

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
January 3, 2021
Old Year ~ New Year Service

Gathered by God's Grace

Call to Worship: *from Psalm 90*

*Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.*

***Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.***

*A thousand years in your sight are like a day
that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.*

***Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.***

God's Greeting

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song,
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ, I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God, in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on the cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid,
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine.
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry, to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Gratitude for God's Grace Received in 2020

Scripture: *Hebrews 4:14-16*

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Grace Greater than Our Sin

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

Refrain: Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Sin and despair, like the seawaves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss:
Grace, that is great – yes grace untold
Points to the Refuge, the mighty Cross. *Refrain*

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive? *Refrain*

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Prayers of Thanksgiving for 2020

Sentence prayers from congregation

Petition for God's Future Grace Needed in 2021

Scripture:

Acts 1:14 (ESV)

All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

Acts 2:42 (ESV)

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Acts 27:29 (ESV)

Fearing that we might run on the rocks, they let down four anchors from the stern and prayed for day to come.

Acts 28:8 (ESV)

It happened that the father of Publius lay sick with fever and dysentery. And Paul visited him and prayed, and putting his hands on him, healed him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Prayer

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of your throne
Your saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood
Or earth received its frame,
From everlasting you are God,
To endless years the same.

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Prayers of Petition For Our Church's Future

Sentence prayers from congregation

Service of Covenant Renewal

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

All Glory Be to Christ

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive;
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive.
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn all glory be to Christ!

Refrain: All glory be to Christ our king! All glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign will ever sing, all glory be to Christ!

His will be done His kingdom come, on earth as is above;
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love.
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ! *Refrain*

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God's Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.
Amen.

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, to God be the glory,
To God be the glory for the things he has done:
With his blood he has saved me;
With his power he has raised me.
To God be the glory for the things he has done.

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