

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
Claimed and Tested - Jesus' Baptism and Temptation
March 17, 2024 – 10:30 am

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AS WE GATHER

Our Bible Reading of the Day is Luke 3:15–22; 4:1–13. At Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan by John the Baptist, the heavens open, the Spirit descends, and the Father speaks, "You are My beloved Son." This pivotal moment marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry, and it creates an incredible connection to Jesus' life (and death and resurrection) and our own. Jesus goes from the waters of Baptism to the wilderness, where He faces a series of temptations from the devil. Jesus resists each as He speaks the truth of God's Word against the lies of Satan, remaining the perfect Son of God in our place.

OPENING PRAISE SONG: "Joy of the Lord" Ed Cash, Rend Collective

Verse 1

Though the tears may fall my song will rise
My song will rise to You
Though my heart may fail my song will rise
My song will rise to You
While there's breath in my lungs I will praise You Lord

Verse 2

In the dead of night I'll lift my eyes
I'll lift my eyes to You
When the waters rise I'll lift my eyes
I'll lift my eyes to You
While there's hope in this heart I will praise You Lord

Chorus

The joy of the Lord is my strength
The joy of the Lord is my strength
In the darkness I'll dance
In the shadows I'll sing
The joy of the Lord is my strength

Verse 3

When I cannot see You with my eyes
Let faith arise to You
When I cannot feel Your hand in mine
Let faith arise to You
God of mercy and love I will praise You Lord

Verse 4

Oh You shine with glory Lord of light
I feel alive with You
In Your presence now I come alive
I am alive with You
There is strength when I say I will praise You Lord

Chorus

The joy of the Lord is my strength
The joy of the Lord is my strength
In the darkness I'll dance
In the shadows I'll sing The joy of the Lord is my strength
(Repeat Chorus)

Bridge

When sorrow comes my way
You are the shield around me
Always You remain Like courage in the fight
I hear You call my name Jesus I am coming
Walking on the waves reaching for Your light

Chorus

The joy of the Lord is my strength
The joy of the Lord is my strength
In the darkness I'll dance
In the shadows I'll sing The joy of the Lord is my strength
(Repeat Chorus)

WELCOME | ATTENDANCE | PRAYER CARDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREET ONE ANOTHER

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Pastor: As Jesus was driven in to the wilderness in the power of the Holy Spirit, so we pray that we too might be led to contemplate your will in the same Spirit. For the work of the Spirit in creation which we enjoy, we praise you; for the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ by which we are saved, we worship you; for your raising him from death to give us hope of eternal life, we give you the glory; for the fellowship of believers in the church universal, we thank you; and for the same guidance of the Spirit today as Christ received in the wilderness, we look to you in adoration and confidence as we make our confession. Let us confess our sins known and unknown.

Pastor: Gracious heavenly Father,

People: we confess that our faith wavers at times. We allow things of this world to produce uncertainty and fear within us. Although we believe in Your victory at the end of time, we fail to trust You to protect us and relieve our anxieties each day. Forgive us, strengthen our faith in Your almighty power and unconditional love, and turn us again toward Your will. Grant us to serve You in peace and joy. Amen.

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

BAPTISM: Gwendolyn Marilyn Scott

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAISE SONG: “Your Love Defends Me” Matt Maher

Verse 1

You are my joy, You are my song
You are the well, the One I'm drawing from
You are my refuge, my whole life long
Where else would I go?

Chorus

Surely my God is the strength of my soul
Your love defends me, Your love defends me
And when I feel like I'm all alone
Your love defends me, Your love defends me

Verse 2

Day after day, night after night
I will remember, You're with me in this fight
Although the battle, it rages on
The war already won
I know the war is already won

Chorus

Surely my God is the strength of my soul
Your love defends me, Your love defends me

And when I feel like I'm all alone
Your love defends me, Your love defends me

Bridge

We sing Hallelujah You're my portion
My salvation Hallelujah

Chorus

Surely my God is the strength of my soul
Your love defends me, Your love defends me
And when I feel like I'm all alone
Your love defends me, Your love defends me

Chorus

Surely my God is the strength of my soul
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Reading of the Day: Luke 3:15–22; 4:1–13

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. John answered them all, “I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.” And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them.

But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his

brother's wife, and all the other evil things he had done, Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison.

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.”

Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone.’”

The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, “I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. If you worship me, it will all be yours.”

Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’”

The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down from here. For it is written:

“‘He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you carefully;
they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus answered, “It is said: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

Here ends the Reading.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE

OFFERING | TREASURE BOX

OFFERING SONG: “Battle Belongs” Brian Johnson | Phil Wickham

Verse 1

When all I see is the battle You see my victory
When all I see is a mountain You see a mountain moved
And as I walk through the shadow Your love surrounds me
There's nothing to fear now For I am safe with You

Chorus

So, when I fight I'll fight on my knees With my hands lifted high
O God, the battle belongs to You And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night O God, the battle belongs to You

Verse 2

And if You are for me Who can be against me?
For Jesus there's nothing Impossible for You
When all I see are the ashes You see the beauty
When all I see is a cross God You see the empty tomb

Chorus

So, when I fight I'll fight on my knees With my hands lifted high
O God, the battle belongs to You And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night O God, the battle belongs to You

Bridge

Almighty Fortress You go before us
Nothing can stand against The power of our God
You shine in the shadows You win every battle
Nothing can stand against The power of our God

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(An) Almighty Fortress You go before us
Nothing can stand against The power of our God

You shine in the shadows You win every battle
Nothing can stand against The power of our God

Chorus

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: “The Same Power” Jeremy Camp, Jason Ingram

Verse 1

I can see Waters raging at my feet
I can feel The breath of those surrounding me
I can hear The sound of nations rising up
We will not be overtaken We will not be overcome

Verse 2

I can walk Down this dark and painful road
I can face Every fear of the unknown
I can hear All God’s children singing out
We will not be overtaken We will not be overcome

Chorus

The same power that rose Jesus from the grave
The same power that commands the dead to wake
Lives in us, lives in us
The same power that moves mountains when He speaks
The same power that can calm a raging sea
Lives in us, lives in us He lives in us, lives in us

Verse 3

We have hope That His promises are true
In His strength There is nothing we can't do
Yes, we know There are greater things in store
We will not be overtaken We will not be overcome

Chorus

The same power that rose Jesus from the grave
The same power that commands the dead to wake
Lives in us, lives in us
The same power that moves mountains when He speaks
The same power that can calm a raging sea
Lives in us, lives in us He lives in us, lives in us

Bridge

Greater is He that is living in me He's conquered our enemy
No power of darkness No weapon prevails We stand here in victory In victory

Chorus

The same power that rose Jesus from the grave
The same power that commands the dead to wake
Lives in us, lives in us
The same power that moves mountains when He speaks
The same power that can calm a raging sea
Lives in us, lives in us He lives in us, lives in us

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All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!