

Reformation Day
Morning Prayer
Sunday, October 31, 2021

GATHERING & PSALMODY

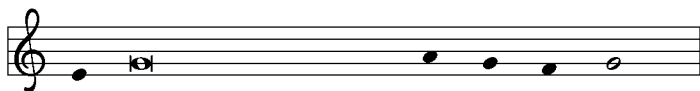
The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

OPENING DIALOGUE (ELW p. 299)

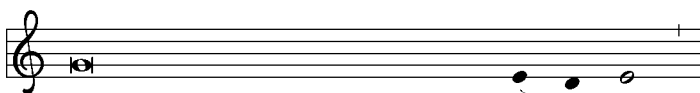
The assembly stands.



Satisfy us in the morning with your stead - fast love, O God,



that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.



Praise to the blest and holy Trinity, one God,



who gives us life, salvation, and res - ur - rec - tion.



Al - le - lu - ia.

PSALM 95 (ELW P. 299)

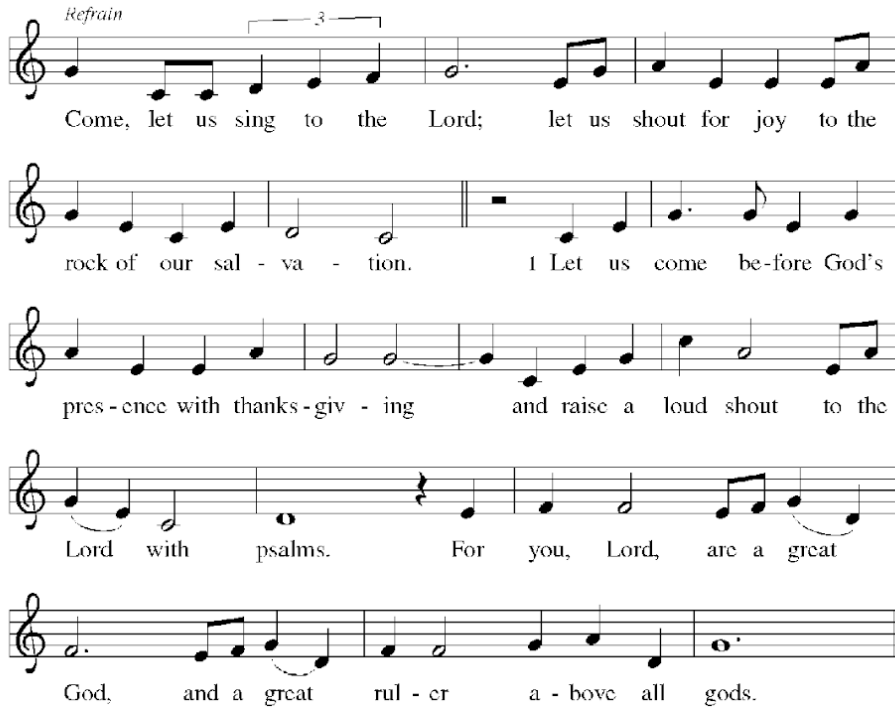


Give glory to God, our light and our life.




Oh, come, let us wor - ship and praise.

Refrain



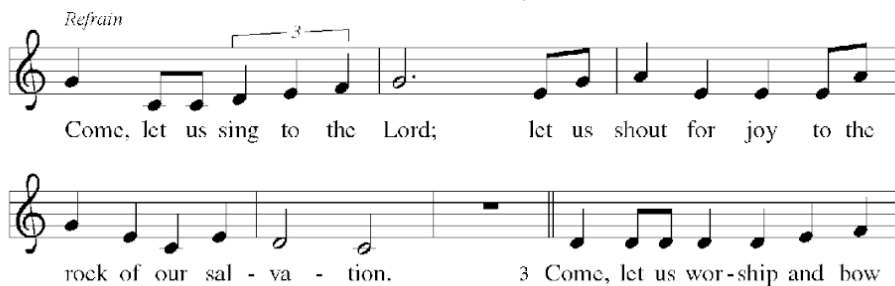
Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the
rock of our sal - va - tion. 1 Let us come be-fore God's
pres-ence with thanks-giv - ing and raise a loud shout to the
Lord with psalms. For you, Lord, are a great
God, and a great rul - er a - bove all gods.

Refrain



Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the
rock of our sal - va - tion. 2 In your hand are the
cav-erns of the earth; the heights of the hills are al - so
yours. The sea is yours, for you made it; and your
hands have mold-ed the dry land.

Refrain



Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the
rock of our sal - va - tion. 3 Come, let us wor-ship and bow

down; let us kneel be-fore the Lord our mak - er. For the

Lord is our God, and we are the peo-ple of God's

pas - ture and the sheep of God's hand.

Refrain

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rock of our sal - va - tion.

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HYMN

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The reading may be concluded: Word of God, word of life.

The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 46

¹God is our ref-¹uge and strength,
a very present ¹help in trouble.
²**Therefore we will not fear, though the ¹earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths ¹of the sea;**
³though its waters ¹rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble ¹with its tumult.
⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- ¹y of God,
the holy habitation of ¹the Most High.**
⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall ¹not be shaken;
God shall help it at the ¹break of day.
⁶**The nations rage, and the ¹kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth ¹melts away.**
⁷The LORD of ¹hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob ¹is our stronghold.
⁸**Come now, regard the works ¹of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought up- ¹on the earth;**
⁹behold the one who makes war to cease in ¹all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the ¹shields with fire.
¹⁰**“Be still, then, and know that ¹I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted ¹in the earth.”**
¹¹The LORD of ¹hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob ¹is our stronghold.

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

The reading may be concluded: Word of God, word of life.

The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

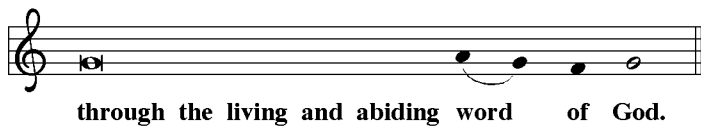
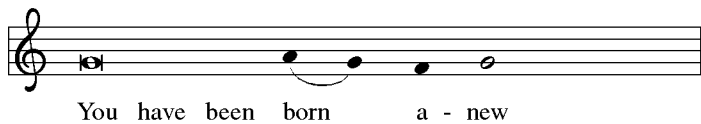
Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYING THE TEXTS

In response to the texts for the day you are invited to find a way to pray the texts that feels right for you. You may engage as many of these as you like, feeling free to explore what you find most meaningful.

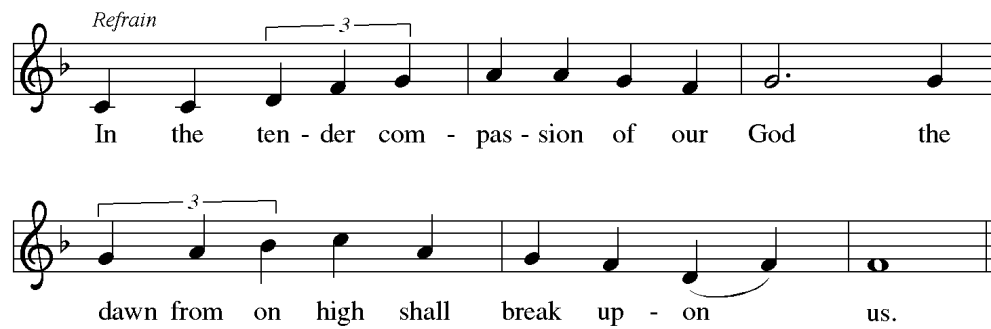
- Silently meditate at your seat. Perhaps find one phrase or image from the text and dwell with that in your mind. If you aren't sure how to start, begin by focusing on your breath.
- Pray by listening or singing along with the music [you can find the words at ELW #___]
- Take a walk around the worship space or even take a moment outside. Move your body in whatever way helps you reflect on the texts
- Sit at the table provided to write a response. You can journal, write poetry, free-write, note prayers that come to mind, or write a response to someone in the texts.
- Sit at the table provided to create a visual response to the texts, representing in your own way a scene, idea, theme, or image from the text.
- Light candles at the prayer station and/or write your prayers on the prayer wall provided. Take time to pray through what others have written.

At the conclusion of the time for prayer, we respond:

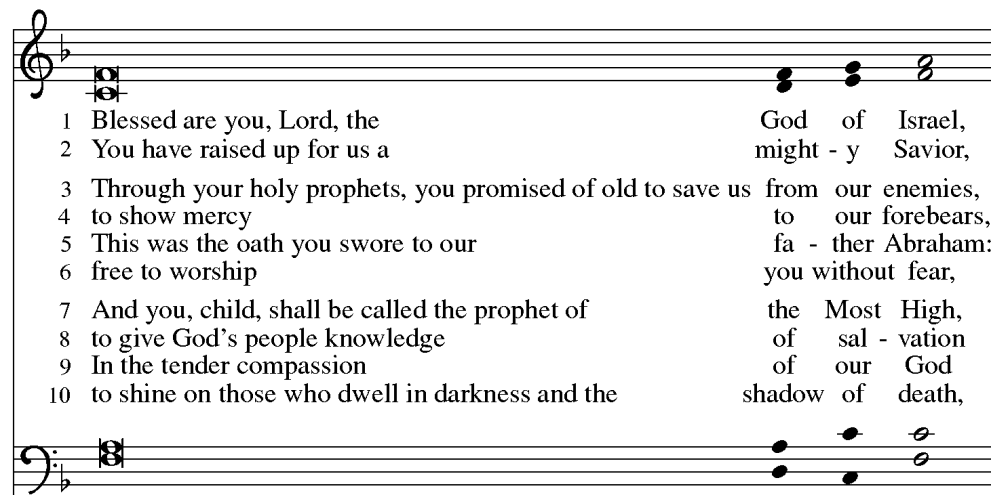


GOSPEL CANTICLE (ELW P. 303)

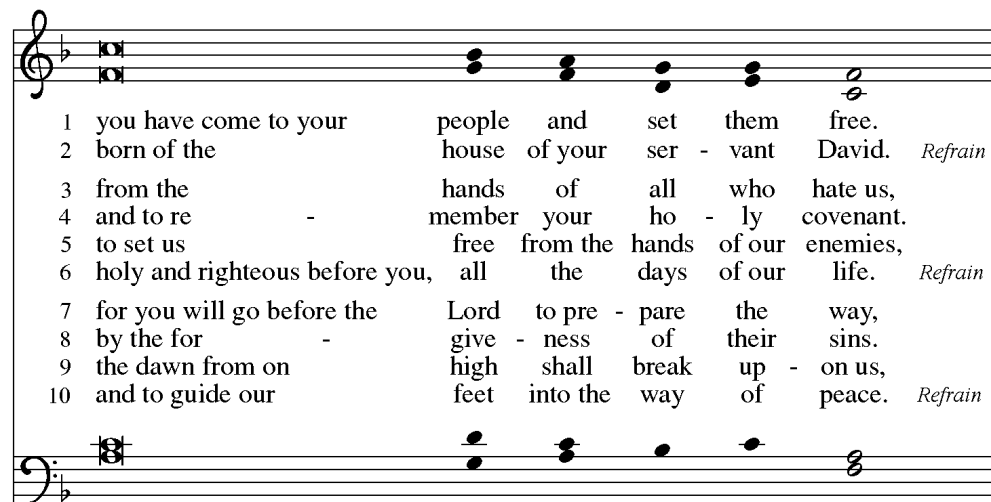
Refrain



In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God the
dawn from on high shall break up - on us.



1 Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,
2 You have raised up for us a might - y Savior,
3 Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
4 to show mercy to our forebears,
5 This was the oath you swore to our fa - ther Abraham:
6 free to worship you without fear,
7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
8 to give God's people knowledge of sal - vation
9 In the tender compassion of our God
10 to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,



1 you have come to your people and set them free.
2 born of the house of your ser - vant David. *Refrain*
3 from the hands of all who hate us,
4 and to re - member your ho - ly covenant.
5 to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
6 holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life. *Refrain*
7 for you will go before the Lord to pre - pare the way,
8 by the for - give - ness of their sins.
9 the dawn from on high shall break up - on us,
10 and to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Refrain*

PRAYERS

The people pray for the needs of all creation.

THANKSGIVINGS AND INTERCESSIONS (ELW P. 304)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

A brief silence for prayer follows each petition.

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn, bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new.

Especially we thank you—

for the sustaining goodness of your creation . . .

for the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness . . .

for the gifts of relationship with others . . .

for the communion of faith in your church . . .

Other thanksgivings may be added.

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord.

Especially we pray—

for those who govern nations of the world . . .

for the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare . . .

for all who work for peace and international harmony . . .

for all who strive to save the earth from carelessness and destruction . . .

for the church of Jesus Christ in every land . . .

Other intercessions may be added.

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all harm and danger. We ask that you would also protect us today from sin and all evil, so that our life and actions may please you. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 305)



Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

SENDING

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world.

BLESSING (ELW p. 306)

The leader proclaims God's blessing.



Let us bless the Lord.



Thanks be to God.



Almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre-serve us.



A - men.

SENDING SONG

As the service of prayer concludes, all are invited to share a sign of peace with one another.

All are invited to leave their offerings in the plate provided as they depart.