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Luke 4:1-13

- I. The Setting (4:1-2) – *Spiritual highs (i.e. Christ's baptism) are often followed by times of spiritual testing (i.e. Christ's temptation in the desert.)*
- II. The Testing (4:3-12)
  - A. **First Test: Attack Identity** — An assault against the “I AM” God. (4:3-4)
  - B. **Second Test: Attack Obedience:** An Assault against who is worthy of worship. (4:5-8)
  - C. **Third Test: Attack Faith:** – An Assault against our confidence (faith) in God's promise to complete what He has started in us. (see also Phil. 1:6) (4:9-12)
- III. The Result: The devil left ... waiting for an opportune time. (4:13)
- III. The Application
  - A. Satan also attacks our identity:  
Our priorities get skewed when we become physically weak.  
**The Remedy: We're the People of God:** Never forget who your are 'in Christ.'
  - B. Satan also attacks our willingness to obey. (worship)  
**The Remedy: Lift High the Cross:** God should have no competition ... He has already given to us more than what we could possibly ask or think.
  - C. Satan also attacks our Faith:  
**The Remedy: In Christ Alone:** Christ – through His death ('throw yourself down') and His resurrection ('they will lift your up') has proven His identity .... He is the Son of God.

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\*Hymn *People of God*

With our lips, Let us sing one confession  
With our hearts, Hold to one truth alone  
For He has erased our transgression  
Claimed us and called us His own – His very own

*Refrain*

We're the people of God – Called by His name  
Called from the dark – And delivered from shame  
One holy race saints ev'ryone  
Because of the blood – Of Christ Jesus the Son

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The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin  
Mary. He 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 is  
seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

The Anthem  
\*The Doxology

Sermon

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\*Hymn *Lift High the Cross*

Refrain:

Lift high the cross - The love of Christ proclaim,  
Till all the world - Adore His sacred name.

Come, Christian follow where our Savior trod  
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God  
*Lift high the cross - The love of Christ proclaim,  
Till all the world - Adore His sacred name.*

Led on their way - By this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God - In conquering ranks combine.  
*Lift high the cross - The love of Christ proclaim,  
Till all the world - Adore His sacred name.*

O Lord, once lifted - On the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised - Draw the world to Thee.  
*Lift high the cross - The love of Christ proclaim,  
Till all the world - Adore His sacred name.*

Set up Thy throne, that earth's despair may cease  
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace.  
*Lift high the cross - The love of Christ proclaim,  
Till all the world - Adore His sacred name.*

For Thy blest Cross which doth for all atone  
Creation's praises rise before Thy throne  
*Lift high the cross - The love of Christ proclaim,  
Till all the world - Adore His sacred name.*

Offering of Thanks and Praise  
Offertory  
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Pastoral Prayer  
\*Hymn

*In Christ Alone*

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

CHOIR - Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh  
Fulness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave He rose again

And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

*On Christ the Solid Rock I stand,  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand,*

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All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death  
This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
***No power of hell no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand***  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Sacrament of Holy Communion

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction No. 426      *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 debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for e----ver.      Amen.

\*Postlude