



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

“GOOD, GOOD FATHER”

(SOLO)

I've heard a thousand stories Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased And that I'm never alone

YOU'RE A GOOD GOOD FATHER

IT'S WHO YOU ARE IT'S WHO YOU ARE IT'S WHO YOU ARE

AND I'M LOVED BY YOU

IT'S WHO I AM IT'S WHO I AM IT'S WHO I AM

I've seen many searching For answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching For answers only You provide
'Cause You know just what we need Before we say a word

YOU'RE A GOOD GOOD FATHER

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AND I'M LOVED BY YOU

IT'S WHO I AM IT'S WHO I AM IT'S WHO I AM

YOU'RE A GOOD GOOD FATHER

IT'S WHO YOU ARE IT'S WHO YOU ARE IT'S WHO YOU ARE

AND I'M LOVED BY YOU

IT'S WHO I AM

IT'S WHO I AM IT'S WHO I AM

*You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us*

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still As You call me deeper still As You call me deeper still
Into love, love, love

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“WHO YOU SAY I AM”

Romans 8:31-39

(SOLO)

Who am I that the highest King Would welcome me I was lost, but He brought me in
Oh, His love for me Oh, His love for me

(ALL)

**WHO THE SON SETS FREE OH, IS FREE INDEED
I'M A CHILD OF GOD YES, I AM**

**Free at last He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me Yes, He died for me**

**WHO THE SON SETS FREE OH, IS FREE INDEED
I'M A CHILD OF GOD YES, I AM**

**IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE THERE'S A PLACE FOR ME
I'M A CHILD OF GOD YES, I AM**

(SOLO)

I am chosen, not forsaken I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me I am who You say I am

(ALL)

**I am chosen, not forsaken I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me I am who You say I am
I am who You say I am**

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I'M A CHILD OF GOD YES, I AM**

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Instrumental break

Bridge

**I am chosen, not forsaken I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me I am who You say I am**

**I am chosen, not forsaken I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me I am who You say I am**

**I am chosen, not forsaken I am who You say I am
You are for me, not against me I am who You say I am**

I am who You say I am Yes, I am who You say I am

**WHO THE SON SETS FREE OH, IS FREE INDEED
I'M A CHILD OF GOD YES, I AM**

**IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE THERE'S A PLACE FOR ME
I'M A CHILD OF GOD YES, I AM**

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INVOCATION and OPENING PRAYER

CONFESSION

A time for reflection on our sin and on God's mercy

ALL: Lord, we confess that we have been too casual in our relationship to You. We have taken for granted Your grace and mercy, poured out on us in Holy Baptism. We have not appreciated the gravity of our sins, the sacrifice of Your life for us, and the utter grace which You offer in Your full and free forgiveness. We have not recognized our heavenly Father's pruning as the loving action it truly is. By Your Holy Spirit, increase in us true devotion to Your will and a desire to bear fruit worthy of Your holy name. Forgive us, restore us, and set our feet on the path You have intended for us to walk. In the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE EPISTLE LESSON 1 John 4:1–11 [An exhortation to lives of Christian love]

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. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ 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. ⁴ 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. ⁵ They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ 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. ⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

HOLY GOSPEL John 15:1–8

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

OFFERING and CONNECTION CARDS

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“BY YOUR SIDE”

**Why are you striving these days?
Why are you trying to earn grace?
Why are you crying?
Let me lift up your face.
Just don't turn away.**

**Why are you looking for love?
Why are you still searching
as if I'm not enough?
To where will you go child?
Tell me where will you run?
To where will you run?**

**‘CAUSE I’LL BE BY YOUR SIDE
WHEREVER YOU FALL,
IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT
WHENEVER YOU CALL.
PLEASE DON’T FIGHT
THESE HANDS
THAT ARE HOLDING YOU.
MY HANDS ARE HOLDING YOU.**

**Look at these hands, and My side;
They swallowed the grave
on that night.
When I drank the world's sin
so I could carry you in
And give you life,
I wanna give you life.**

**AND I’LL BE BY YOUR SIDE
WHEREVER YOU FALL,
IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT
WHENEVER YOU CALL.
PLEASE DON’T FIGHT
THESE HANDS
THAT ARE HOLDING YOU.
MY HANDS ARE HOLDING...**

**HERE IN MY SIDE
WHEREVER YOU FALL,
IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT
WHENEVER YOU CALL.
PLEASE DON’T FIGHT
THESE HANDS
THAT ARE HOLDING YOU.
MY HANDS ARE HOLDING YOU.**

**‘CAUSE I, I LOVE YOU,
I WANT YOU TO KNOW.
THAT I, I LOVE YOU,
I’LL NEVER LET YOU GO.**

**AND I'LL BE BY YOUR SIDE
WHEREVER YOU FALL,
IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT
WHENEVER YOU CALL.
PLEASE DON'T FIGHT
THESE HANDS
THAT ARE HOLDING YOU.
MY HANDS ARE HOLDING...**

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WHENEVER YOU CALL.
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THAT ARE HOLDING YOU.
MY HANDS ARE HOLDING YOU.
...HERE IN MY SIDE,
MY HANDS ARE HOLDING YOU.**

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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.

BLESSING

"JOY OF THE LORD"

**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**

**In the dead of night I'll lift my eyes
I'll lift my eyes to You
Though 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**

**ALL: 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**

**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

**How 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**

**THE JOY OF THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH
THE JOY OF THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH
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IN THE SHADOWS I'LL SING
THE JOY OF THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH**

**THE JOY OF THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH
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IN THE SHADOWS I'LL SING
THE JOY OF THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH**

*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*

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