

REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 25, 2020

Organ Prelude: Christ lag in todesbanden

J. S. Bach

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

CALL TO WORSHIP:

The Lord our God has been our dwelling place in all generations.

From everlasting to everlasting God is God, and so we come to worship.

O God, you are the perpetual spring of life, an eternal reservoir of goodness.

We come to worship in order to experience that wellspring of life anew.

O God, you are the source of love that motivates our words and actions.

We come to draw upon that source, to fill our cups to overflowing.

Happy are those who delight in the law of the Lord, who meditate on God's goodness day and night. (Psalm 1:2)

Let us tell of God's glorious power and praise God's holy name!

ALL: Let us worship God together.

Hymn: "A mighty Fortress is our God"

No. 315

1. A mighty Fortress is our God,
a refuge never failing;
our Helper sure amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe
yet seeks to work us woe
with craft and power great
and, armed with cruel hate,
on earth has not an equal.

2. Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing;
were not a Saviour on our side,
the One of God's own choosing.
Who is the Saviour, who?
Christ Jesus, living true.
Lord Sabaoth by name,
from age to age the same,
already wins the battle.

3. And though this world, with evil filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
the truth to triumph through us:
the powers of death and hell
our God will surely quell:
their rage we can endure,
for look! their doom is sure:
one little word will fell them.

4. That Word above all earthly powers-
no thanks to them! abiding,
ensures that all God's gifts are ours,
through Christ in us residing,
whose summons rings above
all goods, all earthly love.
Earth's powers waste away;
God's word endures always,
whose reign will last forever.

Prayer of Approach, Confession & The Lord's Prayer

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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Peace of Christ be with you all;

And also with you.

Children's Theme for Church School

Special Music: Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J. S. Bach

soloists Anna Bateman, Erin Stone, Shaun Alphonso, Chris Tanaka-Mann and pianist Bruce Nasmith

Scripture Readings: Psalm 1, 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Psalm 1

1 Happy are those

who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread,
or sit in the seat of scoffers;

2 but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.

3 They are like trees

planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,
and their leaves do not wither.

In all that they do, they prosper.

4 The wicked are not so,

but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;
6 for the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

2 You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, 2 but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. 3 For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, 4 but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. 5 As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; 6 nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, 7 though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. 8 So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

We are listening, O God;
Speak to us!

Sermon: DRAWING FROM THE SOURCE
(Full sermon can be found at the end of the bulletin)

Rev. Rebecca

Special Music: Sheep May Safely graze

J. S. Bach

soloist Anna Bateman, pianist Bruce Nasmith

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

Hymn: "All my hope on God is founded"

No. 462

1. All my hope on God is founded
who does still my trust renew;
through all change and chance
God guides me,
only good and only true.
Love unknown, God's alone,
calls my heart to be God's own.

but God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

2. Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown, betray all trust;
what our care and toil establish,
tower and temple, fall to dust,

3. God's great goodness reigns eternal,
deep in wisdom, passing thought;
light and life are all God's splendour
bringing beauty out of naught.
Evermore from God's store
newborn worlds rise and adore.

4. Daily does Almighty Giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow,

God's desire our soul delighting,
pleasure leading where we go.
Love will stand at God's hand;
joy will wait on God's command.

5. Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ, the Son.
Hear Christ call one and all:
you that follow shall not fall.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude: A Mighty Fortress is our God

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