



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

Psalm 148

- 1 Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!
- 2 Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts!

- 3 Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, all you shining stars!
- 4 Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!

- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord!
For he commanded and they were created.
- 6 And he established them forever and ever;
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all deeps,
- 8 fire and hail, snow and mist,
stormy wind fulfilling his word!

- 9 Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
- 10 Beasts and all livestock,
creeping things and flying birds!

- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
- 12 Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!

- 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord,
for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his saints,
for the people of Israel who are near to him.
Praise the Lord!

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.]

For The Beauty of The Earth

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.

Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise
this, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light, *Refrain*

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild, *Refrain*

For yourself, best gift divine,
to the world so freely given,
agent of God's grand design:
peace on earth and joy in heaven. *Refrain*

("For the Beauty of the Earth" words by S. Pierpoint, alt., adapted by Conrad Koehler © Public Domain CCLI #358926 Streaming License #20317932)

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.

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

A prayer from The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers.

O my God,

Thou fairest, greatest, first of all objects,
my heart admires, adores, loves thee,
for my little vessel is as full as it can be,
and I would pour out all that fullness before thee
in ceaseless flow.

When I think upon and converse with thee
ten thousand delightful thoughts spring up,
ten thousand sources of pleasure are unsealed,
ten thousand refreshing joys spread over my heart,
crowding into every moment of happiness.

I bless thee for the soul thou hast created,
for adorning it, sanctifying it,
 though it is fixed in barren soil;
for the body thou hast given me,
for preserving its strength and vigor,
for providing senses to enjoy delights,
for the ease and freedom of my limbs,
for hands, eyes, ears that do thy bidding;
for thy royal bounty providing my daily support,
for a full table and overflowing cup,
for appetite, taste, sweetness,
for social joys of relatives and friends,
for ability to serve others,
for a heart that feels sorrows and necessities,
for a mind to care for my fellow-men,
for opportunities of spreading happiness around,
for loved ones in the joys of heaven,
for my own expectation of seeing thee clearly.
I love thee above the powers of language
 to express,
for what thou art to thy creatures.

Increase my love, O my God, through time and eternity.