

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
March 21, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Lent and Missions Celebration

Call to Worship: *based on I Corinthians 2:7-9*

Wonderful God, we gather today to celebrate
your presence in the lives of faithful people.

**Send your Spirit to meet us here and guide us into your depths
that we may begin to glimpse your grace:**

what eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived –
all you have prepared for those who love you.

**We ask this in the name of Jesus,
Who is the radiance of the Glory of God.**

God's Greeting

Send the Light

There's a call comes ringing o'er the restless wave,
"Send the light! Send the light!"

There are souls to rescue, there are souls to save,

Send the light! Send the light!

Send the light, the blessed gospel light;

Let it shine from shore to shore!

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Let it shine from shore to shore!

Let us not grow weary in the work of love,

"Send the light! Send the light!"

Let us gather jewels for a crown above,

Send the light! Send the light!

Send the light, the blessed gospel light;

Let it shine from shore to shore!

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("Send the Light" text and music Charles H. Gabriel CCLI #358926, Streaming License #20317932)

Lent Reading: *Luke 10:39-42*

Martha had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

Prayer of Confession

We Have Heard the Joyful Sound

We have heard the joyful sound: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Spread the tidings all around: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Bear the news to every land, o'er the steeps and cross the waves;

Onward! 'tis our Lord's command; Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Give the winds a mighty voice, Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Let the nations now rejoice, Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Shout salvation full and free, highest hills and deepest caves;

This our song of victory, Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

("Jesus Saves" text Priscilla J. Owens, music William J. Kirkpatrick, CCLI #358926, Streaming License #20317932)

Morning Prayer

Scripture: *Matthew 24:9-14*

⁹ “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. ¹⁰ And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. ¹¹ And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. ¹² And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³ But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *The Telos*

Prayer

O Christians, Haste

O Christians, haste, your mission high fulfilling,
To tell to all the world that God is light,
That he who made all nations is not willing
One life should perish, lost in shades of night.

Refrain: Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,
Tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.

Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation
That God, in whom they live and move, is love;
Tell how he stooped to save his lost creation,
And died on earth that we might live in love. *Refrain*

(“O Zion, Haste” text Mary A. Thomson, music James Walch, CCLI #358926, Streaming License 20317932)

God’s Blessing

O Christians, Haste

Send heralds forth to bear the message glorious;
Give of your wealth to speed them on their way;
Pour out your soul for them in prayer victorious,
Till God shall bring his kingdom’s joyful Day.

Refrain: Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,
Tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.

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Pastors: Robert W, Von G

Music: Lee V

Readers: Miranda B, Nathalie T

Offering: Dustin & Melissa left this week to train and mobilize indigenous leaders and share the Gospel as they serve with Converge in Thailand.

Offerings can be placed in the basket as you leave the sanctuary, mailed to the church office (1010 Front Street, Lynden, WA 98264), dropped off (place in the mailbox), through a bill pay service, or electronically with Tithe.ly (www.tithe.ly or through the app).

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