St. James Worship Service



Reformation Sunday

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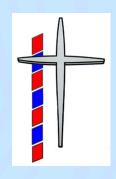
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Today's Music

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Rise, Shine, You People!

1. Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered our human story; God in him is centered. He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.

2. See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling; he brings us freedom, light and life and healing.

All men and women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.

3. Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling, your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.

To all the world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.

4. Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.

Tell of the Son, who life and freedom
gave us.

Tell how the Spirit calls ev'ry nation God's new creation.

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God,
 a sword and shield victorious;
 he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.

The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might!We would be lost, rejected.

But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.

You ask who this may be?

The Lord of hosts is he!

Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,

God's only Son, adored.

He holds the field victorious.

3. Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us, we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpow'r us.

Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage! His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.

4. God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it; for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.

Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day. The kingdom's ours forever!

Text: Martin Luther, 1493-1546, tr.

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The Church's One Foundation

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the word.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;

with his own blood he brought her,

and for her life he died.

2. Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth:

one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued. Though with a scornful wonder this world sees her oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up: "How long?"

And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

4. Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war, she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;

till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.

Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace, that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

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