

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
March 30, 2025
6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Call to Worship:

I will praise You, O Lord, with my whole heart;
I will be glad and rejoice in You.

I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

You are my God,

And I will praise You.

I have trusted in Your mercy;

My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.

I will praise the name of God with a song,
and will magnify Him with thanksgiving.

Opening Prayer

Let There Be Glory and Honor and Praise

Let there be glory and honor and praises;

Glory and honor to Jesus.

Glory and honor, glory and honor to Him.

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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!"

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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When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross

On which the Prince of glory died;

My richest gain I count but loss,

And pour contempt on all my pride.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ, my God.
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood. *Refrain*

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all. *Refrain*

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Profession of Faith: based on Apostles' Creed

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**And in Jesus Christ,
his only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead
he ascended to heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he shall come to judge
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit.
I believe in a holy catholic church,
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.**

Offering: Helping Hands for Babies

Evening Prayer

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Brethren, we have met to worship
To adore the Lord and God;
Will you pray with expectation
As we preach the living Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;
Brethren, pray, and God's great blessing
Will be showered all around.

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Scripture: *Deuteronomy 18:15-22*

¹⁵ "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—¹⁶ just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' ¹⁷ And the Lord said to

me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰ But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.' ²¹ And if you say in your heart, 'How may we know the word that the Lord has not spoken?'— ²² when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.

Jeremiah 7:25

²⁵ From the day that your fathers came out of the land of Egypt to this day, I have persistently sent all my servants the prophets to them, day after day.

Hebrews 1:1-2

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *My Servants the Prophets*

God Has Spoken by His Prophets

God has spoken by His prophets,
Spoken His unchanging Word,
Each from age to age proclaiming
God, the one, the righteous Lord.
In the world's despair and turmoil
One firm anchor holds us fast:
God is King, His throne eternal,
God the First and God the Last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son,
Brightness of the Father's glory,
With the Father ever one.
Spoken by the Word incarnate,
God of God, ere time was born;
Light of Light, to earth descending,
Christ, as God in human form.

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God's Blessing

God Has Spoken by His Prophets

God is speaking by His Spirit,
Speaking to our hearts again;
In the ageless Word expounding
God's own message, now as then.
Thro' the rise and fall of nations
One sure faith yet standing fast:
God abides, His Word unchanging,
God the First and God the Last.

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Pastors: Zac H, Robert W

Music: Lee VB

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