



Church@Home

25th October 2020

21st Sunday after Pentecost, Year A
Reformation Sunday

9am Matins

HYMN: LH195 “A MIGHTY FORTRESS”

<https://youtu.be/IzLQ51LijQ>

**A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon.
Our faithful helper in all need,
Our stay, whate'er may happen,
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.**

**With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our fall effected;
But for us fights the valiant one
Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye: Who is this?
Christ Jesus it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God;
He holds the field for ever.**

**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, for e'er undone;
One little word can fell him.**

**The Word shall stand despite all foes
No thanks they for it merit
For God is with us, and bestows
His gifts and Holy Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child, and wife:
Though these all be gone,
Yet have our foes not won;
The kingdom ours remaineth.**

*Words: M Luther (1483-1546)
Music: M Luther 1483-1546 (1528)*

**WELCOME
WE GREET ONE ANOTHER**

INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will tell of your praise.

O God, deliver me.

O Lord, be quick to help me.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be forevermore.
Amen. Hallelujah!

SENTENCES OF INVITATION

O come, let us worship the Lord,
For he is our maker.

O COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

**1 O come, let us sing to the *Lord*,
let us shout aloud to the rock of *our* salvation.**

**2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving,
let us shout aloud to *him* with songs of praise.**

**3 For the Lord is a great *God*,
and a great King *above* all gods.**

**4 In his hands are the depths of the *earth*;
the heights of the mountains are *his* also.**

**5 The sea is his, for he *made* it,
and his hands *formed* the dry land.**

**6 O come, let us worship and bow *down*,
let us kneel before the *Lord*, our maker.**

**7 For he is our *God*,
and we are the people of his pasture, *and the *sheep* in his care.**

**Glory to the Father and the *Son*
and the *Holy Spirit*,
as it was in the beginning, is *now*,
and will be forevermore. Amen.**

O come, let us worship the *Lord*, for *he* is our maker.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

**Thank you, ever living God,
for giving us your only Son.
Move us to love you with all our heart,
soul, mind, and strength,
and to love our neighbour as we love ourselves.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

THEME OF THE DAY:

Ephesians 2:8 – 10

“We have been saved not by good works, but
for good works”

Series on Ephesians (2/6)

READINGS

The *first* reading is written [Jeremiah 31:31 – 34](#)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The *second* reading is written in [Ephesians 2:1 – 10](#)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

The gospel reading is written in [Matthew 22:34 – 40](#)

RESPONSE AFTER THE GOSPEL

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

“God’s purpose for you”

- * Using the prop of various cooking utensils, talk about the purpose of each item in making a cake: e.g. cup for measuring, sifter, whisk, mixing bowl, spoon for stirring....
- * These things each have a purpose. What is our purpose? What did God create us to do, and rescue us to do? To LOVE, *like Jesus!*

CHILDRENS SONG

“God our Father” by Colin Buchanan

<https://youtu.be/5hr5YxOMSgM?t=21>

RESPONSE

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.

Make me wholehearted in fearing your name,

that I may walk in your truth.

Glory to the Father and the Son

and the Holy Spirit.

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth.

HYMN: LH332 “Thy works not mine”

https://youtu.be/JwCuXNLcp_U

Thy works, not mine, O Christ,

Speak gladness to this heart;

They tell me all is done;

They bid my fear depart.

To whom save Thee,

Who canst alone

For sin atone,

Lord, shall I flee?

Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ,

Can heal my bruised soul;

Thy stripes, not mine, contain

The balm that makes me whole.

To whom save Thee,

Who canst alone

For sin atone,

Lord, shall I flee?

Thy cross, not mine, O Christ,
Has borne the awful load
Of sins that none could bear
But the incarnate God.
To whom save Thee,
Who canst alone
For sin atone,
Lord, shall I flee?

Thy death, not mine, O Christ,
Has paid the ransom due;
Ten thousand deaths like mine
Would have been all too few.
To whom save Thee,
Who canst alone
For sin atone,
Lord, shall I flee?

Thy righteousness, O Christ,
Alone can cover me;
No righteousness avails
Save that which is of Thee.
To whom save Thee,
Who canst alone
For sin atone,
Lord, shall I flee?

Words: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)
Music: J Darwall 1731-1789 (1770)

SERMON:

Ephesians 2:8 – 10

“We have been saved not by good works, but
for good works”

Series on Ephesians (2/6)

Click [HERE](#) to listen to the sermon on YouTube

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your* hearts
and minds safe in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

SONG: LHS857 “LOW, THE WAY IS LOW”

<https://youtu.be/a0Kg3GF2k1k>

**Low the way is low,
With the man whom angels praise;
He who spoke the sky
Was a baby dressed in hay:**

***We are companions of
the one whose name is love,
we share his life as we grow.
We carry Jesus’ death
with each and every breath –
our hope is high, the way is low***

**See the glory road –
he was tempted by it too.
But he set his course
with Jerusalem in view:**

**When our time is gone
we will see the great new day.
Till that day appears,
all we know is Jesus’ way:**

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OFFERING

THE PRAYERS

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

CREED

**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, dead, and 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

PRAYER OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Call to prayer

God has gathered us together to be his holy people. Let us pray that we may love him with all our heart and all our soul and all our mind, and let us pray for our neighbour as we pray for ourselves.

The regular response, OR:

God, you are our soul's desire.

Hear the prayers of our hearts.

Suggested intercessions

- * for the church, that God would raise up prophets to speak his word
- * for all Christians, that we may be guided by God's Spirit to fulfil the law of love
- * for groups that serve those in need (eg for Amnesty International, Community Aid Abroad, Australian Lutheran World Service)
- * for the malnourished and starving
- * for those who suffer mistreatment and abuse
- * for those who live in hatred of God and their neighbours
- * for those who are dying

Concluding prayer

Lord, only you can satisfy our needs and the needs of all people. We commit ourselves and our neighbours into your loving care, trusting that you will continue to provide everything we need from day to day. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

BLESSING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all

Amen.

HYMN: LH191 “The Church’s One Foundation”

<https://youtu.be/FHCqXL3mCwU>

**The Church’s one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word:
From heaven he came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life he died.**

**Elect from every nation,
Yet one o’er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With every grace endued.**

**Mid toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace for evermore;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.**

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900)

Music: S S Wesley 1810-1876 (1864)