

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

On the Lord's Day Evening
Reformation Sunday
October 31, 2021, at 6:00



To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire hope; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and yearn for fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come—this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome

Prelude

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
JOANNA

Call to Worship

From Hebrews 12

Minister: Let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken!

People: Let us offer to God acceptable worship with reverence and awe!

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us worship God!

† congregation standing

✠ congregation kneeling



ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

† **Hymn of Proclamation**

Hymn A • Trinity Hymnal #92

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

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† **Prayer of Adoration**

Unison: Our Father in heaven, as we pause to celebrate the anniversary of the Protestant Reformation, we praise you for giving your church an enduring heritage through the work of your Spirit who causes us to remember everything that Jesus taught his disciples. We thank you for the restoration of your Word and its authority, the reclamation of your gospel and its grace, and the recovery of your sacraments through which we are washed and fed. Teach us to appreciate that godly persons were willing to suffer and die for these treasures. And make us ever mindful of our continual need to be reformed as one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church according to your Word and Spirit so that we might be increasingly conformed into the image of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

† **Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 15:1-6

Pew Bible, page 10

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

† Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Unison: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will 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.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

† New Testament Reading

Romans 5:1
Pew Bible, page 942

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

† Prayer for Illumination

Proclamation of God's Word

Dr. John Tweeddale

The God Who Justifies

✠ Prayer of Confession

Unison: Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we violate your holy commandments more than we know. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that your grace relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please take a moment to silently confess your sin.

✠ Assurance of Pardon

Minister: This saying is true and worthy of full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Therefore, to all those who repent and believe the gospel, I declare your sins are forgiven in Jesus' name.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

RESPONDING IN THANKS

† Doxology #732

TALLIS' CANON

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

† Celebration of Communion

Minister: The Lord be with you!

People: And also with you!

Minister: Lift up our hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord!

People: It is good and right so to do!

Minister: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Because you gave your only Son to be born for us; who, by the power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the virgin Mary, his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your name as we sing,

† Sanctus

Sanctus II

Traditional Text; Musical Setting by Ronald Owen



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - migh - ty!



All of your cre - a - tion bows down and kneels be - fore you.



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, an-gels all a - dore you.



Heav'n and earth are full of your pow - er and your



glo - ry! Ho - ly are you Lord God of hosts.

† **Prayer of Dedication**

Words of Institution

Minister: Therefore, we proclaim the faith:

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Communion Hymn

Hymn B

The Power of the Cross

Words & Music by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Communion Hymn

Hymn C

The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power

Words & Music by Andraé Crouch

† **Prayer of Thanks**

Unison: Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. We have recalled your mighty acts in holy history. We have seen your power in sending light to conquer darkness, water to give us life, and the bread of heaven to nourish us in love. Send us with your salvation and joy to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† **Benediction**

† **Sending Forth Hymn**
Hymn D

By Faith

Words & Music by Keith & Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the risen Lord Jesus
Christ.

Unison: **Thanks be to God!**

† **Postlude**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

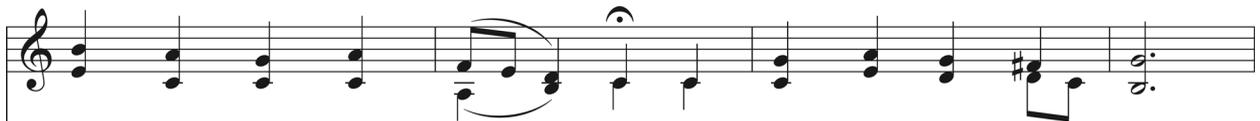
God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Ps. 46:1



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -



fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,



doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;
 Christ Jes - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

Oh, to See the Dawn

(The Power of the Cross)

1. Oh, to see the dawn of the dark - est day; Christ on the
 2. Oh, to see the pain writ - ten on Your face, bear - ing the
 3. Now the day-light flees; Now the ground be - neath quakes as its
 4. Oh, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds, for through Your

road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,
 awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,
 Ma - ker bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two,
 suf - f'ring I am free. Death is crushed to death,

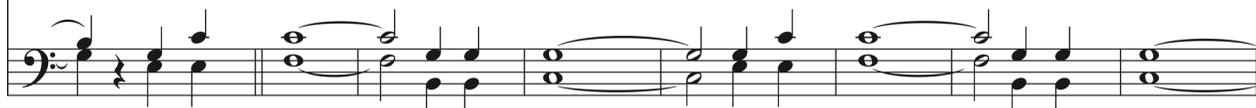
torn and beat - en, then nailed to a cross of wood.
 ev - 'ry e - vil deed crown - ing Your blood-stained brow.
 dead are raised to life— "Fin - ished!" the vic - tory cry.
 life is mine to live, won through Your self - less love!

Refrain



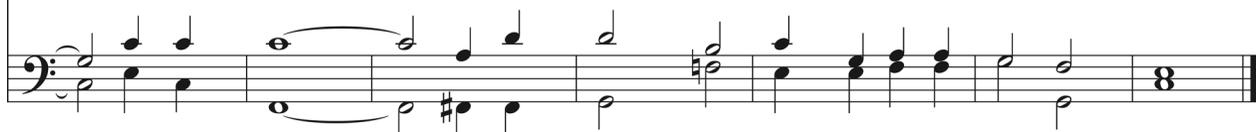
(1.,2.,3.) This the pow'r of the cross: Christ be-came sin for us.

(4.) This the pow'r of the cross: Son of God slain for us.



Took the blame, bore the wrath; We stand for-gi-ven at the cross.

What a love, what a cost! We stand for-gi-ven at the cross.



The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power

This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for the forgiveness of sins. Matthew 26:28

1. The blood that Je - sus shed for me
 2. It soothes my doubt and calms my fears,

'Way back on Cal - va - ry, The blood that gives me strength from
 And it dries all my tears; The blood that gives me strength from

day to day— It will ne - ver lose its pow'r.
 day to day— It will ne - ver lose its pow'r.

It reach - es to the high - est moun - tain; It flows to the

low - est val - ley.

The blood that gives me strength from

day to day—

It will ne - ver lose its pow'r.

TEXT: André Crouch

MUSIC: André Crouch

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THE BLOOD
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By Faith

1. By faith we see the hand of God in the
 2. By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth with the
 3. By faith the pro - phets saw a day when the
 4. By faith the church was called to go in the
 5. By faith this moun - tain shall be moved and the

light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign, in the
 pow'r of His prom - ise in their hearts, of a
 longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear with the
 pow'r of the Spir - it to the lost to de -
 pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre - vail, for we

lives of those who prove His faith - ful - ness,
 ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand,
 pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
 liv - er cap - tives and to preach good news
 know in Christ all things are pos - si - ble

1, 3.	2, 4, 5.	Refrain
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who walk by faith and not by sight.
 a place where peace and jus - tice reign.
 and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. We will
 in ev - 'ry cor - ner of the earth. We will
 for all who call up - on His name.

stand as children of the promise; We will fix our eyes on Him, our soul's re-ward. Till the

race is fin-ished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.