



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER, APRIL 28, 2024 - 11AM HOSANNA SERVICE  
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, MEMPHIS



**As We Gather**

**L** When Jesus uses the image of the vine and speaks of vineyards, He is choosing something very familiar to His hearers. Today, the cultivation of vineyards is still an important agricultural component in both Israel and the Jordan, lands where Jesus walked and taught. Life in the vineyard is vital! As branches grafted to the Vine that is Christ, we are vitalized by His power. As we worship, God's life-supporting power infuses us! It is time to continue growing!

**“CONFIDENCE”**

**(SOLO)**

**I'm not a warrior  
I'm too afraid to lose  
I feel unqualified for what You're calling me to  
But Lord with Your strength  
I've got no excuse  
'Cause broken people are  
Exactly who You use**

**(ALL)**

**GIVE ME FAITH LIKE DANIEL IN THE LION'S DEN  
GIVE ME HOPE LIKE MOSES IN THE WILDERNESS  
GIVE ME A HEART LIKE DAVID, LORD, BE MY DEFENSE  
SO I CAN FACE MY GIANTS WITH CONFIDENCE**

**You took a shepherd boy  
And made him a King  
So I'm gonna trust You and give You everything  
I'll be a conqueror  
'Cause You fight for me  
I'll be a champion claiming Your victory**

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## Bridge

I'm gonna sing and shout and shake the walls  
I won't stop until I see 'em fall  
Gonna stand up step out when You call  
Jesus (Jesus)

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## ... I'LL FACE MY GIANTS WITH CONFIDENCE

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## THE INVOCATION

- L** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

## THE OPENING SENTENCES

**Psalm 66:1–4, 8–9; 40:5**

- L** Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
- C** **sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!**
- L** Say to God, “How awesome are Your deeds!
- C** **All the earth worships You and sings praises to You; they sing praises to Your name.”**
- P** Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard,
- C** **who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip.**
- L** You have multiplied, O Lord my God, Your wondrous deeds and Your thoughts toward us; none can compare with You!
- C** **I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.**

- L** Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

***Silence for reflection and self-examination***

**THE CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

- L** Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

**C** **O Almighty God, most merciful Father, I, a repentant sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended You. By nature, I am a sinful creature. In thought, word, and deed, I have continually transgressed Your law. For this I justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life and bear fruit in keeping with true repentance. Lord, be gracious to us and strengthen our faith. Amen.**

- L** Almighty God has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C** **Amen.**

**“LORD, I NEED YOU”**

**Lord I come, I confess**

**Bowing here I find my rest**

**And without You, I fall apart**

**You're the one that guides my heart**

**LORD, I NEED YOU, OH, I NEED YOU**

**EV'RY HOUR I NEED YOU**

**MY ONE DEFENSE, MY RIGHTEOUSNESS**

**OH GOD, HOW I NEED YOU**

**Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more**

**Where grace is found, is where You are**

**And where You are, Lord, I am free**

**Holiness is Christ in me**

**LORD, I NEED YOU, OH, I NEED YOU**

**EV'RY HOUR I NEED YOU**

**MY ONE DEFENSE, MY RIGHTEOUSNESS**

**OH GOD, HOW I NEED YOU**

## **BRIDGE:**

**SO TEACH MY SONG TO RISE TO YOU  
WHEN TEMPTATION COMES MY WAY  
AND WHEN I CANNOT STAND I'LL FALL ON YOU  
JESUS YOU'RE MY HOPE AND STAY**

**LORD, I NEED YOU, OH, I NEED YOU  
EV'RY HOUR I NEED YOU  
MY ONE DEFENSE, MY RIGHTEOUSNESS  
OH GOD, HOW I NEED YOU**

**...YOU'RE MY ONE DEFENSE, MY RIGHTEOUSNESS  
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## **THE SALUTATION**

- L** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**

## **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- L** Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## **THE FIRST READING**

**Acts 8:26–40**

<sup>26</sup>An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. <sup>27</sup>And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup>and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” <sup>31</sup>And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup>Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. <sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” <sup>34</sup>And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” <sup>35</sup>Then Philip opened his mouth, and

beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup>And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup>And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup>But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### THE EPISTLE LESSON

**1 John 4:1–11**

<sup>1</sup>Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup>and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. <sup>4</sup>Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup>They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup>We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. <sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup>In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### THE HOLY GOSPEL

**John 15:1–8**

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in

me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.”

**L** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**“BELOVED”**

**1 John 4:7-8**

**Beloved, let us love one another  
For love is of God  
And ev'ryone that loveth is born of God  
and knoweth God  
He that loveth not (XXX)  
Knoweth now God for God is love  
Beloved, let us love one another  
First John 4: 7 and 8 (XX)**

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## THE SERMON - Vicar Pete Duncanson

### THE 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.

## THE OFFERING

### **"WE FALL DOWN"**

We fall down,  
We lay our crowns  
At the feet of Jesus.  
The greatness of  
His mercy and love,  
At the feet of Jesus.

**WE CRY, "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY."  
WE CRY, "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY."  
WE CRY, "HOLY, HOLY,  
HOLY IS THE LAMB."**

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## THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- L** Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us. God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [name(s)] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

## 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.**



## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE BENEDICTION

**L** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

**“MY JESUS”**

**(SOLO)**

**ARE YOU PAST THE POINT OF WEARY  
IS YOUR BURDEN WEIGHING HEAVY  
IS IT ALL TOO MUCH TO CARRY  
LET ME TELL YOU 'BOUT MY JESUS  
DO YOU FEEL THAT EMPTY FEELING  
'CAUSE SHAME'S DONE ALL ITS STEALING  
AND YOU'RE DESPERATE FOR SOME HEALING  
LET ME TELL YOU 'BOUT MY JESUS**

**(ALL)**

**HE MAKES A WAY WHERE THERE AIN'T NO WAY  
RISES UP FROM AN EMPTY GRAVE  
AIN'T NO SINNER THAT HE CAN'T SAVE  
LET ME TELL YOU 'BOUT MY JESUS  
HIS LOVE IS STRONG AND HIS GRACE IS FREE  
AND THE GOOD NEWS IS I KNOW THAT HE  
CAN DO FOR YOU WHAT HE'S DONE FOR ME  
LET ME TELL YOU 'BOUT MY JESUS  
AND LET MY JESUS CHANGE YOUR LIFE**

**HALLELUJAH! HALLELUJAH! HALLELUJAH!  
AMEN, AMEN!**

**(SOLO)**

**WHO CAN WIPE AWAY THE TEARS  
FROM BROKEN DREAMS AND WASTED YEARS  
AND TELL THE PAST TO DISAPPEAR  
OH AND LET ME TELL YOU 'BOUT MY JESUS**

**(ALL)**

**AND ALL THE WRONG TURNS THAT YOU WOULD  
GO AND UNDO IF YOU COULD  
WHO CAN WORK IT ALL FOR YOUR GOOD  
LET ME TELL YOU ABOUT MY JESUS**

**HE MAKES A WAY WHERE THERE AIN'T NO WAY  
RISES UP FROM AN EMPTY GRAVE**

**AIN'T NO SINNER THAT HE CAN'T SAVE  
LET ME TELL YOU 'BOUT MY JESUS  
HIS LOVE IS STRONG AND HIS GRACE IS FREE  
AND THE GOOD NEWS IS I KNOW THAT HE  
CAN DO FOR YOU WHAT HE'S DONE FOR ME  
LET ME TELL YOU 'BOUT MY JESUS  
AND LET MY JESUS CHANGE YOUR LIFE**

**HALLELUJAH! HALLELUJAH! HALLELUJAH!  
AMEN, AMEN, AMEN!**

**(SOLO)**

**WHO WOULD TAKE MY CROSS TO CALVARY  
PAY THE PRICE FOR ALL MY GUILTY  
WHO WOULD CARE THAT MUCH ABOUT ME  
LET ME TELL YOU 'BOUT MY JESUS OH**

**(ALL)**

**HE MAKES A WAY WHERE THERE AIN'T NO WAY  
RISES UP FROM AN EMPTY GRAVE  
AIN'T NO SINNER THAT HE CAN'T SAVE  
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AND LET MY JESUS CHANGE YOUR LIFE**

**HALLELUJAH! HALLELUJAH! HALLELUJAH!  
AMEN, AMEN!  
HALLELUJAH! HALLELUJAH! HALLELUJAH!  
AMEN, AMEN!**

**(SOLO)**

**Let my Jesus change your life!**

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