



KIMBALL MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
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January 14, 2024

Second Sunday after Epiphany

8:30 am

P: Pastor

A: Assisting Minister

C: Congregation

GATHERING MUSIC

God is Here

Darlene Zschech

CCLI Song Select

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Paul Baloche

BOB 180

WELCOME

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LET'S TALK

Children's Time

READING

1 Samuel 3:1-10

At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the LORD comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.

L A reading from the third chapter of 1st Samuel.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

L Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

L Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the first chapter.

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

In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

P The Gospel of the Lord

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

SERMON

Deacon Liz Fisher

SONG OF RESPONSE

Come and See

W&P 29

1 Come and see the glo - ry of the Lord. Come, be - hold the
2 Come and give thanks un - to the Lord. Come, be - hold the

Lamb. Come and see the mer - cy of the King,
Lamb. Come and sing the prais - es of the King,

1 2

bow-ing down be - fore him. him. For he is
bow-ing down be - fore

Lord a-bove the heav - ens, Lord in all the earth, Lord of all the an - gels,

wor-thy to be served. Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, Lord.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✚ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C Amen.

P Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,

C you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

A With the people of God in Christ now and in every time, let us confess our faith.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary, He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

A As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

*Each prayer petition will conclude: "God of grace,"
The congregation's response is: "receive our prayer."*

P Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

A Following his resurrection, the Lord Jesus breathed peace upon his disciples. We share in this peace of Christ in the Church today. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you. We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed. Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

We have two options for Communion during this time. You are free to come forward to receive the bread and pre-filled cups of wine from our clergy and lay assistants, returning to your seats after you've deposited the empty cup and following the guidance of our ushers; or you may continue to use the pre-packaged communion elements which are available from the ushers at the entrance to the Sanctuary. However you choose to receive Communion this morning, know that we are glad you're here for this Sacrament!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit let us pray, as Jesus taught.

C 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.

INVITATION

P Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live.

You may receive the Elements as the words are said:

The Body of Christ given for You; The Blood of Christ shed for You.



VERSE

1. "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 2. "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 3. "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

4

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them.
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them.

7

My hand will save. I, who made the
 They turn a - way. I will break their
 My hand will save. Fin - est bread I

10

stars of night, I will make their
 hearts of stone, give them hearts for
 will pro - vide till their hearts be

12

dark - ness bright. Who will bear My light to them?
 love a - lone. I will speak My Word to them.
 sat - is - fied. I will give My life to them.

15

Whom shall I send?"
 Whom shall I send?"
 Whom shall I send?"

CHORUS

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

21

I have heard You call - ing in the

24

night. I will go, Lord,

27

if You lead me. I will

30

hold Your peo - ple in my heart.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His Grace.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The God of glory, + Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

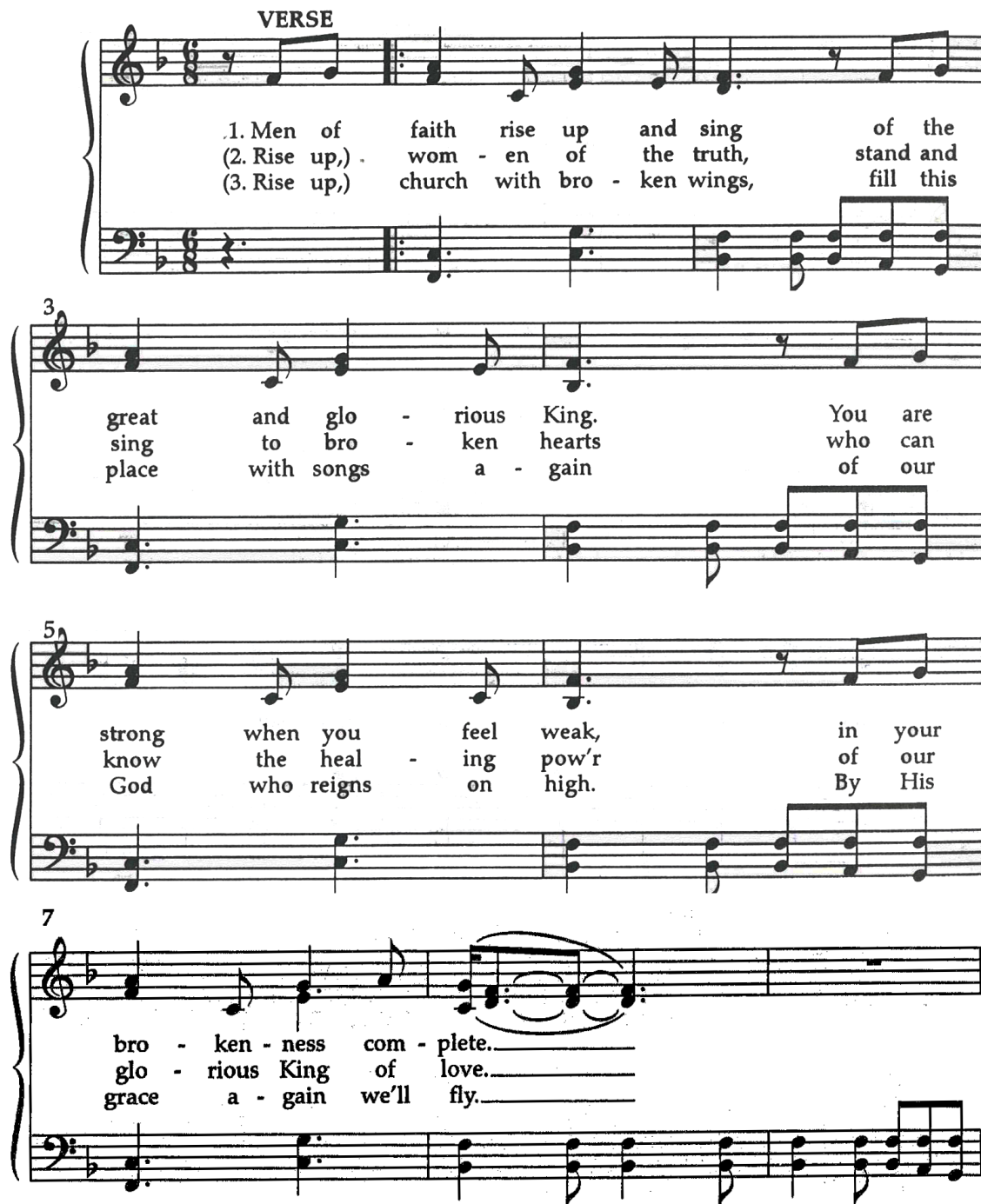
SENDING SONG

Shout to the North

Martin Smith

BOB 197

VERSE



1. Men of faith rise up and sing of the
(2. Rise up,) wom - en of the truth, stand and
(3. Rise up,) church with bro - ken wings, fill this

3
great and glo - rious King. You are
sing to bro - ken hearts who can
place with songs a - gain of our

5
strong when you feel weak, in your
know the heal - ing pow'r of our
God who reigns on high. By His

7
bro - ken - ness com - plete.
glo - rious King of love.
grace a - gain we'll fly.

10 **CHORUS**

Shout to the north and the south; sing to the

13

east and the west Je - sus is Sav - ior to all,

16

Lord of heav-en and earth.

Last time to Coda 1.3. 2.


2. Rise up,
3. Rise up,

20


We've been through fire, — we've been through rain; we've been re-fined by the

23

pow'r of His name. We've fall - en deep - er in love with You.

26 *D.S. al CODA* 

You've burned the truth on our lips.

29  CODA

Lord of heav-en and earth, Lord of heav-en and

32

earth, Lord of heav-en and earth.

THE DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

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“Then I heard the voice of the
Lord saying,

‘Whom shall I send?

And who *will go* for us?’

And I said,

‘Here am I. Send me!’”

Isaiah 6:8-9