

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
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Call to Worship: *Psalm 67:1-5*

*May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.*

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you!

God's Greeting

Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed be your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where your streams of abundance flow; blessed be your name.
Blessed be your name when I'm found in the desert place.
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be your name.

Refrain: Every blessing you pour out, I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord still I will say,
"Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name."

Blessed be your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's "all as it should be." Blessed be your name.
Blessed be your name on the road marked with suffering;
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be your name. *Refrain*

You give and take away, You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, "Lord, blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be your glorious name."

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Call to Confession: *I Peter 1:13-16*

*Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on
the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children,
do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy,
you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."*

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance: *Revelation 5:8-10*

*And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders
fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense,
which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying,
"Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood
you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth."*

Morning Prayer

Here is Love

Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten throughout heav'n's eternal days.

Let me all Thy love accepting, love Thee, ever all my days;
Let me see Thy kingdom only and my life be to Thy praise;
Thou alone shalt be my glory, nothing in the world I see.
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me, Thou Thyself hast set me free.

In Thy truth Thou dost direct me by Thy Spirit through Thy Word;
And Thy grace my need is meeting as I trust in Thee, my Lord.
Of Thy fullness Thou art pouring Thy great love and pow'r on me,
Without measure, full and boundless, drawing out my heart to Thee.

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Scripture: *Matthew 4:23-25*

²³ *And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.*

²⁴ *So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them.* ²⁵ *And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *The Words and Deeds of the King*

Jesus Shall Reign

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does His successive journeys run,
His kingdom spread from shore to shore,
'Til moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.

Let every creature rise and bring
His grateful honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud "Amen!"

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God's Blessing

Our God Reigns

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him
Who brings good news, good news
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness.
Our God reigns; our God reigns!
Our God reigns; our God reigns!
Our God reigns; our God reigns!

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