

Second Monday in Lent - March 1, 2021

⁶ *who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,*
⁷ *but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.* ⁸ *And*
being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even
death on a cross. (Philippians 2:6-8)

LSB 430 – My Song Is Love Unknown

(Verse 2 of this week’s hymn served as inspiration for today’s devotion.)

Our friends and loved ones are so very important to us. We depend on our friends for companionship, encouragement, someone to talk to when we have problems. No one likes to be alone. We need our friends.

I think we like to think of Jesus as our friend. We love to sing the hymn, “What a Friend We Have in Jesus.” Even in the second verse of “My Song is Love Unknown,” we sing, “but oh my friend, my friend indeed.” And He is indeed our friend. He is the best friend we can have.

But He is so much more than our friend. We confess in our creed that He is “God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God.” In John 1:3 we read, “*All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.*” Jesus, true God, humbled Himself and became one of us. He lived a perfect life and then laid that life down.

Think of it: The God of the Universe is our friend. He loves us so much that He gave up everything, even His very life for us. He saw that we had a great need and He paid the price for our Salvation.

Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for being our friend. Jesus gave up everything, even His very life, that we have the promise of salvation. Help us to share your love so that others may know you and that they too may be saved. In Jesus Name, Amen.

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