

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 27, 2024

9:00 a.m.

PRE-SERVICE MUSICCarla Barrows, Organ

PRELUDE “My Spirit Be Joyful” by J.S. Bach transcribed by Herforth EON Brass

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WELCOME Pastor Michael P. Dorn, Senior Pastor

PROCESSIONAL HYMN “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” arranged by Dan Forrest

Choir: *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 now seeks to work us woe;
His wrath and pow’r are great and armed with cruel hate.
On earth is not his equal.*

All: 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.

Choir: *A mighty fortress is our God
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, him doom is sure.
One little word shall fell him.*

All: 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!

Choir: *His kingdom is forever!*

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OPENING VERSICLES LSB 260

P This is the day which the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

- P** Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
- C** **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
- P** Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
- C** **Teach me Your paths.**
- P** Sanctify us in Your truth.
- C** **Your Word is truth.**
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- C** **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.**

LUTHER’S MORNING PRAYER

- C** **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT CANTICLE LSB 261

People: The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

Cantor: *With joy will you draw water from the wells of salvation.*

And you will say in that day:

*“Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name,
make known His deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that His name is exalted.”*

People: The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

Cantor: *Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously;*

let this be made known in all the earth.

Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitants of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

People: The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

Cantor: *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.*

People: The Lord God is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 24:1-21

R The New Testament Reading is from the 24th Chapter of Acts.

R ¹And after five days the high priest Ananias came down with some elders and a spokesman, one Tertullus. They laid before the governor their case against Paul. ²And when he had been summoned, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying:

“Since through you we enjoy much peace, and since by your foresight, most excellent Felix, reforms are being made for this nation, ³in every way and everywhere we accept this with all gratitude. ⁴But, to detain you no further, I beg you in your kindness to hear us briefly. ⁵For we have found this man a plague, one who stirs up riots among all the Jews throughout the world and is a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes. ⁶He even tried to profane the temple, but we seized him. ⁸By examining him yourself you will be able to find out from him about everything of which we accuse him.”

⁹The Jews also joined in the charge, affirming that all these things were so.

¹⁰And when the governor had nodded to him to speak, Paul replied:

“Knowing that for many years you have been a judge over this nation, I cheerfully make my defense. ¹¹You can verify that it is not more than twelve days since I went up to worship in Jerusalem, ¹²and they did not find me disputing with anyone or stirring up a crowd, either in the temple or in the synagogues or in the city. ¹³Neither can they prove to you what they now bring up against me. ¹⁴But this I confess to you, that according to the Way, which they call a sect, I worship the God of our fathers, believing everything laid down by the Law and written in the Prophets, ¹⁵having a hope in God, which these men themselves accept, that there will be a resurrection of both the just and the unjust. ¹⁶So I always take pains to have a clear conscience toward both God and man. ¹⁷Now after several years I came to bring alms to my nation and to present offerings. ¹⁸While I was doing this, they found me purified in the temple, without any crowd or tumult. But some Jews from Asia—¹⁹they ought to be here before you and to make an accusation, should they have anything against me. ²⁰Or else let these men themselves say what wrongdoing they found when I stood before the council, ²¹other than this one thing that I cried out while standing among them: ‘It is with respect to the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial before you this day.’” (ESV)

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY Psalm 46

R The Psalmody is from Psalm 46

R God is our refuge and strength,
C a very present help in trouble.

R Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
C though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

R though its waters roar and foam,
C though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

R There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
C the holy habitation of the Most High.

R God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
C God will help her when morning dawns.

R The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
C He utters His voice, the earth melts.

R The Lord of hosts is with us;
C the God of Jacob is our fortress.

R Come, behold the works of the Lord,
C how He has brought desolations on the earth.

- R** He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
- C** **He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;**
- R** He burns the chariots with fire.
- C** **“Be still, and know that I am God.**
- R** I will be exalted among the nations,
- C** **I will be exalted in the earth!”**
- R** The Lord of hosts is with us;
- C** **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 beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

HOLY GOSPEL John 8:31-36

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th Chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**
- P** 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.” (ESV)
- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

RESPONSORY LSB 263

- P** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- P** Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH Apostles’ Creed

- C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**
- And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**
- I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Pastor Lonnie Gonzales, Associate Pastor of Outreach

MESSAGE Pastor Michael P. Dorn

OFFERING

(Offerings may be submitted online to www.trinitydt.org, by mail to Trinity Downtown, 800 Houston Ave., Houston, TX 77007 or dropped off at the office, M-F, 8:30 - 2:30.)

MUSICAL OFFERING “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” . . . Sanctuary Choir & Congregation
arr. by Dan Forrest

Choir: *Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, my Father!
There is no shadow of turning with Thee!
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.*

Choir: *Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see!
All I have needed, Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

Choir: *Summer and winter and springtime and harvest;
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, Thy mercy and love.*

Choir: *Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow:
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.
Ten thousand beside, ten thousand beside.
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.*

All: *Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see!
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

Choir: *Lord unto me, Lord unto me! Amen.*

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PRAYERS LSB 265

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For reasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

NEW TESTAMENT CANTICLE LSB 266

Cantor: *Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.*

All: **Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Cantor: *Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed.*

Raised from the dead, He will never die again.

Death has no more dominion over Him.

All: **Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Cantor: *Dying, Christ dies to sin, once for all.*

Living, He lives to God.

Count yourselves as dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

All: **Christ has been raised from the dead! Alleluia. Alleluia.**

BLESSING

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN “We All Believe in One True God” LSB 953

We all believe in one true God,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present help in need,
Praised by all the heav’nly host;
All He made His love enfolds,
All creation He upholds.

We all believe in Jesus Christ,
Son of God and Mary’s son,
Who descended from His throne
And for us salvation won;
By whose cross and death are we
Rescued from all misery.

We all confess the Holy Ghost,
Who from both in truth proceeds,
Who sustains and comforts us
In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blessèd, holy Trinity,
Praise forever be to Thee!

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