

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
May 30, 2021

Call to Worship: *from Revelation 19:16, 6-7, 5:13*

Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God. Hallelujah!

For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him glory! Hallelujah!

To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever! Hallelujah!

God's Greeting

O Worship the King

O worship the King all glorious above,
And gratefully sing His wonderful love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of His might and sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

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The King of Glory Comes

Refrain: The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.

Who is this King of glory? What shall we call him?
He is Immanuel, the promised of ages. *Refrain*

He conquered sin and death; he truly has risen.
And he will share with us his heavenly kingdom. *Refrain*

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Call to Confession: *Cleanse Me*

Search me, O God, and know my heart today;
Try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray.
See if there be some wicked way in me;
Cleanse me from every sin, and set me free.

("Cleanse Me" text by J. Edwin Orr; based on Psalm 139:23, music Maori melody; arr. by Robert F. Douglas, arr. © 1986 by Word Music, CCLI #358926 Streaming License #20317932)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1

What is your only comfort in life and death?

**That I am not my own, but belong — body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.**

**Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

Ordination and Installation of New Elders and Deacons

(During 9:00 AM service only.)

Ministry of Music: *Here I Am*

Morning Prayer

When Peace Like a River

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain: It is well, with my soul,
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control:
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed his own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

O, Lord haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll:
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
Even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

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Scripture: *Acts 1:1-11, 24-26 (ESV)*

¹ In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ² until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." ²⁴ And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." ²⁶ And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Spiritual Leadership*

By the Sea of Crystal

By the sea of crystal saints in glory stand,
Myriads in number, drawn from every land.
Robed in white apparel, washed in Jesus' blood,
They now reign in heaven with the Lamb of God.

Out of tribulation, death, and Satan's hand,
They have been translated at the Lord's command.
In their hands they're holding palms of victory.
Hark! the jubilant chorus shouts triumphantly:

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God's Blessing

By the Sea of Crystal

"Unto God Almighty, sitting on the throne,
And the Lamb, victorious, be the praise alone."
God has wrought salvation; He did wondrous things.
Who shall not extol thee, holy King of kings!

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Pastors: Mike B, Robert W
Music: Mike H, Cal B, Frances C

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Nursery is available with a paging system for children under 3 years during the 10:30 AM worship service in the Education Building.

Children's Church is available for children 3 years – 2nd grade during the 10:30 AM service. Children are dismissed to the Education Building during the worship service.

Worship services are also broadcast live in the church basement and streamed online for anyone unable to worship in the sanctuary.

An assistive listening system is available in the sanctuary; to use this system, switch hearing aids to "T".

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