



CHRIST
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June 20, 2021
5th Sunday of Pentecost

REFLECTION

Celebrating Jesus Christ, Bread of Life

I am the living bread that came down from heaven.

If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever.

This bread is my flesh,

which I will give for the life of the world.

(John 6:51)

Come to Christ who is our soul's food,

He who refreshes our spirits as we feed on him!

To feed on him is to need him, to trust him, to love him,

to rest in his finished work on the cross,

to claim his resurrection power,

to take him at his Word,

to let him satisfy us.

And so the church sings from the Middle Ages on:

We taste thee, O thou Living Bread,

And long to feast upon thee still;

We drink of thee, the Fountainhead,

And thirst our souls from thee to fill.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

Advent + Christmas + Epiphany + Lent + Easter + Pentecost

Gathering Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

— God + calls + cleanses + speaks + strengthens + sends —

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
 fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's De - struc - tion, land me safe on

pow'r - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en,
 jour - ney through; strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer,
 Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

Call to Worship

Isaiah 55:1-3a

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;

and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money, without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;

hear, that your soul may live;

and I will make with you an everlasting covenant”

Praise be to God!

Invocation

Praise Hymn

Jesus Messiah

He became sin who knew no sin

That we might become His righteousness

He humbled Himself and carried the cross

Love so amazing love so amazing

Chorus

Jesus Messiah Name above all names

Blessed Redeemer Emmanuel

The Rescue for sinners

The Ransom from heaven

Jesus Messiah Lord of all

His body the bread His blood the wine

Broken and poured out all for love

The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn

Love so amazing love so amazing

Chorus

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You God
The Light of the world

Jesus Messiah
Lord of all
The Lord of all
The Lord of all

Chorus

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Old Testament Lesson Psalms 81:7–15

Confession of Sin

O Lord God, we believe in you; help our unbelief.
We love you—yet not with all our heart, our soul,
our mind, our strength.

We long to serve you—yet not with that singleness of
purpose that pleases your fatherly heart.
We seek to obey you—yet do it fitfully and poorly.

O Father in heaven, forgive our past disloyalties;
accept our present purposes,
and work in us what is pleasing in your sight;
that tomorrow we may begin again,
and walk in the light, even as you are in the light.

Hear us for the sake of Jesus Christ,
who purchased and won us,
and who promises to complete
what you have begun in us. Amen.

Individual Confession

1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands For our of - fens - es
 2 It was a strange and dread - ful strife When life and death con -
 3 Here the true Pas - chal Lamb we see, Whom God so free - ly
 4 So let us keep the fes - ti - val To which the Lord in -

giv - en; But now at God's right hand he stands And brings us life
 tend-ed; The vic - to - ry re-mained with life, The reign of death
 gave us; He died on the ac - curs - ed tree— So strong his love—
 vites us; Christ is him - self the joy of all, The sun that warms

from heav-en. There-fore let us joy - ful be And sing to God right
 was end-ed. Ho - ly Scrip-ture plain - ly says That death is swal-lowed
 to save us. See, his blood now marks our door; Faith points to it; death
 and lights us. Now his grace to us im-parts E - ter - nal sun-shine

thank-ful - ly Loud songs of hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!
 up by death, Its sting is lost for - ev - er. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 pass - es o'er, And Sa-tan can - not harm us. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 to our hearts; The night of sin is end - ed. Hal - le - lu - jah!

5 Then let us feast this Easter Day
 On Christ, the bread of heaven;
 The Word of grace has purged away
 The old and evil leaven.

Christ alone our souls will feed;
 He is our meat and drink indeed;
 Faith lives upon no other!
 Hallelujah!

Absolution Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Thanksgiving Hymn Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

New Testament Lesson John 6:24–36, 45–51

Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you!

And also with you!

Trinity Song

Holy Father Son and Spirit; Holy Communion Three in One
Come with Your peace with Your invitation; Bind us together in holy love
Holy Father Son and Spirit; Holy Communion Three in One

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Sermon Text I Peter 1:3-12

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

Sermon Worship: The Basis of the Christian Life | Pastor Curran Bishop

Response Hymn Behold the Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away
Slain for us and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ
Torn for you eat and remember
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life
Paid the price to make us one
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin
Shed for you drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God
So we share in this Bread of Life
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King

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Confession of Faith The Nicene Creed (AD 325)

We believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
begotten from the Father before all ages,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;

he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and was made man.

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried.

The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures.

He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead.

His kingdom will never end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life.

He proceeds from the Father and the Son,

and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

He spoke through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church.

We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,

and to life in the world to come. Amen.

*the universal Christian Church in all times and places

Communion in Christ Jesus

All Christians are invited to receive Christ's presence of bread and wine. When directed please take your bulletin, stand and form a circle around the worship space. Whether you intend to take communion or not, please join us in the circle. If you are not able to stand, please move your chair into the circle. We serve wine in the outer rings of the tray in the Lord's Supper, believing it to be the Biblical element used. We provide grape juice in the inner rings for those who, out of conscience or for health, do not drink wine.

Communion Hymn

All Glory Be To Christ (verses 1-2)

Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ

Chorus

All glory be to Christ our king
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ

His will be done His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ

Chorus

Prayer for those searching

Oh God, I am discovering that the more I have, the more I need to have, the more I am loved, the more I need to be loved, the more I achieve, the more I need to achieve. Nothing seems to satisfy me. Could it be, as someone once said, that "Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee." Dear God, if this is true, and if as the Bible teaches there is life and life eternal in Christ alone, please guide me to Him. Open me to the reality of the One who alone can satisfy my restless heart. Give me the courage to believe that which I cannot see but can understand, feel and touch through the Word, sacraments and church family. Lord I want to believe, help my unbelief! Amen.

Coronation Hymn

All Glory Be To Christ (verse 3)

When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be
All glory be to Christ

Chorus

Benediction

Hebrews 13:20-21

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

REFLECTION

What It Means To Feed On Christ

Every defect of ours is a motive for faith. To cease to feel defect is to cease to trust. To cease to feel the root of sin would be to have one motive the less to cast us on God for keeping. Every need is there in order to rouse the need for God. And we need God chiefly, not as a means to an end, not to satisfy earthly need, to keep the world going, to comfort us, or to help us to the higher moral levels. We do not need God chiefly as a means even to our own holiness. But we need God for himself. He himself is the end. We need chiefly communion with him; which is not confined to the perfectly holy but is open to all in faith, and possible along with cleaving sin. To treat a living person as an end, to seek him for himself, has but one meaning. It is to love him, to have our desire and energy rest in him, to have our personal finality in him. So it is that we need and seek God, not his help nor his gifts—even of sanctity, but himself. His great object with us is not our sinlessness but our communion. “Give me thy heart.” He does not offer us communion to make us holy; he makes us holy for the sake of communion.

—P.T. Forsyth (1848-1921) in *Christian Perfection*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Group – Meets tonight, June 20, 5:30-7pm at the Foremans' (14 Central Avenue, Milford, CT 06460) for a picnic and community building time.

Women's Bible Study – Next meeting on Sat. July 10th from 9:30-11am. Please RSVP to cpcmilford@gmail.com for location info.

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting – 7-7:50pm. Regular prayer for each other, our community, our world and the redemptive work of God is essential to our mission. Please join us as we follow a short prayer and scripture liturgy and pray for each other. [Zoom link](#) | Meeting ID: 856 4475 2681 | Passcode: 665297

Summer Sunday Pop-Up Worship - June 27th we will meet at the Milford Arts Council. For the month of July (4, 11, 18, 25) we will be meeting at the Fowler Pavilion.

Summer VBS and BBQ with Christ Pres in the Hill – Save the date to participate with our sister congregation in their outreach to their neighborhood on Saturday, July 24 (for VBS) and Wednesday, August 4 (for BBQ).

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