

Who is Jesus?

Christ: The Hero, Pt. 1

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# Holy Communion

All hymns & song lyrics are included in the bulletin.

Congregational responses are indicated in **bold**.

## *The God of Abraham Praise*

Verses 1-4



1. The God of A-braham praise, Who reigns en-throned a - bove;  
2. The God of A-braham praise, At whose su - preme com - mand  
3. He by Him - self hath sworn, I on His oath de - pend,  
4. The whole tri - um - phant host Give thanks to God on high;



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, And God of love.  
From earth I rise, and seek the joys At His right hand.  
I shall, on ea - gles' wings up - borne, To heaven as - cend;  
"Hail, Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost!" They ev - er cry.



The Lord God, great I AM, By earth and heaven con - fessed;  
I all on earth for - sake, Its wis - dom, fame, and power;  
I shall be - hold His face, I shall His power a - dore,  
Hail, A-braham's God and mine! I join the heaven - ly lays;



I bow and bless the sa - cred name, For - ev - er blest.  
And Him my on - ly por - tion make, My shield and tower.  
And sing the won - ders of His grace For - ev - er - more.  
All might and ma - jes - ty are Thine, And end - less praise. **A-MEN.**



## The Eastertide Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## The Collect for Purity

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.**

*Amen.*

## The Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*Amen.*

*[Please be seated.]*

## The Lesson.....Hebrews 11: 1-22

*Pew Bible pg. 1007*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm.....42: 7-11

<sup>7</sup> O put your trust in God, \*  
for I will yet give him thanks, who is the help of my countenance,  
and my God.

<sup>8</sup> My soul is heavy within me; \*  
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,  
and from Mizar among the hills of Hermon.

- 9 One deep calls to another in the noise of your waterfalls; \*  
all your waves and storms have gone over me.
- 10 The Lord will grant his loving-kindness in the daytime; \*  
and in the night season will I sing of him, and make  
my prayer to the God of my life.
- 11 I will say to God my rock, “Why have you forgotten me? \*  
Why am I full of heaviness, while the enemy oppresses me?”

*[Please stand.]*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Gospel Reading**..... John 15: 1-5

*Pew Bible pg. 901*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*[Please be seated.]*

**The Sermon**..... Jenna Hughes

*[Please stand.]*

**The Nicene Creed**

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, visible and invisible.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
*Amen.***

*[Please sit or kneel.]*

## **The Prayers of the People**

*If you would like us to name someone aloud in prayer in the service next week, please notify the office during the week.*

## **The Confession and Absolution of Sin**

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name.  
*Amen.***

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and

with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***

*[Please stand.]*

## **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Announcements**

### **Doxology**

**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.***

## **The Sursum Corda**

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*[On occasion the minister may add a proper preface.]*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## **The Sanctus**

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, God Almighty**

**Who was and is, and is to come,**

**Lift up His name with the sound of singing,**

**Lift up His name in all the earth.**

**Lift up your voice and give Him glory,**

**For He is worthy to be praised.**

**Holy. Holy.**

*[Please be seated.]*

## **The Prayer of Consecration**

All praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one offering of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

And here we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

**By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.**

*Amen.*

## **The Lord’s Prayer**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:



**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.**

*Amen.*

## **The Fraction**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.  
Therefore let us keep the feast.

## **The Prayer of Humble Access**

**We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your abundant and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy so much as to gather up  
the crumbs under your table;  
but you are the same Lord  
whose property is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.**

*Amen.*

## **The Ministration of Communion**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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*All baptized believers are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

*Parents of baptized children are welcome to decide whether you would like your children to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.*

*To receive a blessing instead of communion,  
simply keep your hands by your side or folded.*

*If you require a gluten-free or alcohol-free cup, please ask the minister.*

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## ***He Will Hold Me Fast***

*Habershon / Merker*

When I fear my faith will fail  
Christ will hold me fast  
When the tempter would prevail  
He will hold me fast  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold  
He must hold me fast

*Chorus:* He will hold me fast  
He will hold me fast  
For my Savior loves me so  
He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight  
Christ will hold me fast  
Precious in His holy sight  
He will hold me fast  
He'll not let my soul be lost  
His Promises shall last  
Bought by Him at such a cost  
He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died  
Christ will hold me fast  
Justice has been satisfied  
He will hold me fast  
Raised with Him to endless life  
He will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight  
When He comes at last

## *Yet Not I but through Christ in Me*

*Crowder / Cash*

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed  
To this I hold my shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

# *Never Lost*

*Brown / Furtick / Hudson*

Miracles when You move  
Such an easy thing for You to do  
Your hand is moving right now  
You are still showing up  
At the tomb of every Lazarus  
Your voice is calling me out

*Pre-Chorus:* Right now I know You're able  
My God come through again

*Chorus:* You can do all things  
You can do all things but fail  
'Cause You've never lost a battle  
No You've never lost a battle  
And I know I know You never will

Everything's possible  
By the power of the Holy Ghost  
A new wind is blowing right now  
Breaking my heart of stone  
Taking over like it's Jericho  
My walls are all crashing down

*Bridge:* You've never lost a battle  
You've never lost a battle  
You've never lost a battle  
You never will

## **The Post Communion Prayer & Blessing**

*On occasion the minister may invite the congregation to join in the Post Communion Prayer below.*

Let us pray.

**Heavenly Father,**

**We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out to do  
the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever.  
*Amen.***

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.  
*Amen.*

## **The Dismissal**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**





*Under Jesus Christ, Our Savior and Lord:*  
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