

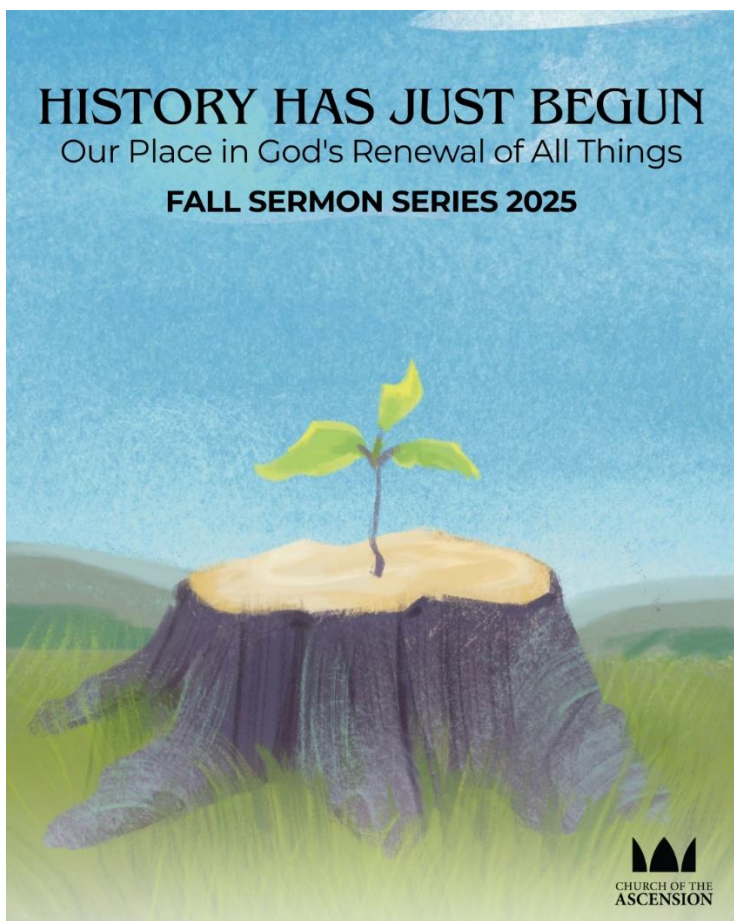
OCTOBER 12, 2025  
18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
SERMON SERIES #5

11:00 A.M.

# HISTORY HAS JUST BEGUN

Our Place in God's Renewal of All Things

**FALL SERMON SERIES 2025**



  
CHURCH OF THE  
ASCENSION

## TODAY'S MINISTERS

### *Celebrant*

The Rev. Kevin Antlitz

### *Preacher*

The Rev. Peter Coelho

### *Assisting*

The Rev. Regina Hopewell, Deacon

### *Cover*

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### *Attention Parents*

Several spaces are available for nursing mothers including: Room 105 in the education wing (comfortable chairs & video feed of the service), the family restroom close to the reception desk (completely private with nursing chair), and the main entryway in the old narthex (semi-private with comfortable chairs for nursing).

Our nursery is available 15 mins prior to the service for infants – 3 yrs (Rooms 101 & 102). Parents who would like them to receive Communion are invited to pick them up at the Peace.

After the Children's Talk, children 4 yrs – 5th grade may process to our Kids' Church program in the Children's Chapel (Hunt Rooms). They will be brought back after the Peace.

THE  
EIGHTEENTH  
SUNDAY  
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PENTECOST  
AT  
CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

*Mission Statement*

To glorify God as a sacramental community by announcing,  
embodying, and demonstrating the gospel as we contribute to the  
healing and renewal of our city and world.



# THE ORDER FOR A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

## THE PRELUDE

“Lord, Speak to Me”

arr. H. Mayhew

*Heidi Mayhew, organ*

*Please stand at the sound of the chimes.*

## THE ENTRANCE HYMN

“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

*Blue Hymnal #544*

1) Jesus shall reign where’er the sun  
doth his successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2) To him shall endless prayers be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his Name like sweet perfume shall rise  
with every morning sacrifice.

3) People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his Name.

4) Blessings abound where’er he reigns:  
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.

5) Let every creature rise and bring  
peculiar honors to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen.

## THE ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*            Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
*People*                **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant and People*

**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 SUMMARY OF THE LAW

*The Celebrant prays*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

*Matthew 22:37-40*

## THE TRISAGION

*Celebrant*            Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,  
*People*                **Have mercy upon us.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*            The Lord be with you.  
*People*                **And with your spirit.**  
*Celebrant*            Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**O God, our refuge and strength, true source of all godliness: Graciously hear the devout prayers of your Church, and grant that those things which we ask faithfully, we may obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The People are seated.*

## THE CHILDREN'S TALK

The Rev. Peter Coelho

*Children through 5th grade are invited to come forward.  
Afterwards, parents may bring infants – age 3 to the nursery  
(Rooms 101 and 102). Children age 4 – 5th grade are invited to  
process to our Kids' Church program in the Children's Chapel  
(Hunt Rooms). They will be brought back after the Peace.*

*The People stand and sing as the Children process.*

“The Blessing”

by Chris Brown, Cody Carnes,  
Kari Jobe, and Steven Furtick

The Lord bless you and keep you, make his face shine up-on

— you and be gra-cious to you. The Lord turn his face toward you

and give you peace.—

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*The People are seated.*

## THE LESSONS

### THE FIRST READING

Ruth 1:1-19a

<sup>1</sup> In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. <sup>2</sup> The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. <sup>3</sup> But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup> These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup> both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

<sup>6</sup> Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. <sup>7</sup> So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup> But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. <sup>9</sup> The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. <sup>10</sup> They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." <sup>11</sup> But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? <sup>12</sup> Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, <sup>13</sup> would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me." <sup>14</sup> Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

<sup>15</sup> So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." <sup>16</sup> But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. <sup>17</sup> Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" <sup>18</sup> When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her,



she said no more to her. <sup>19a</sup>So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

*Reader*                      The Word of the Lord.

*People*                      **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand and say the psalm as directed.*

## PSALM 113

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD. Sing praises, you servants of the LORD; \*  
O praise the Name of the LORD.

<sup>2</sup> Blessed be the Name of the LORD, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

<sup>3</sup> The LORD's Name be praised \*  
from the rising up of the sun to the going down of the same.

<sup>4</sup> The LORD is high above all nations, \*  
and his glory above the heavens.

<sup>5</sup> Who is like the LORD our God, who has his dwelling so high, \*  
and yet humbles himself to behold the things that are in  
heaven and earth?

<sup>6</sup> He takes up the lowly out of the dust, \*  
and lifts the poor out of the ashes,

<sup>7</sup> That he may set them with the princes, \*  
even with the princes of his people.

<sup>8</sup> He gives the barren woman a home to dwell in, \*  
and makes her to be a joyful mother of children. Praise the LORD.

*The People are seated.*

## THE SECOND READING

2 Timothy 2:1-15

2 <sup>1</sup>You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; <sup>2</sup>and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well. <sup>3</sup>Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup>No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. <sup>5</sup>And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according

to the rules. <sup>6</sup>It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. <sup>7</sup>Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things.

<sup>8</sup>Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, <sup>9</sup>for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup>The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; <sup>12</sup>if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; <sup>13</sup>if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

<sup>14</sup>Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. <sup>15</sup>Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

*Please stand and join in singing.*

#### SEQUENCE HYMN

“Lord, Speak to Me”

*Music on bulletin p. 22*

1) Lord, speak to me that I may speak  
in living echoes of thy tone;  
as thou hast sought, so let me seek  
thy erring children lost and lone.

2) O strengthen me, that while I stand  
firm on the rock, and strong in thee,  
I may stretch out a loving hand  
to wrestlers with the troubled sea!

3) O teach me, Lord, that I may teach  
the precious things thou dost impart;  
and wing my words, that they may reach  
the hidden depths of many a heart!

4) O fill me with thy fullness, Lord,  
until my very heart o'erflow  
in kindling thought and glowing word,  
thy love to tell, thy praise to show!

THE GOSPEL  
Matthew 5:1-16

<i>Deacon</i>	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
	according to Matthew
<i>People</i>	<b>Glory to you, Lord Christ.</b>

5 <sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

5 <sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

<i>Deacon</i>	The Gospel of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<b>Praise to you, Lord Christ.</b>

THE SERMON  
The Rev. Peter Coelho

THE NICENE CREED

*Celebrant*      Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

*Celebrant and People*

**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 kneel as you are able.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*After each petition*

*Intercessor*      Lord, in your mercy

*People*            **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant concludes*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

*Deacon*            Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*A brief silence will be kept.*

*Deacon and People*

**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.**

*The Celebrant stands and says*

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

*Celebrant*            The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*                **And with your spirit.**

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*Parents who would like their infant – 3 year olds to receive  
Communion are invited to pick them up at this time.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE OFFERTORY

*The Celebrant says a sentence of Scripture.*

*The People remain seated as the Music Team and Choir lead us, the  
offering plates are passed, and the Table is prepared.*

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Only a Holy God”

by Dustin Smith, Jonny Robinson,  
Michael Farren, and Rich Thompson

1) Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?  
Who else could make every king bow down?  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?  
Only a holy God.

2) What other beauty demands such praises?  
What other splendor outshines the sun?  
What other majesty rules with justice?  
Only a Holy God.

*Refrain*            Come and behold him,  
                         the One and the Only.  
                         Cry out sing holy,  
                         forever a holy God.  
                         Come and worship the holy God.

3) What other glory consumes like fire?  
What other power can raise the dead?  
What other name remains undefeated?  
Only a holy God. *Refrain*

4) Who else could rescue me from my failing?  
Who else would offer His only Son?  
Who else invites me to call Him Father?  
Only a holy God.  
Only my holy God. *Refrain*

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*The People stand and sing as the tithes and offerings are brought forward.*

#### THE DOXOLOGY

*Old Hundredth*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise him, all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### THE SURSUM CORDA

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<b>And with your spirit.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	<b>We lift them up to the Lord.</b>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	<b>It is right to give him thanks and praise.</b>

*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

*All sing together*

*Murphy setting*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

*The People may kneel or remain standing.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

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:

*All sing together*

*King of Glory setting*



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*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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

*Celebrant*

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

*Celebrant and People*

**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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed,  
once for all upon the cross.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*The Celebrant gives this invitation*

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.

THE AGNUS DEI

*All sing together*

*Elohim setting*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

1.2. have mer-cy on us. 3. grant us, grant us your peace.

*The People are seated.*

*All baptized Christians are invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine. Inform the Bread Bearer if you need a gluten-free wafer.*

*If for any reason you are not receiving today, you are invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest and the Minister will know to give you a blessing instead of the bread and wine.*

## COMMUNION SONGS

“There’s a River of Life”      by Betty Carr Pulkingham and L. Casebolt

1) I’ve got a river of life flowing out through me.  
It makes the lame to walk and the blind to see,  
opens prison doors, sets the captives free.  
There’s a river of life flowing out through me.

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“Christ Is Lower Still”

*Music on bulletin p. 20*

1) Breathe in, reach out, touch the hem of your garment now.  
Help me, heal me, my mind, my body and soul.

*Chorus 1*      Let the King descend, living Word made flesh,  
lift this heavy heart to your throne, O God.  
In your wounds I find room for all of mine.  
When from grace I fell, Christ was lower still.

2) Humbly, lowly, Jesus waits in the valley.  
My Savior suffers with me. With him, I’ll rise again.

*Chorus 2*      Let the King descend, living Word made flesh,  
lift this heavy heart to your throne, O God.  
In your wounds I find room for all of mine.  
When from grace I fell, Christ was lower.  
Till the earth is filled, Christ is lower still.

*Continued*

*Bridge* We lift it all up to you, Lord.  
 We lift it all up to you, Lord. *We lift our hearts, we lift our hands.*  
 We lift it all up to you, Lord. *We lift our dreams, we lift our plans.*  
 We lift it all up to you, Lord. *We lift our sorrow and our pain.*  
 We lift it all up to you, Lord. *We cast our cares on you again.*  
*Repeat as led*

*Chorus 2* Let the King descend, living Word made flesh,  
 lift this heavy heart to your throne, O God.  
 In your wounds I find room for all of mine.  
 When from grace I fell, Christ was lower.  
 Till the earth is filled, Christ is lower still.

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“O Praise the Name (*Anàstasis*)”

*Music Supplement p. 28*

1) I cast my mind to Calvary,  
 where Jesus bled and died for me.  
 I see his wounds, his hands, his feet:  
 my Savior on that cursed tree.

2) His body bound and drenched in tears,  
 they laid him down in Joseph’s tomb.  
 The entrance sealed by heavy stone.  
 Messiah still, and all alone.

*Refrain* O praise the name of the Lord our God!  
 O praise his name forevermore!  
 For endless days we will sing your praise,  
 O Lord, O Lord, our God!

3) Then on the third, at break of dawn,  
 the Son of Heaven rose again.  
 O trampled death, where is your sting?  
 The angels roar for Christ the King. *Refrain*

4) He shall return in robes of white;  
 the blazing sun shall pierce the night.  
 And I will rise among the saints,  
 my gaze, transfixed, on Jesus’ face. *Refrain*

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

*The People may stand or kneel.*

*Celebrant and People*

**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 BLESSING

*The Celebrant gives this blessing*

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.**

*Please stand and join in singing.*

## THE EXIT HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*Blue Hymnal #657*

1) Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

*Continued*

2) Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

3) Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People*      **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## THE POSTLUDE

## Postlude on “Duke Street”

*Heidi Mayhew, organ*

by C. Callahan

*Thank you for worshipping with us!  
Please join us after the service in Bailey Hall  
for Hospitality Hour.*



# “Christ Is Lower Still”

by Matt Maher, Kate Bluett,  
and Doe Jones

## Verses



1. Breathe in, reach out, touch the hem of your gar-ment now.  
2. Humb - ly, low - ly, Je - sus waits in the val - ley. My



Help me, heal me, my mind, my bod-y and soul.  
Sa - vior suf-fers with me. With him, I'll rise a - gain.

## Chorus



Let the King de - scend. liv - ing Word made flesh, lift this



heav-y heart to your throne, O God. In your wounds I find room for



all of mine. When from grace I fell, Christ was low - er still.



low - er. Till the earth is filled, Christ is low - er still.



## Bridge



We lift it all up to you Lord.

We lift it all up to you Lord.



We lift our hearts, we lift our hands. We lift it all up to you Lord.



— We lift our dreams we lift our plans. We lift it all up to you Lord.



— We lift our sor - row and our pain... We lift it all up to you Lord.



— We cast our cares on you a - gain... We lift it all up to you, Lord.

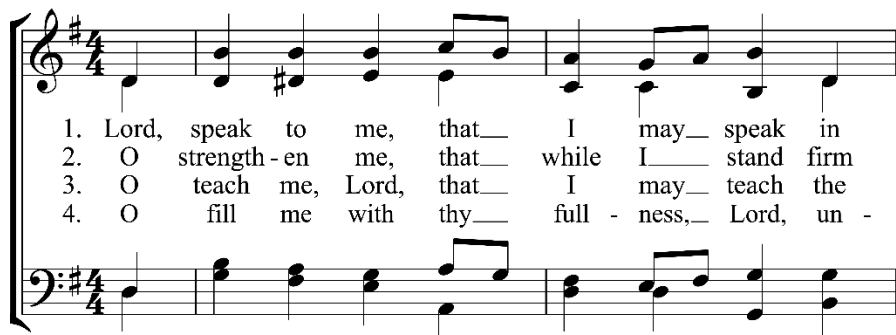
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*Last time to Chorus*

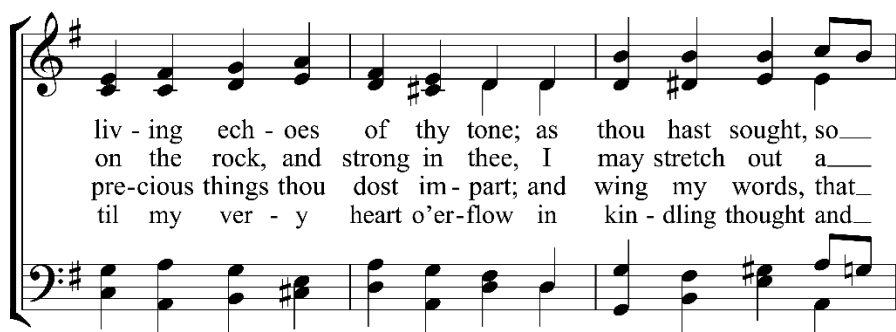
“Lord Speak to Me”

Text: Frances R. Havergal

Music: *Canonbury*, arr. from R. Schumann



1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in  
 2. O strength - en me, that while I stand firm  
 3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the  
 4. O fill me with thy full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of thy tone; as thou hast sought, so  
 on the rock, and strong in thee, I may stretch out a  
 pre-cious things thou dost im - part; and wing my words, that  
 til my ver - y heart o'er-flow in kin - dling thought and



let me seek thy err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.  
 lov - ing hand to wres-tlers with the trou - bled sea!  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart!  
 glow - ing word, thy love to tell, thy praise to show!



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