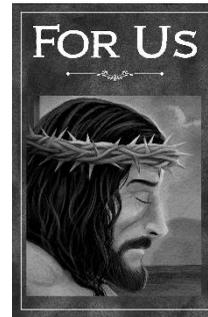


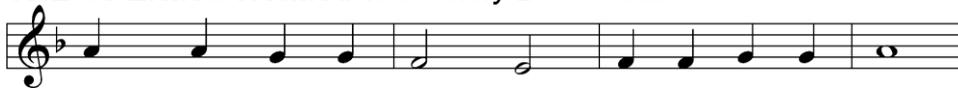
O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High
"THE ROBE OF HUMAN FRAME"

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Why did Jesus have to come among us as a human being? Why didn't He come as an angel or some other kind of being that is stronger and more powerful than us? While angels may be a source of endless fascination to the Christian and to the world, they have no power to save us. Tonight, we will hear why taking on the "robe of [our] human frame" was not only a good idea but also necessary for our salvation. Angels are wonderful, but they are not Jesus. He came as one of us so that He could redeem us as His own.



THE OPENING HYMN #433 "Glory Be to Jesus"



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, Who in bit - ter pains
2 Grace and life e - ter - nal In that blood I find;
3 Blest through end - less a - ges Be the pre - cious stream
4 A - bel's blood for ven - geance Plead - ed to the skies;



Poured for me the life - blood From His sa - cred veins!
Blest be His com - pas - sion, In - fi - nite - ly kind!
Which from end - less tor - ment Did the world re - deem!
But the blood of Je - sus For our par - don cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!

(please stand)

THE INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE OPENING SENTENCES Joel 2:13; Isaiah 55:6–7

P: Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

C: **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents of disaster.**

P: Seek the Lord while He may be found;

C: **call upon Him while He is near.**

P: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

C: **let him return to the Lord, that He may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.**

THE PSALM Psalm 6 (ESV)

P: O LORD, rebuke me not in Your anger,

C: nor discipline me in Your wrath.

P: Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing;

C: heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled.

P: My soul also is greatly troubled. But You, O LORD—how long?

C: Turn, O LORD, deliver my life; save me for the sake of Your steadfast love.

P: For in death there is no remembrance of You;

C: in the grave who will give You praise?

P: I am weary with my moaning;

C: every night I flood my bed with tears; I drench my couch with my weeping.

P: My eye wastes away because of grief; it grows weak because of all my foes.

C: Depart from me, all you workers of evil, for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.

P: The LORD has heard my plea; the LORD accepts my prayer.

C: All my enemies shall be ashamed and greatly troubled; they shall turn back and be put to shame in a moment.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son to become one of us to be our Savior. For us He came to destroy the works of the devil. Visit, O Lord, the homes in which Your people dwell, and keep all harm and danger far from them. Grant that we may dwell together in peace under Your almighty care, sharing eternally in Your blessings; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

(please be seated)

THE READING OF THE PASSION HISTORY

THE LENT RESPONSORY

P: Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

P: In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

C: Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

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THE HYMN #544 "O Love, How Deep" (verses 1-2)

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
2 He sent no an-gel to our race,
Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,
Of high - er or of low - er place,
That God, the Son of God, should take
But wore the robe of hu - man frame,
Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
And to this world Him - self He came.

THE SERMON "The Robe of Human Frame"

Text: Hebrews 1:1-14. Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son, whom He appointed the heir of all things, through whom also He created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name He has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are My Son, today I have begotten You"? [Psalm 2:7] Or again, "I will be to Him a father, and He shall be to me a son"? [2 Samuel 7:14] And again, when He brings the firstborn into the world, He says, "Let all God's angels worship him." [Deut. 32:43] Of the angels He says, "He makes His angels winds, and His ministers a flame of fire." [Psalm 104:4] But of the Son He says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness beyond Your companions." [Psalm 45:6-7] And, "You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of Your hands; they will perish, but You remain; they will all wear out like a garment, like a robe You will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will have no end." [Psalm 102:25-27] And to which of the angels has He ever said, "Sit at my right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet"? [Psalm 110:1] Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!.

(please stand)

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS *(pages 192-193 in the hymnal)*

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

THE PRAYERS

The Kyrie

Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

The Lord's Prayer

The Collects

P: Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Lord God, the strength of the weak and the consolation of those who suffer, mercifully hear our prayers, and grant them the help of Your power, that their sickness may be turned to health and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: We thank You, Lord God, heavenly Father for all Your benefits. Bless us, and all the gifts which we receive from Your bountiful goodness, including the food by which You give us our daily bread, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us at the end of the day, at the end of our life, at the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your Holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair, the night when death draws near. Abide with us and with all the faithful, now and forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen. I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

THE BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

(please be seated)

THE CLOSING HYMN #884 "Lord, Support Us All Day Long"



1 Lord, sup - port us all day long, Guide and strength - en.
2 Be our light in dark - ness, Lord, Our de - fend - er;
3 With Your pres - ence, Lord, draw near Those who la - bor
4 Gra - cious Lord, we give You thanks, Praise and bless You,



Eve - ning comes, the world is hushed, Shad - ows length - en,
In Your pres - ence per - ils all Must sur - ren - der.
Through the night - time on be - half Of their neigh - bor.
As the giv - er of all good We con - fess You.



Work is done, life's fe - vered pace Now has end - ed;
Drive all dark sa - tan - ic snares From each dwell - ing;
Grant them cour - age for each fear, Faith - ful car - ing;
This past day we now com - mit To Your keep - ing



Christ, to You, our fi - nal rest Is com - mend - ed.
Then, at peace, our hearts Your praise Will be tell - ing.
Your com - pas - sion and Your love Tru - ly shar - ing.
And en - trust to You the hours Of our sleep - ing.

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