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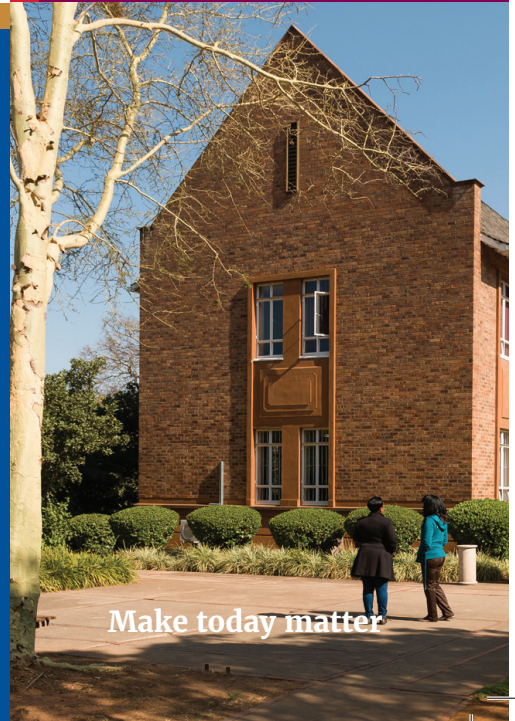
'Commemorating 500 years of Reformation in church and society'

Centenary 1917 to 2017

Faculty of Theology, University of Pretoria
Reformation Day Worship Service

Let us be One

31 October 2017
17:00



Make today matter





GATHERING | *Sola Gratia*

Welcome by Prof Dirk J Human, Acting Dean of the Faculty of Theology

Verwelkoming deur prof Dirk Human, Waarnemende Dekaan van die Fakulteit Teologie
Kamogelo ka Prof Dirk Human, Moswarelahlogo ya Lefapha la Thutatumelo

Organ Prelude | Prof Wim Viljoen

Moment of silence

Oomblik van stilte

Motsotso wa setu

Call to worship | Prof Christina Landman

Liturgist: How good and pleasant it is
when God's people live together in unity!

**All: It is like precious oil poured on the head,
running down on the beard,**

Liturgist: Running down on Aaron's beard,
down on the collar of his robe.

**All: It is as if the dew of Hermon
were falling on Mount Zion.**

Liturgist: For there the Lord bestows his blessing,
even life forevermore.

All: AMEN

Praise and thanksgiving | Prof Christina Landman
Invitation

Together we give thanks to God
and the unity already ours in Christ,
which we do not create
and cannot destroy, since
the Church is the work of the Triune God,
the creation of Word and Spirit.

There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all, who is
above all and through all and in all.

Finally, all of us, have unity of Spirit,
sympathy, love for one another,
a tender heart, and a humble mind.



Opening prayer | Prof Christina Landman

Living God, we come before you,
in awe and in gratitude for this day
when your church will give witness
of unity to this broken world.

We come before you, humble
and incomplete, longing for
your forgiveness and grace.

Grant us now your presence in
word and spirit.
Amen

Hymn for Centenary | Gesang vir Eeufees | Sefela

- 1 God of comfort and of challenge, now receive our thanks and praise
for the courage and commitment of our forebears in past days;
here we celebrate their witness and the vision they conceived,
giving thanks for their commitment and for what they have achieved.
- 2 No doubt they were less than perfect, sometimes obstinate
or, worse,
all too sure of their own rightness, even prejudiced, perverse;
too much like ourselves for comfort, like us, self-deluded, frail,
yet relying on your mercy, which they knew would never fail.
- 3 Here, recalling their devotion, let our vision be enlarged,
lift our eyes from past and present; make us see with what
we're charged:
we are challenged with the future when the world-wide Church will be
your clear sign of peace and justice, setting faith and nations free.

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Call to confession

Prayer of Confession | Dr André Ungerer

Gracious God,
our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide,
and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us
a consuming fire of judgement.





Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace
to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.
Amen

Declaration of forgiveness | Dr André Ungerer

The God who challenges us
is also the God who encourages us.
The God who confronts us
is also the God who accepts us.
Be assured that God is with us even now;
accepting, guiding, and forgiving.
Thanks be to God

Hymn | Gesang | Sefela | The Unity of the Spirit

We celebrate the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
We celebrate the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
In the bond of peace we find unity.
And in unity we will be a light to the world!

Text | Barbara Boertje @ 2010 Music: @ 2009

THE WORD | *Sola Scriptura*

The Bible Society presents a Bible | Prof Jerry Pillay

Epiclesis prayer | Epiklese gebed | Thapelo | Prof Jerry Pillay

Lord God,
you have declared that your kingdom is among us.
Open our eyes to see it,
our ears to hear it,
our hearts to hold it,
our hands to serve it.
This we pray in Jesus' name.
Amen

Scripture Reading | Skriflesing | Palo ya Lentšu | Ms Samukelisiwe Khanyile
John 17:20-26

'My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given



them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

‘Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

‘Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.’

Reader: This is the Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon | Preek | Thero | Prof Jerry Pillay

Let us be one

Nicene Creed | Prof Jerry Pillay

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, the maker of heaven and earth, of things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the begotten of God the Father, the Only-begotten, that is of the essence of the Father.

God of God, Light of Light, true God of true God, begotten and not made; of the very same nature of the Father, by Whom all things came into being, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.

Who for us humanity and for our salvation came down from heaven, was incarnate, was made human, was born perfectly of the holy Virgin Mary by the Holy Spirit.

By whom He took body, soul, and mind, and everything that is in man, truly and not in semblance.

He suffered, was crucified, was buried, rose again on the third day, ascended into heaven with the same body, [and] sat at the right hand of the Father.

He is to come with the same body and with the glory of the Father, to judge the living and the dead; of His kingdom there is no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, in the uncreated and the perfect; Who spoke through the Law, prophets, and Gospels; Who came down upon the Jordan, preached through the apostles, and lived in the saints.

We believe also in only One, Universal, Apostolic, and [Holy] Church; in one baptism in repentance, for the remission, and forgiveness of sins; and in the resurrection of the dead, in the everlasting judgement of souls and bodies, and the Kingdom of Heaven and in the everlasting life.

Amen





RESPONDING TO THE WORD IN PRAYER | *Sola Fide*

Prayer for unity | Dr Zoro Dube

Lord Jesus Christ,
who prayed for your disciples that they might be one,
even as you are one with the Father;
draw us to yourself,
that in common love and obedience to you
we may be united to one another,
in the fellowship of the one Spirit,
that the world may believe that you are Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

William Temple (1881-1944).

The Lord's Prayer

All pray in their own language

THE TABLE | *Solus Christus*

Celebration | Rev Dr Patricia Baxter and Rev Moganetsi Makulubele

Friends in Christ, today is the day of celebration.
We praise God for the gift of unity,
our common faith in Jesus Christ, that,
though we are many, we are one in Christ.





All: We celebrate!

We praise God for the gift of the Holy Spirit,
kindling in us the passion for unity,
guiding us to affirm our fellowship in worship,
witness, and work for the world.

All: We celebrate!

We praise God for all desires and efforts in past,
present and future to heal the wounds of the body of Christ and
overcome the divisions of race,
culture, gender, age, and social status.

All: We celebrate!

We praise God for the process, inspiration and vision
that led to the document that will be signed here today.

All: We celebrate!

Great Thanksgiving and Communion

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
Always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Lord God Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

You created for yourself a world filled with diversity
and blessed by your breath of life.
Rainbow colours bloom in spring,
autumn breezes bring garden delight,
and now as summer comes our way
we see the work of your purple paintbrush upon our trees.

In mercy, while we still held to the chains of our winter,
of pride, self-righteousness, and historic egos
you loved us steadfastly and delivered us as babes
to reflect the beauty and diversity of your grace,
to bring us into a community of love, hope, and peace.

And so,
with all your people on earth
in every place where two or more are gathered in your name
and all the company of heaven who have gone before us
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
Your Spirit anointed him
to preach good news to the poor,
to proclaim release to the captives,
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
and to announce that the time had come
when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.
By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant
by water and the Spirit.

He prayed that we might be one as he is one with you, Father
and he asked that we might be known
by the love we have for one another
and that we may be one.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,
he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
'Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

When the supper was over, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
'Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.'

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.





Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ
that we, together as a new creation and a new community around the globe may be
for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit help the body of Christ be one.
Help the left hand and the right hand work as one in ministry to all the world.
Help the eyes and the ears sense your present and coming kingdom.
Bring the blessing of the diversity of the body to bear fruit
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honour and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

(Great Thanksgiving adapted by Nathan Decker from a Service of Word and Table II and by
Cas Wepener for this service)

Communion is served by way of intinction at various tables.

Hymn | Gesang | Sefela | Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore.

Open nou die heilfonteine
Waaruit heling vloei vir my;
Laat die vuurkolom my voorgaan
En my tot die einde lei.
Sterke Heiland,
Wees U steeds my krag en skild.

Ndifikil' eYoredane,
Susa ukoyika kwam;
Zundikhaphe, ndiyiwele;
Yiba nguy' umncedi wam.
O Msindisi,
Nguwe olithemba lam. Amen

Text: William Williams @1745 Transl: UPCSA



A united Christian witness | Prof Dirk Human
(Representatives from Partner Churches and House Theology)

Liturgist: Friends, the document that will be signed this morning bears witness to the following:

We have but one Saviour

All: The Lord Jesus Christ alone

Liturgist: We find guidance for our lives

All: In God's Word alone

Liturgist: We are fallible humans

All: Living by God's grace alone

Liturgist: For salvation we hold on

All: To our faith alone

Liturgist: In all we do

All: We seek to glorify God alone.

Liturgist: The Reformation calls us to continue reforming in obedience of the Word. And it is in this spirit that the document will now be signed.

Signing of the Document at the Table | Prof Dirk Human

Hymn of thanksgiving | Dankesang | Sefela | Now thank we all our God

Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God who reigns in highest heaven
the Father and the Son and Spirit, now be given,
the one, eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Text | Martin Rinckart (1586-1649) Transl: Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)



SENDING | *Soli Deo gloria*

Prof Christina Landman

Liturgist: Go into the world: dance, laugh, sing, and create.

All: We go with the assurance of God's blessing.

Liturgist: Go into the world: risk, explore, discover, and love.

All: We go with the assurance of God's grace.

Liturgist: Go into the world: believe, hope, struggle, and remember.

All: We go with the assurance of God's love.

Liturgist: Go now and enter through the open gates, a gateway to God's future.

All: Thanks be to God!

Adapted from: The Worship Sourcebook, Calvin Institute of Christian Worship, Baker Books, 2004, 354

Sending hymn

Thuma Mina | Send us, Lord! | Stuur ons Here

[Thuma mina]

Thuma mina, thuma mina, thuma mina, Somandla.

[Send us, Lord!]

Send us, Lord! Oh, send us, Lord! Oh, send us, now, Lord, in your Name.

[Stuur ons, Heer]

Stuur ons uit, Heer, stuur ons uit, Heer, stuur ons uit, Heer, in u Naam.

Vote of thanks by Prof Johan Buitendag, Dean of the Faculty of Theology

Bedanking deur prof Johan Buitendag, Dekaan van die Fakulteit Teologie
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