

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
April 2, 2023 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: *Psalm 34:3, 9:1-2*

O magnify the LORD with Me.

Let us exalt God's name together!

We will give thanks to you, O LORD, with our whole heart; we will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

We will be glad and exult in you; we will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Opening Prayer

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art and ever-more shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

("Holy, Holy, Holy" words by Reginald Heber music by John B. Dykes © 1948, renewed 1976 by the H.W. Gray Company, Inc. CCLI# 358926 Streaming #20317932)

It Is Good to Sing Your Praises

It is good to sing your praises and to thank you, O Most High,
Showing forth your loving kindness when the morning lights the sky.
It is good when night is falling of your faithfulness to tell.
While with sweet, melodious praises songs of adoration swell.

You have filled my heart with gladness through the works your hands have wrought;
You have made my life victorious; great your works and deep your thought.
You, O Lord, on high exalted, reign forevermore in might;
All your enemies shall perish, sin be banished from your sight.

But the good shall live before you, planted in your dwelling place,
Fruitful trees and ever verdant, nourished by your boundless grace.
In his goodness to the righteous God, his righteousness displays;
God, my rock, my strength and refuge, just and true are all your ways.

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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.

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.

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Profession of Faith: Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten of the Father before all worlds,
God from God, Light from light, very God of very God, begotten, not made;
being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made.
Who, for us and for our salvation came down from heaven;
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried;
the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he will come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Offering: Christian School Tuition Assistance

Evening Prayer

Speak, O Lord

Teach us Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes, in the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see, your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glory.

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Scripture: *Exodus 20:12 (ESV)*

*"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.
Ephesians 6:1-4 (ESV) Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² "Honor your father and mother"
(this is the first commandment with a promise), ³ "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land."
⁴ Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.*

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Message: *Honor Thy Father and Mother*

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou art the potter, I am the clay!
Mold me and make me after Thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway!
Fill with Thy Spirit 'til all shall see Christ only, always, living in me!

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God's Blessing

My Friends, May You Grow in Grace

My friends, may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior.
My friends, may you grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.
To God be the glory, now and forever, now and forever, amen.

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