



October 31, 2021 | Reformation Sunday
At Home Bulletin

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
**He has blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,**

Blessed be the God who chose us in him
before the foundation of the world
That we should be holy and blameless before him.

In love he predestined us for adoption as sons
through Jesus Christ,
according to the purpose of his will
**to the praise of his glorious grace,
with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.**

Based on Ephesians 1:3-6

INVOCATION*

SONGS OF PRAISE*

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around a glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see;
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
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A Might Fortress is our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide
Our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side,
The man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be--Christ Jesus it is He
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same
And He must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure
For lo his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs
No thanks to them abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also
The body they may kill
God's truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever

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CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord, you are slow to anger,
and abounding in steadfast love.

**We have been quick to anger
and slow to forgive.**

Your anger is righteous and your judgments just.

**We are prone to outrage and outburst.
We have judged others in our hearts,
with our mouths, and through our actions.**

You have commanded us to love
our neighbors as ourselves.

**Forgive us for hatred, wrath, and violence
May you grant us grace and strength
to walk in peace, humility, and meekness.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Romans 3:23-25

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified
by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,
whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood,
to be received by faith.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

What is the Church?

**God's Word declares, "There is one body and one Spirit--
just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call--
one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all,
who is over all and through all and in all.
But grace was given to each one of us
according to the measure of Christ's gift.**

How are we to live as the Church?

**All saints, that are united to Jesus Christ their Head,
by His Spirit, and by faith, have fellowship with Him in His graces,
sufferings, death, resurrection, and glory:
and, being united to one another in love,
they have communion in each other's gifts and graces,**

**and are obliged to the performance of such duties,
public and private, as do conduce to their mutual good,
both in the inward and outward man.**

Ephesians 4:4-7 and WCF 26:1

CHILDREN'S SERMON

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

PRAYER

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

**Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For yours is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION *

God Be Merciful to Me

God be merciful to me on Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou blot out my transgressions now
Wash me make me pure within
Cleanse O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress
I have sinned against Thy grace and provoked Thee to Thy face
I confess Thy judgment just
Speechless I Thy mercy trust.

I am evil born of sin Thou desirest truth within
Thou alone my Savior art, teach Thy wisdom to my heart
Make me pure Thy grace bestow
Wash me whiter than the snow.

Broken humbled to the dust by Thy wrath and judgment just
Let my contrite heart rejoice and in gladness hear Thy voice
From my sins O hide Thy face
Blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God my heart renew, make my Spirit right and true
Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me
Thy salvation's joy impart
Steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me and return O God to Thee
Savior all my guilt remove and my tongue shall sing Thy love
Touch my silent lips O Lord
And my mouth shall praise accord.

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SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 7:1-6

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Seeing Clearly”

Pastor Ian Hard

OUTLINE:

Watching Out (warning)

Watching Ourselves (redirection)

Watching the Judge (our hope)

HYMN OF RESPONSE*

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen
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CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

*If you are following along at home, please refrain from taking
Communion as it is a form of worship meant to be celebrated in the
physical presence of the body of Christ*

MERCY OFFERING

HYMN OF SENDING

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my Light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all --Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied,
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay – Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine – bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry, to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand,
'Til He returns or calls me home –Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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