

**Reformation Sunday** 

*October 30, 2022* 

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

# GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

# WELCOME

PRELUDE

# LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

## GATHERING SONG

"We All Are One in Mission"

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## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 

## KYRIE

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



# WORD

# God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

#### FIRST READING

#### Jeremiah 31: 31 - 34

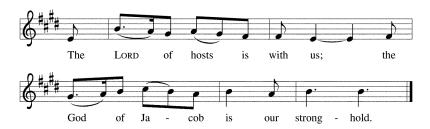
The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt —a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### PSALM 46

#### Refrain



<sup>1</sup>God is our ref- | uge and strength,

a very present | help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;
<sup>3</sup>though its waters | rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.
<sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,

## the holy habitation of | the Most High.

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall | not be shaken; God shall help it at the | break of day.

<sup>6</sup>The nations rage, and the | kingdoms shake;

# God speaks, and the earth | melts away. R

<sup>7</sup>The Lord of | hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob | is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup>Come now, regard the works | of the Lord,

# what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;

<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;

who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the  $\mid$  shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup>"Be still, then, and know that | I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth."

<sup>11</sup>The Lord of | hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. R

# SECOND READING

## Romans 3: 19 - 28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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#### John 8: 31 - 36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** 

#### SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Janelle Lightbourne

ELW 503

# PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends: Hear us, O God.

Response: Your mercy is great.

#### **DEDICATION OF NEW BANNER**

# MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

#### SHARING OF PEACE

## PRAYER

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **Amen**.

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** 

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. And so, with all the witnesses of the resurrection, we praise your name and join their never ending song:

## HOLY HOLY HOLY

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

#### 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.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

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

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

#### **COMMUNION MEDITATION**

Joyful Noise Bell Choir

"Holy Manna"

W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835 arr. Margaret R. Tucker

# PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** 

# SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

#### BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, + one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.** 

#### SENDING SONG

"For by Grace You Have Been Saved"

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#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you. Thanks be to God.

#### POSTLUDE

#### PERMISSIONS

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# ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH SERVING TODAY

- The Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek Janelle Lightbourne Chris Ritcey-Conrad Marg McCutcheon Marcia Powers-Dunlop Doris Pascoe, Arlene Somerville Joyful Noise Bell Choir Karen Adolph Dave Pascoe
- Pastor Preacher Music Director Reader Prayers Cantors Additional Music Livestream Usher Audio Visual

# THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday 1:00 pm Zumba; 7:15 pm Bell Choir 6:30 pm Guides; 7:00 pm Bible Study 10:00 am Cover Girls; 7:00 pm Choir

2:00 pm Reception: Richard Zado

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

# **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Gus Berndt, Kevin Cartwright, Rodney Erlandson, Anna Feller, Al Jacksteit, Matt Kirkpatrick, Mona Kibsey, Mark Kieswetter, Alex Kretchman, John Lindman, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Ethan Suknundun, Debra, Helen, Lynette, Marian and the family and friends of John Stewart as they mourn his passing.

# **OFFERING**

Please place your offering on the plate in the centre aisle. Other options can be found on our website: stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/

# ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Please see sign-up sheet in the narthex if you are interested in having a candle lit in memory of a loved one when we celebrate All Saints Sunday on **November 6**. Alternatively, contact the church office.

# ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES



St. Philip's supports the use of these devices. Please enquire at the audiovisual table.

# **OUR VISION**

Freed by the grace of Christ, we seek to connect with God, neighbour and self.

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