

Reformation Day (observed)

October 25, 2020

Divine Service – Setting Three

Confession and Absolution

1. **Prelude: Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott (Helmut Walcha)**

Please stand, facing the cross as it is carried in procession.

2. **A Mighty Fortress Is Our God** **LSB 656**

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.
- 2 With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the valiant One,
Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.
- 3 Though devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill;
They shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none.
He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.
- 4 The Word they still shall let remain
Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone,
Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

3. **Invocation, Confession, and Absolution**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C** **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.**
- P** 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.
- C** Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

4. **Psalm 46**

After the antiphon is introduced, the congregation repeats it immediately and throughout the psalm as indicated.

Antiphon



- C** **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our fort-ress.**

Psalm Tone:



- P** ¹God is our ref- | uge and strength,*
a very present help in | trouble.
- I** ²Therefore we will not fear though the | earth gives way,*
though the mountains be moved into the heart | of the sea,
- P** ³though its waters | roar and foam,*
though the mountains tremble at its | swelling.
(Antiphon: All)
- P** ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,*
the holy habitation of the | Most High.
- I** ⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall | not be moved,*
God will help her when | morning dawns.
- P** ⁶The nations rage, the kingdoms | totter;*
he utters his voice, the | earth melts.
- I** ⁷The LORD of hosts is | with us;*
the God of Jacob is our | fortress. **(Antiphon: All)**
- P** ⁸Come, behold the works | of the LORD,*
how he has brought desolations | on the earth.

I ⁹He makes wars cease to the end | of the earth;*
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the
chariots | with fire.

P ¹⁰“Be still, and know that | I am God.*
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted |
in the earth!”

I ¹¹The LORD of hosts is | with us;*
the God of Jacob is our | fortress.

C **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son
and to the Holy | Spirit;**
As it was in the be- | ginning,
is now, and will be forever. | Amen. (*Antiphon: All*)

5. Kyrie

C Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

6. All Glory Be to God on High

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1 All glory be to God on high
And thanks for all His favor;
No harm can touch or terrify
A child of God forever.
God shows His good and gracious will
And grants His peace, the world to fill—
All strife at last has ended.

2 We praise and laud and worship You;
We give You thanks forever,
O Father, for Your rule is true
And just and changes never.
With boundless pow’r, Your mighty reign
Fulfills whatever You ordain.
Lord, grant us ev’ry blessing!

3 O Jesus Christ, the only Son
Begotten of the Father,
Your saving death has made us one
With God and with each other.
O Lamb of God, to You on high
In our distress we sinners cry,
Have mercy on us, amen!

4 O Holy Spirit, our delight
And source of consolation,
Protect us from the devil’s might
Through Jesus, our salvation,
Who by His death upon a tree
Has rescued us from misery:
To this we hold forever.

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7. Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P 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.

C Amen.

Sit

8. First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7

⁶Then 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. ⁷And 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.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

9. Gradual

C Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised*
in the city | of our God!
Walk about Zion, go around her, number her |
towers,*
consider well her ramparts, go through her |
citadels,
that you may tell the next gener- | ation*
that this is God, our God forever and | ever.

10. Epistle: Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now 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. ²⁰For by works of the
law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the
law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from
the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the
righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.
For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the
glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the
redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom 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. ²⁶It 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. ²⁷Then 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. ²⁸For
we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

11. Alleluia and Verse

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

P Alleluia. Fear not, | little flock,*
for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the
kingdom.
Alle- | luia.

C Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

12. Holy Gospel: John 8:31-36

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

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

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

13. Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down
from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin
Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the
Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both
the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is
worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of
sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

14. Not unto Us

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1 Not un - to us, not un - to us be glo - ry,
2 A - maz - ing grace— that chose us ere the worlds were
3 O faith - ful love— that shep - herd - ed through faith - less
4 Not un - to us but to Your name be glo - ry,

Lord; Not un - to us but to Your name be praise;
made; A - maz - ing grace— that sent Your Son to save;
years; For - giv - ing love— that led us to Your truth;
Lord, For grace so rich, so wide, so high, so free.

Not un - to us but to Your name all hon - or be
A - maz - ing grace— that robed us in Your rich - teous-
Un - yield - ing love— that would not let us turn from
A - bide with us till trav - 'ling days are o - ver and

giv'n For match-less mer-cy, for - give - ness, and grace.
ness And taught our lips to sing glo - ry and praise.
You But sent us forth to speak par - don and peace.
done, And pil - grim feet lead us home, Lord, to You.

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15. Sermon: "Just, and Justifier" (Romans 3:19-28)

Stand

16. Offertory

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Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

17. Prayer of the Church

Petitions conclude:

- P** Lord, in Your mercy.
- C** hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

18. Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them up unto the Lord.
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
- C** It is meet and right so to do.

19. Proper Preface

- P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . we laud and magnify
Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

20. Sanctus

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

21. Lord's Prayer

- C** Our Father . . .

22. The Words of Our Lord

23. Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

24. Agnus Dei

- C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

25. Distribution

By Grace I'm Saved

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- 1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No! Then this word must true remain:
By grace you too will life obtain.
- 2 By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;
Our works and conduct have no worth.
God in His love sent our Redeemer,
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
His death did for our sins atone,
And we are saved by grace alone.
- 3 By grace God's Son, our only Savior,
Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit
That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone,
That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.
- 4 By grace! This ground of faith is certain;
As long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration,
What in His Word our God commands,
Our faith in what our God has done
Depends on grace—grace through His Son.
- 5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?
- 6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.

26. The Dismissal

Stand

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.
Depart ✠ in peace.
C Amen.

27. Nunc Dimittis

- C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy

people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

28. Thanksgiving

- P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

29. Post-Communion Collect

- P** Let us pray.
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

30. Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.

31. Benedicamus

- P** Bless we the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

32. Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.
C Amen, amen, amen.

Remain standing, facing the cross as it is carried out in procession.

33. God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

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- 1 God's Word is our great heritage
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way,
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.

34. Postlude: Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott (M. Praetorius)

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