



First Christian Reformed Church of Lynden
From Generation to Generation for the Glory of God
God's precious and exceedingly great promises in hard times

Colossians 3:16 *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,
teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom,
singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*

Scripture

Read Revelation 4 and 5.

Song

Psalm 59:16 *But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.*

[You can Google the hymn to hear it if you would like to sing along.]

Crown Him With Many Crowns

[We never sing all seven verses, soak in the truth of these words you have not heard]

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Virgin's Son, the God Incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Tree, as of that Tree the Stem;
The Root whence flows Thy mercy free, the Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown Him the Lord of Love: Behold His hands and side;
Rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of glory now extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, one with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne,
To Thee be endless praise for Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time.
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

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Prayer

II Chronicles 7:14 If my people, who are called by my Name, will 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.

Holy Father in heaven, hallowed is your name. We dare to approach your glorious throne because of the Lamb of God who was slain for us and for our iniquities and has taken away the sins of the world and our sins.

We see in Him the marks, the wounds of His suffering and sacrifice, the perpetual reminder of so great a love that would lay down His life not for those who are holy and righteous, but for those who are ungodly and unworthy.

We see you, Lord Jesus Christ, crowned in glory and with all power. You are King over a very great kingdom. We raise our prayer to you that your kingdom would come, that your will would be done on earth as it is in heaven. We pray for your glorious and good will to be accomplished in us, in our hearts and homes, in our comings and goings. In all our ways we submit our wills and lives to you.

We pray for your will to be done in our state and nation, in all who have authority over us, in every decision and policy and mandate.

We pray for your will to be done in our church, for wisdom and discernment in our leaders. We pray for your will to be done in our church family, working for your glory and for our righteousness and holiness.

We pray for your kingdom to be established in our hearts and homes now more than ever. When we see the world's ways leading to chaos and confusion and lawlessness, may we see more clearly that your ways are far better. May you open blind eyes to see the truth and wisdom of your ways.

May all come to see and believe and humble themselves before you and fall down and worship you. Indeed, worthy are you, our Lord and God, and worthy are you, the Lamb of God. Amen.