First Christian Reformed Church Lynden, Washington

October 13, 2024 ~ 6:00 PM Worship Service

Call to Worship: Psalm 99:1-3

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Holy is he!

Opening Prayer

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see.

Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee; perfect in power, in love and purity.

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!

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

The Lord, our Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;

When He had purged our stains, He took His seat above:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord the judge shall come

And take His servants up to their eternal home:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

All For Jesus

All for Jesus, all for Jesus! All my being's ransomed powers:

All my thoughts and words and doings, all my days and all my hours:

All for Jesus! All for Jesus! All my days and all my hours;

All for Jesus! All for Jesus! All my days and all my hours.

O what wonder! how amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings,

Deigns to call me His beloved, lets me rest beneath His wings:

All for Jesus! All for Jesus! Resting now beneath His wings;

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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: Aaron D

Evening Prayer

Great God, We Sing Your Mighty Hand

Great God, we sing Your mighty hand by which supported still we stand.

The opening year Your mercy shows; that mercy crowns it 'til its close.

In scenes exalted or depressed, You are our joy, and You are our rest;

Your goodness all our hopes shall rise, adored through all our changing days.

Scripture: II Chronicles 1:1; 3:1; 7:14, 19-20a; 36:14-17, 19-23

- ^{1:1} Solomon the son of David established himself in his kingdom, and the Lord his God was with him and made him exceedingly great.
- ^{3:1} Then Solomon began to build the house of the Lord in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah, where the Lord had appeared to David his father, at the place that David had appointed, on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite.
- ^{7:14} If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.
- ¹⁹ "But if you turn aside and forsake my statutes and my commandments that I have set before you, and go and serve other gods and worship them, ²⁰ then I will pluck you up from my land that I have given you, and this house that I have consecrated for my name.
- ^{36:14}All the officers of the priests and the people likewise were exceedingly unfaithful, following all the abominations of the nations. And they polluted the house of the Lord that he had made holy in Jerusalem.
- ¹⁵ The Lord, the God of their fathers, sent persistently to them by his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place. ¹⁶ But they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words and scoffing at his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord rose against his people, until there was no remedy.
- ¹⁷ Therefore he brought up against them the king of the Chaldeans, who killed their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary and had no compassion on young man or virgin, old man or aged. He gave them all into his hand.
- ¹⁹ And they burned the house of God and broke down the wall of Jerusalem and burned all its palaces with fire and destroyed all its precious vessels. ²⁰ He took into exile in Babylon those who had escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and to his sons until the establishment of the kingdom of Persia, ²¹ to fulfill the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its Sabbaths. All the days that it lay desolate it kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years.
- ²² Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and text also put it in writing: ²³ "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, 'The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all his people, may the Lord his God be with him. Let him go up.'"

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: A Walk Through the Bible – II Chronicles

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee. All on earth Thy scepter claim; all in heaven above adore Thee. Infinite Thy vast domain; everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark, the glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising; Cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,

Fill the heavens with sweet accord: "Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

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God's Blessing

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: three we name Thee, Though in essence only one; undivided God, we claim Thee, And adoring, bend the knee, while we own the mystery.

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Music: Lisa Q

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