

Prayer Requests & Announcements

Your prayers are requested for:

- † all who are unwell, all senior citizens in our congregation and those who are house-bound.
- † the resuming of the administration of Holy Communion.
- † in the Diocese, for Bethel Church, Chembur (Tamil congregation) and the Revd M. D. Johnson.
- † the Church of North India's Diocese of Barrackpore and the Rt Revd Paritosh Canning (*Moderator's Episcopal Commissary*)
- † the Church of South India's Diocese of Dornakal and the Rt Revd Padma Rao Kodirekka.
- † The Episcopal/ Anglican Province of Alexandria in the *Anglican Communion* and the Rt Revd Samy Fawzy (Archbishop of Alexandria and Bishop of Egypt).
- The Women's Fellowship for Christian Service (WFCS) will conduct their annual general body meeting online on 7th November 2021 at 7pm via Zoom.
- The Mumbai Diocesan Children's Ministry will conduct virtual vacation Bible school (VBS) from 31st October to 7th November (Time: 8:30pm-9:30pm).
- Harvest Festival will be on 21st November.

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and give one another space as you exit through doorways.

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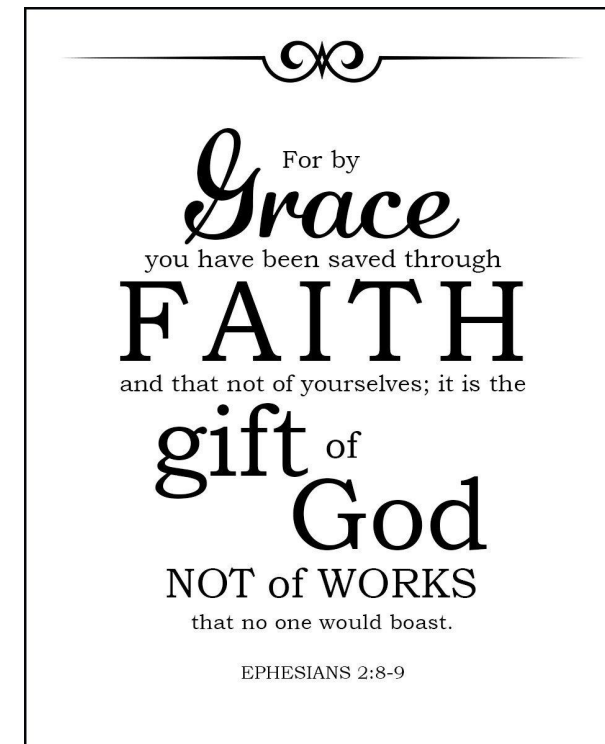
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Order of Service for the Liturgy of the Word

Reformation Sunday



Sunday 31st October 2021 • 8.45 am

Welcome

TEXT FOR THE DAY

On the eve of its feast day, people found a document nailed to the door of All Saints' Church, Wittenberg, Germany. On that day, October 31, 1517, an Augustinian Friar named Martin Luther affixed his "95 Theses" to the door of that parish church and launched the Protestant Reformation. In many churches, October 31 is known as Reformation Day.

Luther did not intend to divide the Church but to reform it.

There are differing perceptions among different denominations on how a day such as this should be commemorated. For some this is a wonderful event that restored the Bible to the faithful and reaffirmed a strong theology of grace to a central place in the Christian faith. For others this marks a sad schism, or divide, of the Church. In other words, we are not of one mind.

So, what exactly should we reflect upon this morning?

Ours must be a reformed faith because it must be a critical faith – we must be critical of our own faith. We do not look back and try to restore or preserve some past glory. Instead, we hold ourselves and our church under the critical lens of the Gospel and ask, "Are we following Jesus?"

Reformation is not just an event in our past, of ambivalent historical meaning; it is a principle of growth for us in faith and in spirituality. It is a lifelong journey. In our baptismal covenant, when are asked "*Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?*" We always answer, "*I will, with God's help.*" We are never done. Hopefully we draw nearer to Christ over time, but always and only with God's grace and love.

Tomorrow is All Saints Day. We give thanks to God for His saints and the faithful in every time and age.

The themes of both Reformation Sunday and All Saints are interwoven in the service this morning.

The Dismissal

From the West Door, the Presbyterian says:

Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth,
go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Alla Danza

G. F. Handel, from 'Water Music' (1685 - 1759)
arr. J. Stuart Archer

Birthdays this Week

May God bless you abundantly.

Mohini Patil (31), Gaurav Salvi (31),
Nishanth Daniel (3 Nov), Poonam Bodra (3), Sudhakar Solomonraj (4)

1st November is **All Saints' Day**.

In every time and place God calls women, men, and children to holiness. This vocation, rooted in our baptism, is the summit of Christ's work in us. In the commemoration of saints the Church celebrates Christ's victory in the lives of particular individuals who have inspired their own and succeeding generations.

2nd November is **All Soul's Day**.

This is a day set aside by the Church to commemorate the faithful departed.

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Evening Prayer

Tuesday 2nd November, 7 pm

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*In the silence of the sanctuary
prayers will be offered for the many
who have lost their life in the pandemic.*



This order of service is printed on sustainably-produced paper. Worship material has been drawn from the Book of Common Prayer; and <https://www.churchofengland.org>.

The Text for the Day is adapted from an article by the former Dean and Rector of Christ Church Cathedral, Indianapolis, USA • Opening acclamation from <https://www.trinitychurchboston.org/>

Hymns are taken from the English Hymnal (1933 edition).

All stand

The Blessing

The Presbyter

May God,
who kindled the fire of His love in the hearts of the saints,
pour upon you the riches of His grace.
And the blessing of God almighty,
the † Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Hymn at the Closing

**For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**O, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Amen.**

Words: Bishop W. W. How (1823 - 97)
Tune: SINE NOMINE, by R. Vaughan Williams (1872 - 1958)

The Gathering

Voluntary

Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott
(A mighty fortress is our God)

J.S. Bach, BWV 720 (1685 - 1750)

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit

What are these that glow from afar,
These that lean over the golden bar.
Strong as the lion, pure as the dove,
With open arms, and hearts of love?
They the blessed ones gone before,
They the blessed forever more;
Out of great tribulation they went
Home to their home of heaven content.

Words: Christina Rossetti (1830 - 1934)
Music: Welsh traditional melody

All stand

Opening Acclamation

Led by the Presbyter from the West Door

Presbyter Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

All **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Presbyter There is one Body and one Spirit;

All **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Presbyter One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

All **One God and Creator of all**

Processional Hymn

**Thanks be to God for His saints of each past generation,
one with us still in one body, one great congregation;
with them proclaim Jesus forever the same,
author of life and salvation.**

**Thanks be to God for His blessings which daily surround us;
glory to Christ, the Redeemer who sought us and found us,
who from the grave rose, the almighty to save,
breaking the fetters that bound us.**

**Thanks be to God for the years that are yet in His keeping,
trusting each day to the care of a Father unsleeping,
on to the end, Christ our companion and friend,
joy at the last for our weeping.**

**Thanks be to God who has called us and daily defends us,
who with the Son and the Spirit unchanging befriends us;
now in that name, Jesus forever the same,
forth to His service he sends us.**

Words: Bishop Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)
Tune: *HAST DU DENN, JESU* melody from Stralsaund Gesangbuch, 1665

All sit

Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for Reformation Sunday

Read by the Presbyter

ALMIGHTY God, who didst inspire thy servant Martin Luther to reform and renew thy holy Church, defend and purify her in our day and grant that, through faith, we may boldly proclaim the riches of thy grace made manifest in thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

All Amen.

All

hear our prayer.

Intercessor

Guide, O Lord your Church here on earth. May Thy Holy Spirit continue to reform the Church so that we as the body of Christ live the Gospel we preach.
Lord, in your mercy,

All

hear our prayer.

Intercessor

On the eve of All Saints Day, we give thanks, O Lord for the whole company of your saints in glory, with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises; by your grace may we, like them, be made perfect in your love.

All

**Blessing and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour and power,
be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.**

While seated, we join in singing

**A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing:
for still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and, armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.**

**Did we in our strength confide,
our striving would be losing;
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing:
dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus it is he:
Lord Sabaoth his Name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.**

Words: Martin Luther (1483 - 1546)
Tune: *EIN FESTE BURG*, melody by Martin Luther. Harmonised by J. S. Bach

Intercessor United in the company of all the faithful and looking for the coming of the Kingdom, let us offer our prayers to God, the source of all life and holiness. Merciful Lord, strengthen all Christian people by your Holy Spirit, that we may live as a royal priesthood and a holy nation to the praise of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Lord, in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Liberate us from our bondage to sin, God of freedom, that your Church would continually be reshaped and reformed by the fire of the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Show your righteousness, God of justice, that all who are oppressed and marginalized, forgotten, and cast aside will be given voice by elected leaders and compassionate citizens. Lord, in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Make wars to cease in all the world, God of peace, that all strife, violence, and bloodshed give way to reconciliation, compassion, and new life. Lord, in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Take us by our hand, God of companionship, when we are paralyzed by our fears and unable us to step out in boldness. Give us courage to walk confidently with you. Lord, in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Give your stillness, God of calm, to all who are facing illness, surgery, or any uncertainty of health. May they know that their times are in your ever-healing hands. Lord, in your mercy

The Collect for All Saints Day

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah

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. 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. 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. 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.

Jeremiah 31:31 - 34

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Sung by the cantors to a chant by Martin Luther

Psalm 46 • *Deus noster refugium*

God is our hope and strength, * a very present help in trouble.
Therefore will we not we fear, though the earth be moved, * and though
the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;
Though the waters thereof rage and swell, * and though the mountains
shake at the tempest of the same.
The rivers of the flood thereof shall make glad the city of God; * the holy
place of the tabernacle of the most Highest.
God is in the midst of her; therefore shall she not be removed; * God shall
help her, and that right early.
The heathen make much ado, and the kingdoms are moved; * but God hath
showed His voice, and the earth shall melt away.
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.
O come hither, and behold the works of the Lord, * what destruction He
hath brought upon the earth.
He maketh wars to cease in all the world; * he breaketh the bow, and knap-
peth the spear in sunder, he burneth the chariots in the fire.
Be still, then and know that I am God: * I will be exalted among the heathen,
and I will be exalted in the earth.
The Lord of hosts is with us; * the God of Jacob is our refuge.

All stand

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen.*

Sermon

The Revd Avinash Rangayya

Welcome & Announcements

Greeting of Peace

The Presbyter offers a greeting of peace

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those
who were far off and those who were near. *Ephesians 2.19,17*
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*While remaining in your place, share the sign of peace with a namaste
with your neighbour*

Please kneel as able or sit

Prayers of the People

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All join in singing

OUR FATHER,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy Kingdom come;
Thy will be done; in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the Kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

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,
 through 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father.
 And He shall come again with glory
 to judge both the quick and the dead:
 Whose Kingdom shall have no end.
 And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceedeth from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified,
 who spake by the Prophets.
 And I believe One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.
 I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.
 And I look for the Resurrection of the dead,
 and the Life of the world to come.
 Amen.

Music: from 'An Anglican Folk Mass' by Martin Shaw (1875 - 1958)

All sit

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don't you know what Scripture says in the passage about Elijah — how he appealed to God against Israel: "Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me" And what was God's answer to him? "I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal." So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.

Romans 11. 1 – 6

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All stand and join in singing the gradual hymn

Gradual Hymn

**Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch; like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.**

Words: John Newton (1725 - 1807)

Tune: *NEW BRITAIN*

Remain standing for the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ

Cantor Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
God's own people, called out of darkness into His marvellous
light.

All **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

The Gospeller The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

All **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

JESUS seeing the multitudes, went up into a mountain: and when he
was set, his disciples came unto him: And he opened his mouth, and taught
them, saying,

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they
shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is
the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say
all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Rejoice, and be exceeding glad; for great is your reward in heaven: for so
persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

St. Matthew 5. 1 - 12

The Gospeller This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
All **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Remain standing for the Creed