

First Christian Reformed Church
Lynden, Washington
October 11, 2020

Prelude: *Canon in D*

Call to Worship: *Psalm 47:1-2; 93:1; Hebrews 4:14, 16*

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

The LORD is king, he is robed in majesty;

the LORD is robed, he is girded with strength.

He has established the world; it shall never be moved.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,

so that we may receive mercy and find grace to find help in time of need.

God's Greeting

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above I have a strong, and perfect plea:

A great High Priest, whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;

I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart

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When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,

Upward I look, and see him there who made an end of all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;

For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me,

To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb my perfect, spotless righteousness,

The great unchangeable I am, the King of glory and of grace!

One with himself, I cannot die my soul is purchased by his blood;

My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,

With Christ, my Savior and my God.

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Call to Confession

In spite of God's love for us and gift of love to us, we often act in destructive and hateful ways.

We close our hearts to God and disobey God's law.

Together let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance: *John 3:16-17*

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Video Scripture

Morning Prayer

In the Presence

In the presence of a holy God there's new meaning now to grace.
You took all my sins upon yourself; I can only stand amazed.

Refrain: And I cry holy, holy, holy God, how awesome is your name.
Holy, holy, holy God, how majestic is your reign;
And I am changed in the presence of a holy God.

In the presence of your infinite might, I'm so small and frail and weak;
When I see your power and wisdom, Lord, I have no words left to speak. *Refrain*

In the presence of your glory all my crowns lie in the dust.
You are righteous in your judgments, Lord; You are faithful, true and just. *Refrain*

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Scripture: *Acts 12:24 – 13:12 (ESV)*

²⁴ *But the word of God increased and multiplied.*

²⁵ *And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had completed their service, bringing with them John, whose other name was Mark.*

^{13:1} *Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. ² While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." ³ Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.*

⁴ *So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. ⁵ When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John to assist them. ⁶ When they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they came upon a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet named Bar-Jesus. ⁷ He was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence, who summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. ⁸ But Elymas the magician (for that is the meaning of his name) opposed them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. ⁹ But Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him ¹⁰ and said, "You son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, full of all deceit and villainy, will you not stop making crooked the straight paths of the Lord? ¹¹ And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and unable to see the sun for a time." Immediately mist and darkness fell upon him, and he went about seeking people to lead him by the hand. ¹² Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had occurred, for he was astonished at the teaching of the Lord.*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Message: *Moving Forward*

God of Grace and God of Glory

God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power
Crown your ancient church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

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God's Blessing

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
The tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
Embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us,
With your light now lead us:
Unite us as one in his life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

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