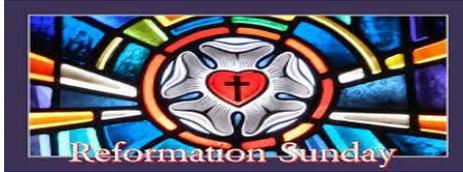


Order of Service, October 31, 2021, REFORMATION SUNDAY



Since a homeless member of our family has tested positive for Covid, we consider it wise to cancel the in-person service scheduled for Sunday, October 31. Instead, Bishop Thornton will do a homily and prayers by video- schedule pending.

Prelude

Greeting

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is Risen

Celebrants. *The Lord is Risen, Indeed. Alleluia.*

Collect for purity: (Presider and celebrants together)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy spirit, that we may perfectly love you , and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn 687 (blue hymnal) verses 1 and 2 only "A Mighty Fortress is our God"

The Collect for today (Presider and celebrants):

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Scriptures

A Reading from the Epistles (Ephesians 2:8-10)

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

- Hear what the spirit is saying to God’s People
- Thanks be to God

Psalm 46

- 1 God is our refuge and strength,*
an ever-present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way*
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
- 3 though its waters roar and foam*
and the mountains quake with their surging.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,*
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
- 5 God is within her, she will not fall;*
God will help her at break of day.
- 6 Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;*
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
- 7 The Lord Almighty is with us;*
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

- 8** Come and see what the Lord has done,*
the desolations he has brought on the earth.
- 9** He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth.*
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.
- 10** He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;*"
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."
- 11** The Lord Almighty is with us;*"
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

A Reading from the Gospels (Mark 12:28-34)

Presider:

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered,

Celebrants:

"The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

Presider:

"You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' —this is much more important than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices."

- This is the Gospel of the Lord
- Praise to you Lord Christ

Hymn *Spiritual "Down by the Riverside"* <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/primary-school-songs-down-by-the-riverside/zd34rj6>

1. I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield,
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside,
I'm gonna lay down my sword and shield,
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside.

CHORUS: *I ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more,
I ain't gonna study war no more.*

2. I'm gonna talk with the Prince of peace,
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside,
I'm gonna talk with the Prince of peace,
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside.

Chorus

3. I'm gonna shake hands with everyone,
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside,
I'm gonna shake hands with everyone,

Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside.

Chorus

4. I'm gonna walk with my friends in peace,
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside,
I'm gonna walk with my friends in peace,
Down by the riverside,
Down by the riverside.

Chorus

Sermon

Bishop +John S. Thornton

Creed (say together): Jesus Christ is Lord

Prayers of the People, Form II page 385 in the red prayer book

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops and other ministers; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence, during which celebrants are encouraged to offer their prayers, silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Phyllis Rees. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Members of the congregation may ask prayers or thanksgivings, silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers / thanksgiving for _____.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored, especially whom we remember today.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Presider adds a concluding Collect: O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

(please stay in your pew)

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Birthdays and Anniversaries (front cover of the red prayer book)

Offertory Music Interlude

The Liturgy of The Lord's Supper
Eucharistic Prayer B *Red Prayer book* p. 367

Presider The Lord be with you.
Celebrants *And also with you.*
Presider Lift up your hearts.
Celebrants *We lift them to the Lord.*
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Celebrants *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Gracious God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, in fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Presider and Celebrants (*Let us sing together to the tune "Land of Rest" Hymn # 304*)

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Blessed Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,
Presider and Celebrants say together

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Mary and Martin

and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, O God, now and for ever, **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:

Lord's Prayer (*let us sing together*)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
Are yours now and forever. **Amen. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

(Note: *We are not using the common cup; the bread alone is considered a full Eucharist.*)

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

Communion Hymn (see card in pew rack)

*"Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom"*

Post-Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving (BCP p. 365) (*say together*)

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessings

Concluding Hymn 687 (*blue hymnal*) **verses 3 and 4 only** "A Mighty Fortress is our God"

Dismissal:

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia

Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia