



**Sunday - 21st after Pentecost (Ordinary Time)
Reformation Sunday**

Liturgy of the Word -- 10:00 a.m.

Presider and Homilist Sara Jameson

Opening Hymn # 687 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Greeting:

Collect for Purity: Let us pray 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.

Gloria (*let us say together*) - (Red prayer book BCP, P. 356)

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray together the Collect of the Day

Collect of the Day: **Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Liturgy of the Word
Please be seated for the lessons**

The first reading comes from the Hebrew Scripture, Book of Isaiah 1:10-18

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation-- I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers,

I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's People

Thanks be to God

Psalm 32:1-8 *Beati quorum* (*say together*)

- ¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!**
- ² Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
- ³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.**
- ⁴ For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**
- ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.**
- ⁶ I said," I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**
- ⁷ Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**
- ⁸ You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

The second lesson comes from Paul's 2nd letter to the Thessalonians (2 1:1-4, 11-12)

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Gospel Hymn #397 – "Now Thank We All Our God"

A reading from The Gospel of Luke 19:1-10
Glory to you Lord Christ

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the

place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

This was a reading from the Gospel of Luke

Praise to you Lord Christ

Homily

-- Sara Jameson

Let us now reaffirm words from our Baptismal covenant

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

People: I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

People: I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

People: I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

People: I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

People: I do.

Question Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Question Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Question Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Question Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Prayers of the People for Reformation Sunday from the Lutheran Confession:

<https://www.lutherancore.website/2019/09/11/the-prayers-reformation-sunday-october-27-2019/>

The response: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray in the name of Jesus to our heavenly Father for the Church, the world, and one another.

[A brief silence]

Thank you, dear Father, for all who love your Church and who have faithfully sought to purify and reform it when it has lost its way. Thank you for constantly raising up prophets, apostles, martyrs, theologians, and ordinary saints who treasure your holy Word and love your Church, even when she stumbles and sins. Thank you for Jesus, who makes the Church his dear Bride, and who even now is making her lovely with holiness, charity, and righteousness.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon your Church. Make it your holy habitation; keep it steadfast in your Word; strengthen it in the face of temptation; defend it from evil; reform and purify it from sin and error; and bestow on it your saving peace.

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

Graciously protect and guide the people of this congregation, O Lord, our Help and our Redeemer. Gladden our hearts with the joy of your saving love. Cause us to brim over with the gifts of your Holy Spirit, so that we may refresh, nourish, instruct and invite our neighbors into your presence.

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

Be the refuge and strength of Christians throughout the world when they are persecuted for confessing Jesus as Lord; and cause the enemies of the Gospel to repent of their sinfulness, that they may turn to you and live.

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

Exalt yourself among the nations, and speak your holy word to your world, especially to the leaders of our country. Give us a measure of your own wisdom and a portion of your own Spirit, so that we, and all in positions of authority and trust, desire to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly before you.

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

Bless the work of faithful theologians and teachers who establish dialog, clarify doctrine, correct misunderstandings, and strive to heal the fractures within your Church. Direct their labors with your Spirit's promptings. Give them charity in service of witnessing to the truth of your Word. Keep them grounded in the Gospel of your Son, Jesus Christ, crucified and resurrected to forgive sins and grant life and salvation to all who will receive him.

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

We lift before you the needs of all whose lives are shaken and troubled by suffering of mind, body or spirit. Especially we pray for those on our prayer list and those we name at this time, silently or aloud.

Be in their midst, Lord God; let them not be overthrown; bring them your saving help; say to them, 'be still, and know that I am God;' and restore them all to health and hope, that they may proclaim the awesome things you have done.

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

Most holy Lord, we give you thanks for the lives of all whom you have claimed as your own and have redeemed through the precious blood of your dear Son. Grant that we may humbly follow in their footsteps; boldly trust in your promises; faithfully live in your Word; and cheerfully serve in your Name. And bring us, through the merits of our Savior, into your eternal home, where with all the redeemed, we shall glorify you in the power of your most

holy Spirit forever and ever and unto the ages of ages.

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

In the power of the Holy Spirit, we entrust our prayers and petitions into your hands, gracious Father, for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession:

Presider: And now let us rise as we are able and confess our sins using the older language from Morning Prayer

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws.

We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

Presider: Grant, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to us thy faithful people, pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

Gratitude Month – first Sunday stewardship talk

-- Doug Young

The Peace

**Birthdays and Anniversaries
Announcements**

Prayer for St. Martin's

Let us say together the Prayer of St. Martin's *(Martin Luther was named for St. Martin!)*

God of Love, open our eyes and ears to perceive you at work in creation, the church, and our parish. Fill our hearts with your love that we may reach out in love to others. Stir up our imagination with your Holy Spirit that we may find new ways to live into life with you. Give us a vision of your mission that we may share your love and your spirit in all the places where we work and play and worship you. In Jesus' holy name, *Amen.*

Closing Blessings

CLOSING Hymn # 377 – [Old Hundredth] – “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

- Dismissal: Let us go in peace to Love and Serve the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia
- **People: thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia**