Reformation Day
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Service with
Holy Communion

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Confession and Absolution

P  In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C  Amen.

P  If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C  But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P  Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C  Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P  Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C  Amen.

657 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

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.

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.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.
Gradual

Psalm 48:1a, 12–14a

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 genera- | tion*
that this is God, our God forever and | ever.

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.

A  This is the Word of the Lord.
C  Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse (sung)

C  Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
C  These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
C  Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

John 8:31–36

P  The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.
C  Glory to You, 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 to You, O Christ.

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 everlasting of the world to come. Amen.

The Seventh Commandment

P What is the Seventh Commandment?
C You shall not steal.

P What does this mean?
C We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor’s money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

Sit

655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word; Curb those who by deceit or sword Would wrest the kingdom from Your Lord of lords alone; Defend Your holy Church that unity on earth; Support us in our final

Son And bring to naught all He has done.
we May sing Your praise eternally.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

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Sermon

Stand
Prayer of the Church

P Gracious heavenly Father, we thank You for the comfort of the Gospel restored to Your Church on earth through the work of Martin Luther and other faithful pastors and leaders during the Reformation. We praise You that by Your rich grace we have come to the sure knowledge that we stand justified before You, not by what we have done, but rather by faith in what Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, has done on our behalf. We implore You, defend Your Church from all enemies of Your saving Word. Cause Your eternal Gospel to be proclaimed in our time to every nation, tribe, language and people on earth, and graciously preserve Your truth for generations to come. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P Lord, make us truly Your disciples. Keep us in Your Word, free us from all errors, and make our homes and families peaceful. Preserve all fathers and encourage them for their godly task, that children would be brought up in the fear and instruction of the Lord. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P Be with our catechumens, especially our young people who desire to join us at the Lord’s altar. Teach us also to hear and learn Your Word anew as disciples with them. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P Have mercy on our country and province. Bless her majesty the Queen, our Governor-General, Canadian Parliament and Prime Minister Justin, and our Lieutenant-Governor, National Assembly and Premier François. Be with all voters in our province who will select new councils and mayors. Give us good and faithful rulers who will govern after Your good pleasure. Give us comfort and a right understanding of Your rule in this world, that we would not be deceived to think earthly powers will last forever, but have confidence in You alone. Your kingdom come! Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P Hear our prayers for the sick, the joyful and those in any need [especially Mashi, Carrie, Larry, Mala and Donald]. Answer their prayers, preserve them by Your promises and bring them safely through this world to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P You have given us the certainty of sins forgiven in Your Son, set forth as the propitiation for our sins by His blood to be received by faith. So lead us to eat and drink Your holy body and precious blood in repentance and faith, now and always. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that You have brought us by Your Word out of the darkness of error and into the light of Your grace. Mercifully help us to walk in that light. Guard us from error and false doctrine, and grant that we do not become ungrateful and despise Your Word, but receive it with all our heart, conduct our lives according to it and put our trust in Your grace; through the merits of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Preface

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus**

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Distribution

The Lord’s Supper is a gift from Christ, offered to those He is building together as one body. Members who have pledged themselves to each other and to the teaching at Ascension through the Rite of Confirmation are invited to receive (1 Cor. 1:10).

Those not members of Ascension but who would like to receive the Sacrament are invited to meet with Pastor after worship to discuss a period of instruction (Ephesians 4:20-24).

633 At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing

1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King, Who has washed us in the tide of salvation—
2 Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine, Gives His body for the feast—
3 Where the paschal blood is poured, Death’s dread angel sheathes the sword; Israel’s hosts triumphant go thence—
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victor, paschal bread; With sincerity and love

Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!
Christ the victor, Christ the priest. Alleluia!
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!
Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell’s fierce pow’rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthral;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!
7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin’s pow’r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

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617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

Stand

The Dismissal

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.
Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.
658 Preserve Your Word, O Savior

1 Preserve Your Word, O Savior, To us this latter day,
   And let Your kingdom flourish; Enlarge Your Church, we pray.
2 Preserve, O Lord, Your honor, The bold blasphemer smite;
   Convince, convert, enlighten The souls in error’s night.
3 Preserve, O Lord, Your Zion, Bought dearly with Your blood;
   Protect what You have chosen Against the hellish flood.
4 Preserve Your Word and preaching, The truth that makes us whole;
   The mirror of Your glory, The pow’r that saves the soul.
5 Preserve in wave and tempest Your storm-tossed little flock;
   As sailed by wind and weather, May it endure each shock.

O keep our faith from failing; Keep hope’s bright star a-glow.
Reveal Your will, dear Savior, To all who dwell below,
Be always our defender When dangers gather round;
Oh, may this living water, This dew of heav’nly grace,
Stand at the helm, our pilot, And set the course aright;

Let nothing from truth turn us While living here below.
Great light of all the living, That all Your name may know.
When all the earth is crumbling, Safe may Your Church be found.
Sustain us while here living Until we see Your face.
Then we will reach the harbor In Your eternal light.

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