

Hello, my name is Loree. The following presentation includes several songs from YouTube. Sorry for the ads in some. Take your time and enjoy an encounter with Jesus.

Last week our talk was about the Father and that he is our God forever. Today we will focus on Jesus.

First, He is God in the flesh. Jesus said in John 10, "I and the Father are one." this might not seem to be a claim to be God, however, look at the Jews 'reaction to His statement. They tried to stone Him "for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God". The Jews understood Jesus 'statement as a

claim to be God. In the following verses, Jesus never corrects the Jews or attempts to clarify His statement. He never says, "I did not claim to be God." When Jesus said, "I and the Father are one", He truly was claiming equality with God.

God the Father bears witness of Jesus 'identity as well: in Hebrews we hear "But about the Son, 'Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever; and again in the psalms "a sceptre of justice will be the sceptre of your kingdom'. Old Testament prophecies such as Isaiah 9:6 announce the deity of Christ: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, **Mighty God**, **Everlasting Father**, Prince of Peace"



Jesus had to be God because the Messiah was promised to be the "Holy One" (Isaiah 49:7). Since no one on earth is righteous before God (Psalm53), God Himself had to enter the world as a human.

God is the *only* Savior in Hosea 13:4; we hear "I am the Lord your God.. You know no God besides me and there is no saviour but me." and again in 1Timothy 2:3, This is pleasing to God our saviour who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth. If Jesus is to be the Savior, then He must be God.

Jesus had to be both God and man. As God, Jesus could satisfy God's wrath. As a man, Jesus had the capability of dying. As the God-man, Jesus is the perfect Mediator between heaven and earth (1Timothy 2:5) says 'For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and the Human race, Christ Jesus, himself human who gave himself as a ransom for all."

Salvation is available only through faith in Jesus Christ as He proclaimed, in John 14 "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me".

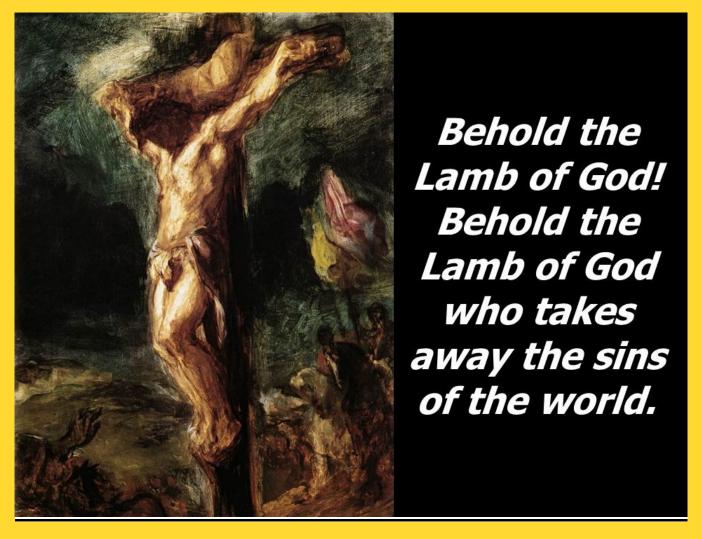
During mass we hear:

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for Communion with Christ and the rest of the Church.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the way in which we can be connected with Jesus in the Eucharist, Christ's real presence, both in the celebration of Mass and in the worship of the Eucharist. During adoration we come to know Jesus, to love him as he deserves to be loved, and in turn we come to know the love that Jesus has for us.

Let us take the time to kneel before Jesus, present in the Eucharist, in order to fully appreciate all that our Saviour endured in His love for us expose the blessed sacrament

Click for Song "Behold the lamb of God" by Thomas Muglia



Lord Jesus Christ, pierce our souls with your love so that we may always long for you alone, who are the bread of angels and the fulfillment of the soul's deepest desires. May our hearts always hunger and feed upon you so that our souls may be filled with the sweetness of your presence. May our souls thirst for you, who are the source of life, wisdom, knowledge, light and all the riches of God our Father. May we always seek and find you, think upon you, speak to you and do all things for the honour and glory of your holy name. Be always my our hope, our peace, our refuge and our help in whom our hearts are rooted so that we may never be separated from you.

Jesus said He came to give us life and life abundantly

John 15 "I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw *them* into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, youb will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

Will you prepare a place for him in your heart that you would abide with him? Give him permission to abide with you!

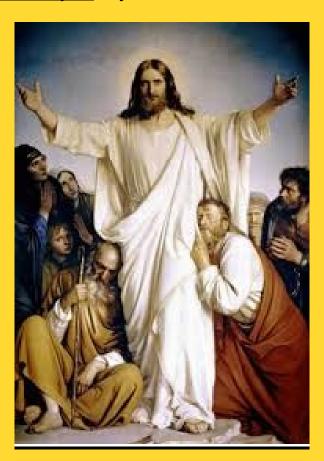
Song "Prepare Him Room" by The Vigil Project



Believing is a receiving of Christ into the soul, welcoming him, trusting him, as it were, drinking and eating and savouring him. This is what he says in John 6:35, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst."

Believing is an attachment to, a coming to Jesus, and a receiving from Jesus. It is trusting in Jesus, remaining in fellowship with Jesus, connecting to Jesus so that all that God is for us in him is flowing like a life-giving sap into our lives. Believing, trusting, savouring, resting, receiving.

Song "Draw me close to you" by Shane and Shane

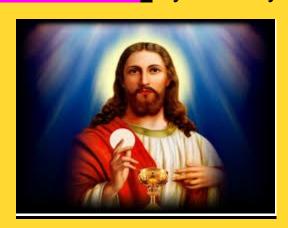


Although deserving of glory and service in sharing equality with God, Jesus jumbled Himself to serve and bless the spiritual and physical needs of others. He healed, fed the hungry, and treated sinners and social outcasts with compassion and dignity, viewing all people as

made and loved in the image of God. He befriended those that society had judged and rejected.

In a world characterized by a hunger for power, self-entitled and vengeful, Jesus displayed sacrificial generosity and kindness even towards those who neglected, betrayed, and rejected Him. Fully confident in His Father's love, He poured Himself out for others.

Song "There is none like him" by Steffany Gretzinger



Because of Jesus' sacrifice, God gave Him the most powerful name there is. Philippians 2:8 says: "And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." The name of Jesus compels us to worship Him and bring glory to God. Each person will one day come face to face with Jesus and will confess that He is Lord.

It requires faith to believe in the power of Jesus' name (Hebrews 11:6). Without faith, His name will not be powerful. With faith, the name of Jesus is the most powerful name there is. We are instructed in the Bible to pray in the name of Jesus and with His authority. In John 14;14 Jesus says: "If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it"

Song "In Jesus Name" by Katy Nichole



As believers, we are fully convinced of the power within the name of Jesus. When we pray, we have the power of Jesus at work within us. Our lives as Christians are lived from a place of acknowledging the power in Jesus' name: "And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Colossians 3:17). The

powerful name of Jesus makes it possible for all people to be saved, healed, and delivered. Psalm 115:1 reminds us: "Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!"

<u>Devine Praises Song "Blessed BE the Lord"</u> by Sarah Hart, Josh Blakesley

