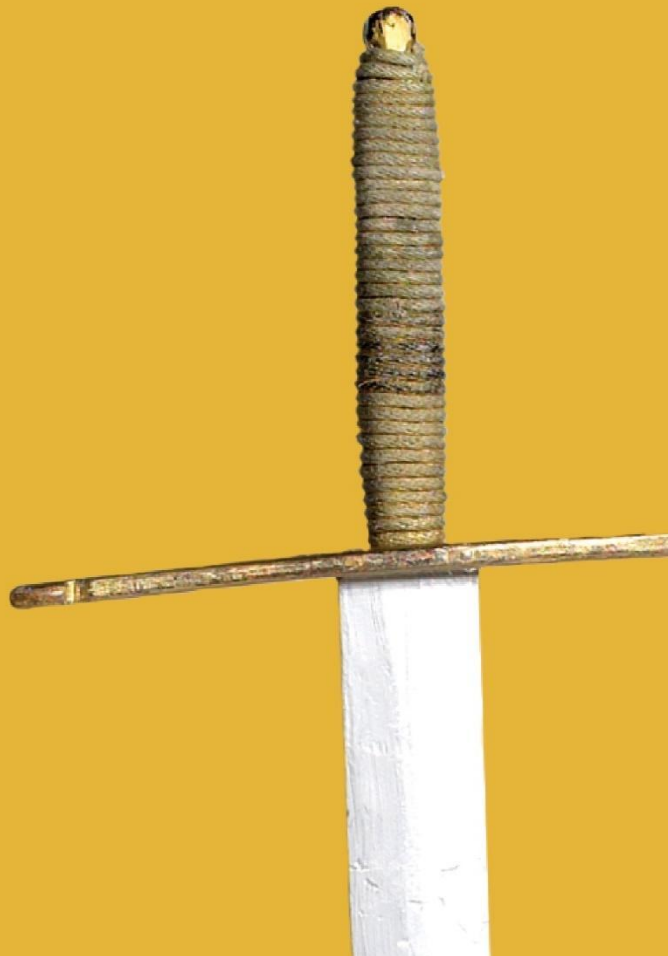


THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

CHAPTER 14 A KINGDOM TORN IN TWO



THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING SONGS

I Am the Resurrection and the Life

Ray Repp

Chorus

I am the resurrection and the life;
He who believes in Me will never die!
I am the resurrection and the life;
He who believes in Me will live a new life!

I have come to bring the truth;
I have come to bring you life;
If you believe, then you will live. Chorus

In My Word all men will come to know
It is love which makes the spirit grow;
If you believe, then you will live! Chorus

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The Lion and the Lamb

Anne Barbour, Bill Batstone

Who is He? Who's the mightiest of all?
Who is He? Creation trembles at His call.
Who is He? The lowly sacrifice who paid a victim's price;
His name is Jesus.

Chorus

Jesus, from the Father's own right hand.
Jesus, Son of God and Son of man.
Jesus, Who died and rose again;
Jesus, He's the Lion and the Lamb.

Who is He with the power none can tame?
Who is He when ev'ry foe would fear His name?
Who is He who was humbly led away to suffer that dark day?
His name is Jesus. Chorus

Who is He with the eyes that burn like fire?
Who is He? Oh the wonder He inspires.
Who is He? He bore the guilt and shame
for the ones who'd gone astray,
His name is Jesus. Chorus

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INVOCATION and OPENING PRAYER

*In the name of the Father and of the **T** Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen.

LORD God, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below—you who keep your covenant of love with those who continue steadfast in your way. You have kept your promise to your servants Abraham, Moses and David; with your mouth you have promised and with your hand you have fulfilled them—as it is today. Guide us by your Holy Spirit and keep us in the true faith that we would follow in the way of the new covenant in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns together with you and the Holy Spirit, the one and only true God.

Amen.

CHAPTER 14: A Kingdom Torn in Two

Introduction: *Solomon's Fatal Error*

Abbie Crist

THE STORY VIDEO

SONG OF THE DAY

Who Am I

Mark Hall

Who am I that the Lord of all the earth;
Would care to know my name;
Would care to feel my hurt
Who am I that the Bright and Morning Star;
Would choose to light the way;

For my ever wand'ring heart.

Pre-Chorus

Not because of who I am
But because of what You've done
Not because of what I've done
But because of who You are

Chorus

I am a flower quickly fading;
Here today and gone tomorrow.
A wave tossed in the ocean;
A vapor in the wind.
Still, You hear me when I'm calling.
Lord, You catch me when I'm falling.
And You've told me who I am;
I am Yours.

Who am I that the eyes that see my sin;
Would look on me with love,
And watch me rise again.
Who am I that the voice that calmed the sea;
Would call out through the rain,
And calm the storm in me. *Chorus*

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** All children are invited to come forward during the song.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Following the CHILDREN'S MESSAGE kids are invited to gather in the ANNEX for THE STORY FOR KIDS.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

1 Kings 12:1-11 (Israel rebels against Rehoboam)

Steve Yearout

Matthew 11:25-30 (The Father revealed in the Son)

Roy Tedsen

THE STORY CONTINUES

The Upper Story (*God's Story*)

"A Divided Heart...A Resolute God"

The Lower Story (*Our Story*)

"A House Divided...Cannot Stand"

THANKFUL GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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Please stand.

OFFERTORY SONG

Be Unto Your Name

Gary Sadler, Lynn DeShazo

We are a moment, You are forever,
Lord of the ages, God before time;
We are a vapor, You are eternal,
Love everlasting, reigning on high.

Chorus

Holy, holy Lord God Almighty,
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain;
Highest praises honor and glory
Be unto Your name,
Be unto Your name.

We are the broken, You are the healer,
Jesus Redeemer, mighty to save;
You are the love song, we'll sing forever,
Bowing before You, blessing Your name. *Chorus*

Be unto Your name.

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REPENTANCE and RENEWAL

Truly, God has given us all that we need for body and soul, yet sometimes our hearts are divided, In those we yield to evil rather than good; we fail to rejoice in His awesome deeds and forget our gracious God. As we come before our almighty God, we recognize our sinfulness and our childish inability to live rightly before Him.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Most merciful God,

we confess that at times our hearts have been divided and we have grown weary of doing good; we have chosen evil instead of good, laziness instead of service, ignorance instead of love. We are without excuse. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive our sins and create in us clean, undivided hearts.

*Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the **T** Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen. We rejoice in God's mercy and steadfast love.

Please be seated.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Mathew 6:9-13

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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 STORY CHALLENGE

Karen Sanders

Please stand.

CLOSING SENTENCES

Praise be to the LORD, who has given rest to his people through His promised Savior, Jesus Christ, whom He raised from the dead.

Thanks be to God. For not one word has failed of all His good promises. Alleluia! Christ is risen.

BLESSING TO DEPART

*May the LORD our God be with us as he was with his people of old;
May he never leave us nor forsake us;
May he turn our hearts to him, that we would walk in obedience to him;
May the LORD be near to us day and night, that he may uphold the cause of
his people according to each day's need, so that all the peoples of the
earth may know that the LORD is God and that there is no other.
May our hearts be fully committed to the LORD our God to live according to
his word, obeying his commandments,
And may the Lord our God look upon us with favor and **T** give us peace.
Amen.*

DEPARTING SONG

He is Risen

Graham Kendrick, Paul Baloche

Early morning break of dawn,
Stumbling to the tomb,
Standing awestruck, wond'ring
Who rolled away the stone.
And as the sun came up,
Amazed, they looked inside,
And saw an angel clothed in light,
"Don't be afraid He is alive!"

Chorus A

He is risen, hallelujah, hallelujah.
Christ is risen,
Let the whole world sing.
Christ is risen, (Christ is risen)
Christ is risen from the dead.

Sing with all creation,

Sing of a world made new.
Endless life we too may live,
Bursting from the tomb.
And looking up we see
Our King enthroned on high;

His wounds of love now glorified;
Rejoice for soon,
He'll burst the skies. *Chorus A*

Chorus B

He is risen, hallelujah, hallelujah.
Christ is risen,
Let the whole world sing. *Repeat*

Ending

Christ is risen, Christ is risen,
Christ is risen from the dead.

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