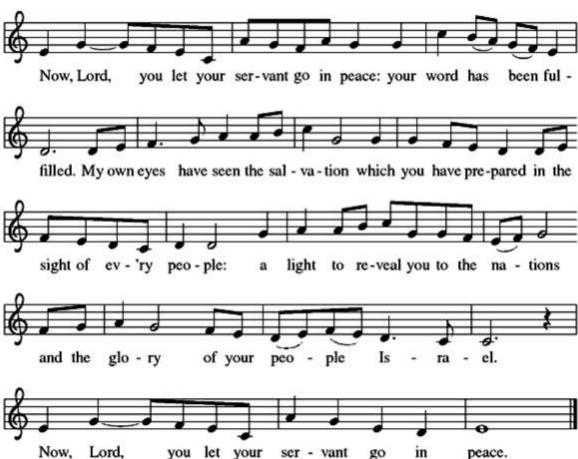
#### **Distribution**

#### **†Post-Communion Blessing**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.





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#### **Post Communion Collect**

A: We pray: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

#### **Benediction**

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

#### **Dismissal**

**A:** Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Allen Gott in Der Hoh J.S. Bach



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November 1, 2020

9:00 am "Drive In" 11:00 am "In Building"

All Saints' Day
The Beatitudes

#### **READINGS**

Matthew 5:1-12 (Revelations 7:9-17, 1 John 3:1-3)

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