

# Sermon at Nazareth Second Sunday of Epiphany

January 17, 2020

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## GATHERING

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### PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Rob)*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM *(Rob)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**C: Amen.**

P: People of God, in the baptismal waters we travel with Christ from death to life. Our past, our sin, our failure, our doubt, and our shame are drowned and gone here.

**C: You, O God, wash us clean.**

P: Our fear, our confusion, our self-righteousness, our despair -- ALL are washed away by grace.

**C: You, O God, wash us clean.**

P: Our pride, our hypocrisy, and other people's opinions of us no longer have the power to define us.

**C: You, O God, give us new life.**

P: The Spirit lives and moves through us now, a great and joyful mystery, so we may bring love and mercy into the world as the body of Christ.

**C: You, O God, give us new life.**

P: Rejoice that God has claimed us in this baptismal grace, not by our own doing or believing but by God's mercy alone.

**C: You, O God, give us new life.**

P: And so, as we begin worship, we give thanks to God for the gracious gift of baptism that joins us together in Christ by the Spirit's power. Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. We praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### GATHERING SONG

"Let It Rise"

*Holland Davis/John Carlson*

#### Verse 1

Let the glory of the Lord  
Rise among us  
Let the glory of the Lord  
Rise among us

Let the praises of the King  
Rise among us  
Let it rise  
Let it rise

#### Verse 2

Let the songs of the Lord  
Rise among us  
Let the songs of the Lord  
Rise among us

Let the joy of the King  
Rise among us

Let it rise  
Let it rise

#### Chorus 1

Woah.... let it rise  
Woah.... let it rise

#### Repeat Verse 1

#### Repeat Chorus 1

#### Bridge

Let it rise, let it rise  
Woah....yeah.  
Woah....yeah!

#### Repeat Verse 1

#### Repeat Chorus 1 (two times)

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Assistant*)

L: God of the nations, show us how to love all the people of the earth, of all colors and kinds: those with technology and without; those who make due with very little and who use many resources; those with formal education and without; those who call upon your name and who do not; so that all your children may be glorified in the name of the One who brought glory and liberty, Jesus Christ our salvation.

C: **Amen.**

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WORD

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FIRST READING (*Greg Hornicke*)

Psalm 146

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:14-30

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke

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

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum."' And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up for three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.' When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Vicar Stephanie Luedtke

**Verse 1**

Arise, your light has come!  
The Spirit’s call obey;  
Show forth the glory of your God  
Which shines on you today.

**Verse 2**

Arise, your light has come!  
Fling wide the prison door;  
Proclaim the captive’s liberty,  
Good tidings to the poor.

**Verse 3**

Arise, your light has come!  
All you in sorrow born,  
Bind up the broken-hearted ones  
And comfort those who mourn.

**Verse 4**

Arise, your light has come!  
The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing,  
God’s pow’r will make us strong.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED (*Assistant*)

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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 PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*Assistant*)

L: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

L: Christ our light,

**C: we pray to you.**

L: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*Assistant*)

**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.**

## SENDING

SHARING OF THE PEACE (*Rob*)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you!**

*Please share of wave of peace with one another.*

BENEDICTION (*Rob*)

L: God most high, God with us, God poured out on us. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Verse 1**

Let streams of living justice flow  
 Down upon the earth;  
 Give freedom's light to captives,  
 Let all the poor have worth.  
 The hungry's hands are pleading,  
 The workers claim their rights,  
 The mourners long for laughter,  
 The blinded seek for sight.  
 Make liberty a beacon,  
 Strike down the iron pow'r;  
 Abolish ancient vengeance:  
 Proclaim your people's hour.

**Verse 2**

For healing of the nations,  
 For peace that will not end,  
 For love that makes us lovers,  
 God grant us grace to mend.  
 Weave our varied gifts together;  
 Knit our lives as they are spun;

On your loom of time enroll us  
 Till our thread of life is run.  
 O great weaver of our fabric,  
 Bind church and world in one;  
 Dye our texture with your radiance,  
 Light our colors with your sun.

**Verse 3**

Your city's built to music;  
 We are the stones you seek;  
 Your harmony is language;  
 We are the words you speak.  
 Our faith we find in service,  
 Our hope in others' dreams,  
 Our love in hand of neighbor;  
 Our homeland brightly gleams.  
 Inscribe our hearts with justice;  
 Your way – the path untried;  
 Your truth – the heart of stranger;  
 Your life – the Crucified.

DISMISSAL (*Assistant*)

L: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE