# **Christ All-in-all**

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#### **Christ Our Pattern**

Jesus Christ is not simply the corrective for humanity gone wrong.

He is humanity's original blueprint, our model, our pattern,

the original purpose and prototype that drove our creation.

We were designed to be like Him:

HOLY – completely separated to God the Father.

We were created to be

RULERS – overseeing God's wondrous creation,

and

SERVANTS – humbly, eagerly doing the Father's will.

Like Christ, we were destined to be

GOD'S GLORIOUS CHILDREN.

We were fashioned to focus on Him.

We were given

a mind, that we might know Him; eyes, that we might see His glory; hands, that we might serve Him; feet, that we might run to do His will; a mouth, that we might praise Him; deep desires, that we might desire Him.

The Father's purpose has never changed.
His determination has never wavered,
despite our sin.
The sure destiny of all who trust in Christ is
to be like Him,
to be one with Him –
His living temple,
filled with His Spirit,
members of His body,
His dearly-loved bride.

Jesus Christ is our Source, and He is our eternal destination.

Hymn recording: Christ, Our Source and Goal

### Christ, Our Source and Goal

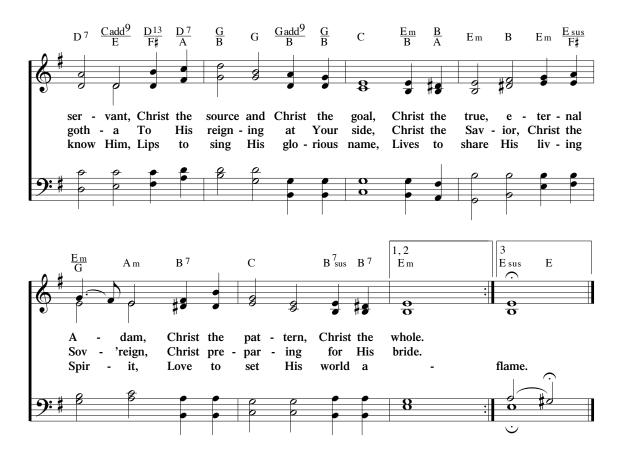
John 14:1-3; Romans 11:36; 1 Corinthians 8:6; 2 Corinthians 1:19-20; 5:21; Ephesians 1:9-12; 5:25-27; Colossians 1:15-20; 2:9-10, 17; Hebrews 2:10



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#### **Reunited with God**

As the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts. (Isaiah 55:9, NASB)

The size of the universe is beyond imagination.

But the gap between God and us is

far greater than any physical measurements.

The real gap between God and us is in the essence of who we are.

He is all-powerful and all-wise,

unbounded by matter and time.

We are weak and blind,

living momentary lives,

consumed with the here and now.

He is holy and pure.

Without Him, we are corrupt and sinful.

He is unlimited love.

We are proud,

small-minded, and

selfish.

wrapped up in our own comfort and narrow interests.

But now for the most amazing truth:

God's love has bridged this gap between us.

This immense chasm of time, space, and character has been closed by God's all-encompassing love.

All the immensity of God,

all the eternity of God,

all His glory and power and holiness

have been embodied in a human being:

Jesus Christ.

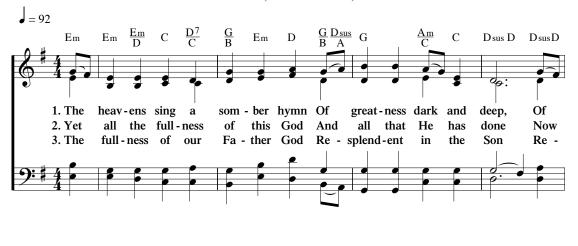
We are united with this immense God in Christ (Colossians 2:9-10).

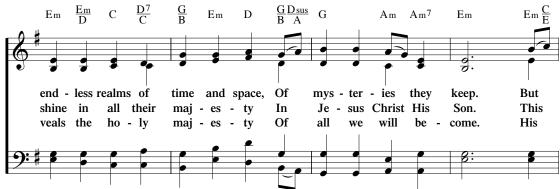
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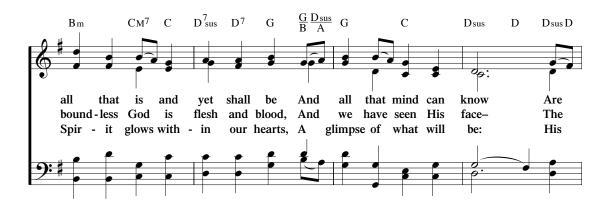
# The Fullness of God's Glory

TUNE: KINGSFOLD

Job 26:14; Psalm 19:1-4; John 1:14; Ephesians 1:13-14; Colossians 2:9-10; Hebrews 1:1-3; 1 John 3:2





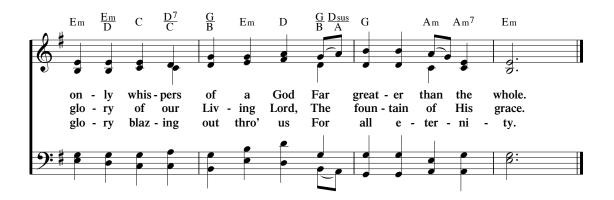


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#### You Come to Us

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You came to us, and
You are still coming to us.
You come
      comforting,
      forgiving,
      recreating,
      giving us a new destiny.
You come
      teaching,
      healing,
      nourishing,
      sharing Yourself freely and completely.
Though infinitely above us,
You come in order to be
      all around us,
      all within us,
      ever before us,
      ever beside us.
Almighty,
all-holy,
all-loving God,
      You wrap us in Your presence,
enabling us to
      speak and
      live and
      be like You.
Praise to You!
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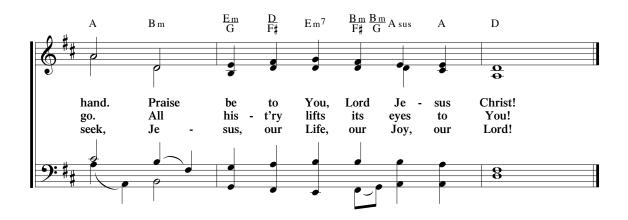
Hymn recording: Isaiah 40

#### Isaiah 40

TUNE: I'll Praise My Make While I've Breath (OLD 113th)



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#### Colossians 1:15-20

(NASB)

[Jesus Christ] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible,

whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things have been created through Him and for Him.

He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything.

For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him,

And through Him to reconcile all things to Himself.

Hymn recording: Image of the Unseen God

# Image of the Unseen God

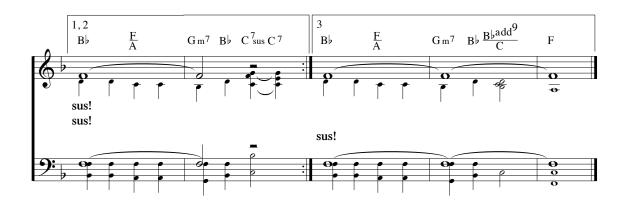
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#### My Holy and Human Brother

Lord Jesus, You bring God within my reach. You are flesh and blood like me. You experienced life here as I experience it, in all its weakness, pain, struggle, and imperfection. Yet in You I see the transcendent God, and in a form I can understand and trust. Almighty, sovereign God is real to me in You. I can begin to relate to Him in You. Holiness is also real to me in You. I would never conceive of holy living, never dream of it or desire it, until I saw it so beautiful and desirable in You. And as I trust You, You bring holiness into my innermost heart and outermost living. You make *me* holy! I can hardly even imagine it, and yet it is true. You prove to me that I can be both human and holy. You prove to me that I can be a true child of God here and now, in this present, evil world. You prove it by Your living example. You prove it by giving me Your own Holy Spirit

to live and breathe and desire within me.
And You promise that
what You have begun,
You will finish,
beautifully and
completely.

Praise to You, Jesus, my holy and human Brother!

Hymn recording: Holy, Human Jesus Christ

Hymn recording: <u>See All That Human Can Be</u>

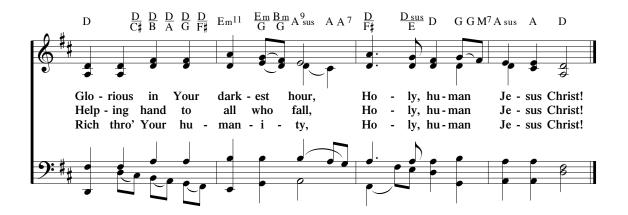
# Holy, Human Jesus Christ

TUNE: LLANFAIR (alt.)

John 1:1-5, 14-18; 2 Corinthians 12:9; Ephesians 2:11-22; Colossians 1:15-20; Hebrews 2:11-18; 4:15-16



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#### See All that Human Can Be

TUNE: Come, Thou Almighty King (ITALIAN HYMN) John 14:23; Romans 5:12-21; 1 Corinthians 15:22, 45-57; Ephesians 1:3; Hebrews 2:11, 17; 1 John 3:1-2



WORDS: Ken Bible ITALIAN HYMN MUSIC: Felice de Giardini 7.7.4.6.6.6.4.

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#### The Father Shares His Fullness

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My Father,
      I too am a parent.
But we human parents are weak and limited in so many ways.
Though we love our children,
      there is much we simply do not have and
      thus cannot give them.
Yet we gladly pass on to them whatever we can.
But more importantly, day by day,
      without even thinking about it,
      we share with them all that we are.
Father, You are the perfect parent,
      infinitely greater than all that
      the best human parent can even aspire to be.
All that exists is Yours.
      so there is no limit to what You can give Your children.
You are complete and perfect in Yourself,
      so there is no limit to the
      gifts and graces You can impart to them.
And You are perfect in love.
      No selfishness ever taints or limits Your giving.
You joyfully, unreservedly share with Your children
      all that You have and
      all that You are.
Almighty God, You share Yourself with us!
You fully incarnated
      Your pure and perfect Son
      in our human flesh
so that through Him,
      we might share in You.
You breathe into us
      Your own Spirit,
      Your own
             holy,
             boundless.
             eternal life
that we might be filled forever with
      all the fullness of God Himself.
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Praise to You, magnificent Father,

infinite in greatness, infinite in goodness, infinite in love!

Hymn recording: Fullness of God

### **Fullness of God**

TUNE: O Perfect Love John 3:34; Ephesians 1:13-14; 3:14-19; Colossians 2:9-10



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#### **Our Destiny**

In Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete. (Colossians 2:9-10, NASB)

In Christ,

God's revelation of Himself is complete.

In Christ,

our cleansing from all our wrongness is complete.

In Christ,

our reconciliation with God is complete.

God has joyfully removed every barrier between

Him and

us.

In Christ,

He has fully equipped us to live

holy, godly lives.

In Christ,

He has fully provided for our eternal future.

All that our

all-wise,

all-powerful,

all-loving Father

ever wanted for us

is complete in Jesus Christ.

Hymn recording: Complete in Jesus Christ

## Complete in Jesus Christ

TUNE: Come, Christians, Join to Sing (MADRID, alt.) Colossians 1, 2, & 3



MUSIC: Traditional Spanish Melody; arr. by Ken Bible

MADRID 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.7.

#### **Now, Christ Alone**

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Father, how should I respond to
      all that You have done for me
      in Jesus Christ?
He is all
      my health,
      my wealth,
      my security,
      my rightness,
      my unfailing hope, and
      my ever-flowing joy.
So I turn away from
      all lesser desires and
      every other goal that would distract me.
Hove HIM.
I trust HIM.
I rejoice in HIM.
I press ahead toward all that You have
      promised and
      provided
             in HIM.
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Hymn recording: Rich in Christ

### Rich in Christ

Colossians 2:1-3; 1 Timothy 6:6-11; 2 Timothy 2:22



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#### **All in Christ**

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Father, since You offer every person
       the fullness of Jesus Christ.
my prayer and
       my desire
       is simply this:
that everyone I know be complete in Him,
       trusting Him,
       loving Him,
      joined deeply, completely, forever with Him.
My spouse
       in Christ;
each of my children
       in Christ;
each dear member of my family,
in all their variety and individuality,
       in Christ;
each of my neighbors
       in Christ;
my co-workers
       in Christ;
every member of my church,
of every age, personality, and background
       in Christ;
And far beyond them, Lord,
every family,
every nation,
every human being
       in Christ.
Holy in Christ,
loving in Christ,
joyful,
at peace, and
free
       in Christ.
I begin to imagine it, Father.
       Each and every person
       completed forever in Jesus Christ,
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for Your everlasting glory.

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I begin to desire it
because You desire it.
You love them and
long for each and every one of them.
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Father, permeate
my heart,
my thoughts,
my prayers,
my daily life
with Your unquenchable, universal love.
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Hymn recording: All in Christ

#### All in Christ

TUNE: O Worship the King (LYONS) 1 Corinthians 9:19-23; 2 Corinthians 11:2-3; Ephesians 3:14-21; Colossians 1:28-29; 2 Peter 3:9



MUSIC: Attr. to Johann Michael Haydn Alt. Tune: HANOVER

WORDS: Ken Bible

LYONS 10.10.11.11.

#### The Enthronement

God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets. Sing praise to God, sing praises... For God is the king of all the earth...

The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever. (Psalm 47:5-7; Revelation 11:15; NIV)

My heart longs for You,
God our Father,
Jesus Christ our Savior.
I long for the constant breath of Your Spirit,
for complete oneness
with You and
in You.
I taste that oneness here, and

it makes me hunger for You all the more.

I long for Jesus to be enthroned over
every thought,
every desire,
every relationship,
every life,
over all reality
every moment
forever.
Your Kingdom come!

**Hymn recording:** Enthronement Hymn

# **Enthronement Hymn**

TUNE: Rule, Britannia! (adapted)
Psalm 24; 47:5-9; Romans 12:1; Hebrews 2:11; Revelation 11:15



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