

October 27, 2024
Reformation Sunday

eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All people: *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit makes us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father now and forever.

All people: *Amen.*

Pastor: The gifts of God, for the people of God. All things are now ready.

PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

All people: *Lord Jesus Christ, we've experienced grace at this table and celebrated salvation. As we leave this table may we go to be messengers this week of your grace and salvation, for you are Lord of all. Amen.*

HYMN *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* **Blue Hymnal, #67**

BENEDICTION (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Pastor: Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.

All people: *Amen.*

POSTLUDE

CANDLE EXTINGUISHING

PREWORSHIP MUSIC GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS PRELUDE & CANDLELIGHTING

**Mr. Kevin Crone
Rev. Laura C. Baker
Acolyte**

CENTERING WORDS

Taste and see that the Lord is good. God's steadfast love endures forever. (Psalm 34)

(Please stand in body and/or spirit)

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

Congregation: **And, also with you!**

Pastor: Let us pray together: O God, you are our refuge and strength...

Congregation: **A very present help in times of trouble, therefore we will not fear.**

Pastor: O God, you made an everlasting covenant with us.

Congregation: **Help us to be your people in this world of trial and trouble.**

Pastor: O God, too often we have sinned and fallen short of your glory.

Congregation: **Search us, O God, and know our hearts; test us and know our thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in us and lead us in the way of everlasting.**

Pastor: O God, we have embraced the freedom you offer us.

Congregation: **We embrace the Son who makes us free.**

Pastor: O God, we honor the bold faith of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have gone before us.

Congregation: **May we each be as bold in our faith this week as we cry, "Come, Holy Spirit!", help us to die again and again in Christ so that we might be truly free. Amen.**

HYMN *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* **Blue Hymnal, #65**

CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Congregation: **If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Almighty and most merciful God,

All people: *We confess that we are unworthy servants. We have not always acted as children of God. We confess that we have left undone things we should have done, and we have done and said things that we should not have*

done and said. For those times when we have sinned against you - even unintentionally - we ask your forgiveness. We pray for an increase in our faith, that we may rise to live in righteousness and holiness. Amen.

Pastor: Beloved of God, draw near to God in Christ, and God will draw near to you. I proclaim in Christ's name: by the grace and mercy of God, your sins are forgiven and cleansed from all unrighteousness.

All people: Thanks be to God, through Christ, our Savior. Amen!

HYMN OF PRAISE *Gloria Patri* **Blue Hymnal, #35**

(The congregation may be seated, as the children & youth come forward)

JESUS SAID, "LET THE CHILDREN COME"

HYMN *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* **Blue Hymnal, #576**

HEBREW READING **Job 42:1-6, 10-17**

GOSPEL READING **Mark 10:46-52**

SERMON & PASTORAL PRAYER **Rev. Laura C. Baker**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All people: 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

All people: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator 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 shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING INVITATION

Liturgist: In service and love, may we bring our hearts, our offerings, and our gifts to God and to God's church, dedicating all we give with a song and prayer.

(Please stand in body and/or spirit)

DOXOLOGY

Praise God

Blue Hymnal, #46

(An Offering Collection Box is located on the table in the back of sanctuary, by the exit door)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All people: Mighty God, as you restore sight to the blind and healing to the afflicted, use these offerings to provide refuge for the lost and mercy for those who suffer. May our gifts find those who cry out in need and who seek you with receptive hearts. Amen.

ANTHEM

Breath of God (Englert)

Chancel Choir

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And, also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All sing:

Seraphic Hymn

Red Hymnal, #522

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take,