

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
August 23, 2020

Call to Worship: *1 Chronicles 29:10-13 (NIV)*

Praise be to you, O LORD,

God of our father Israel,

from everlasting to everlasting.

***Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.***

Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom;

you are exalted as head over all.

Wealth and honor come from you;

you are the ruler of all things.

*In your hands are strength and power
to exalt and give strength to all.*

***Now, our God, we give you thanks,
and praise your glorious name.***

God's Greeting

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! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye made blind by sin Thy glory may not see.
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love, in purity.

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Call to Confession: *1 John 2:15-16 (NIV)*

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.

Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance: Apostles' Creed

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

Video Scripture

Morning Prayer

Take Time to Be Holy

Take time to be holy, speak often with God;
Find rest in Him always, and feed on His Word.
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak;
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.

Take time to be holy, let Him be Thy Guide;
And run not before Him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow, still follow Thy Lord,
And, looking to Jesus, still trust in His word.

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Scripture: *1 Timothy 3:1-7 (ESV)*

¹ *The saying is trustworthy: If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task.*

² *Therefore an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach,* ³ *not a drunkard, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.* ⁴ *He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive,* ⁵ *for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church?* ⁶ *He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil.* ⁷ *Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *The Man Whom God Calls*

It Is Well with My Soul

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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God's Blessing

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen. Amen.

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