

**First Christian Reformed Church**  
Lynden, Washington  
Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023 ~ 10:30 AM Worship Service

**Call to Worship:** *Zechariah 9:9 (NRSV)*  
*Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!*  
***Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!***  
*Lo, your king comes to you;*  
***triumphant and victorious is he,***  
*humble and riding on a donkey,*  
***on a colt, the foal of a donkey.***

**God's Greeting**

***All Glory, Laud, and Honor***

All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring:  
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and Blessed One!

The company of angels are praising Thee on high,  
And mortal men and all things created make reply:  
The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present.

To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise:  
Thou didst accept their praises, accept the praise we bring,  
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!

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**Palm Sunday Procession and Praise**

*Ho, Ho, Ho, Hosanna!*  
*Hosanna (Praise is Rising)*  
*Hosanna (I See the King of Glory)*

**Lenten Reading:** *Mark 14:66-72*

**Assurance:** *His Robes for Mine*

His robes for mine: O wonderful exchange!  
Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered 'neath God's rage.  
Draped in His righteousness, I'm justified.  
In Christ I live, for in my place He died.

*Refrain:* I cling to Christ, and marvel at the cost:  
Jesus forsaken, God estranged from God.  
Bought by such love, my life is not my own.  
My praise-my all-shall be for Christ alone.

His robes for mine: what cause have I for dread?  
God's daunting Law Christ mastered in my stead.  
Faultless I stand with righteous works not mine,  
Saved by my Lord's vicarious death and life. *Refrain*

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**Offertory Prayer**

**Offering:** Christian School Tuition Assistance

**Morning Prayer**

**Scripture:** *Romans 1:18-23 (ESV)*

<sup>18</sup> For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. <sup>19</sup> For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. <sup>20</sup> For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. <sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Claiming to be wise, they became fools, <sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Message:** *Without Excuse*

***Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates***

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates:  
Behold the King of glory waits!  
The King of kings is drawing near,  
The Savior of the world is here.

Fling wide the portals of your heart:  
Make it a temple, set apart  
From earthly use for heaven's employ,  
Adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come! I open wide  
My heart to Thee: here, Lord, abide!  
Let me Thy inner presence feel:  
Thy grace and love in me reveal.

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**God's Blessing**

***All Hail, King Jesus!***

All hail, King Jesus! All hail, Emmanuel!  
King of kings, Lord of lords, Bright Morning Star.  
And throughout eternity I'll sing His praises,  
And I'll reign with Him throughout eternity. *Repeat All*

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Pastors: Mike B, Robert W  
Readers: Genevieve W, Norah M, Nathan V, Avery R, Larry & Joanne K  
Prayer: Ryan B, Jacob A  
Music: Cheryl K, Ken Q, Jack P

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Offering will be received for Christian School Tuition Assistance, a fund used to help cover tuition cost of First church families who send their children to Christian schools.

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

Children's Church is available for children 3 years – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Children are dismissed to the Education Building during the 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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