

**Read:** Numbers 35:1-36:13 *in preparation for gathered worship*

**Sing:** *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

**Pray:** “LORD, O LORD, we have sinned like our fathers. We have committed iniquity, we have behaved wickedly. We, like they, quickly forget Your works and proceeded foolishly without awaiting Your counsel. We have craved what we do not need, indeed things disastrous for us, but we have longed after them while neglecting what You have graciously provided for us.

“Lord, we have sinned like our fathers. We have despised Your blessings, even Christ Himself as we have failed to believe You at Your word and not listened to Your voice.

“Save us, O LORD! That we might give You thanks and praise Your holy name. Blessed be the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. And let all the people say, ‘Amen.’ Praise the Lord!” (Ps 106)

## Go, Tell It on the Mountain

African-American Spiritual

### History

This American classic was popularized by the Fisk Jubilee Singers, a renowned black choir that introduced America and the world to the African-American or Negro Spirituals. On one remarkable tour of England in 1873, they gave performances for Queen Victoria, a D. L. Moody Crusade Meeting and at Spurgeon’s Tabernacle in London. “Go, Tell It” was first published in 1907 in a collection called, *Folk Song of the American Negro*, edited by John Wesley Work, Jr. Work was the conductor of the Fisk Jubilee Singers in the early part of the twentieth century. According to Work’s son, John W. Work, III, he remembered as a child the Fisk University students singing this song as they went from building to building before daybreak on Christmas morning.

### Words

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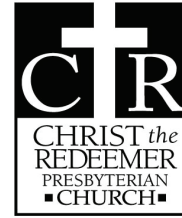
*Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere  
Go, tell it on the mountain,  
That Jesus Christ is born.*

**1.** While shepherds kept their watching  
O’er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light: *Refrain*

**2.** The shepherds feared and trembled,  
When, lo, above the earth  
Rang out the angels chorus  
That hailed the Savior’s birth: *Refrain*

**3.** And lo! When they had seen it  
They all bowed down and prayed;  
They traveled on together  
To where the babe was laid. *Refrain*

**4.** Down in a lonely manger  
The humble Christ was born;  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn: *Refrain*



# UP OUT OF EGYPT

Sermon Notes from 12/14/08

## Numbers 33:1-4; 50-56

Rev. Doug Warren

### The Third Week of Advent—Rest Candle

**Leader:** Why do we light the Advent candle?

**Family:** **Jesus said, “I am the Light of the world. He who follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the Light of Life.”**

**Leader:** What is the meaning of the third lighted candle?

**Family:** **The third candle is the Rest candle which represents God’s promised rest for His people from sin.**

**Leader:** How did God provide His people rest?

**Family:** **God completed the work of redemption through Christ the Son, so that His people have been brought into His finished labor.**

**Leader:** What does God in His Word say about that rest?

**Family:** **“For we who have believed enter that rest . . . For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His.”**

<sup>1</sup>Here are the stages in the journey of the Israelites when they came out of Egypt by divisions under the leadership of Moses and Aaron. <sup>2</sup>At the LORD's command Moses recorded the stages in their journey. This is their journey by stages: <sup>3</sup>The Israelites set out from Rameses on the fifteenth day of the first month, the day after the Passover. They marched out boldly in full view of all the Egyptians, <sup>4</sup>who were burying all their firstborn, whom the LORD had struck down among them; for the LORD had brought judgment on their gods.

<sup>50</sup>On the plains of Moab by the Jordan across from Jericho the LORD said to Moses, <sup>51</sup>"Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'When you cross the Jordan into Canaan, <sup>52</sup>drive out all the inhabitants of the land before you. Destroy all their carved images and their cast idols, and demolish all their high places. <sup>53</sup>Take possession of the land and settle in it, for I have given you the land to possess. <sup>54</sup>Distribute the land by lot, according to your clans. To a larger group give a larger inheritance, and to a smaller group a smaller one. Whatever falls to them by lot will be theirs. Distribute it according to your ancestral tribes. <sup>55</sup>"But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land, those you allow to remain will become barbs in your eyes and thorns in your sides. They will give you trouble in the land where you will live. <sup>56</sup>And then I will do to you what I plan to do to them."

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Sermon Notes

Message

I.

II.

III.

Application

*Please seek the Holy Spirit's guidance as you answer the following:*

How does this passage help us see spiritual reality? Why?

What aspects of Moses' leadership point us to Christ? How?

How does Christ's priesthood define (y)our spiritual reality?

## *Taking Gathered Worship Home*

Will you continue reading and studying *Numbers* with us? Each week we will have a set of passages to read to help us work together in reading through this whole book and digging into what it means and how we are to apply it in our lives individually, as families, and as a congregation. Let's wade into the *Wilderness* together.

**Read:** Numbers 33:1-56; Psalm 106:34-48

**Ask yourself or one another:** What were the main points of the sermon? How do they apply to us as a congregation? How do they apply to me? What am I going to do about it? How does the gospel of Christ empower me (us) to do so? Review Application.

**Sing:** *Go Tell It on the Mountain* (words on back)

**Pray:** "Forgive us Father, for we have sinned and we keep on sinning, again and again. We are weary of our sin and obstinacy, but not enough to stop. We long for the rest You alone promise, the freedom from our sin. Change our hearts, Lord God, make us joyful in obeying You. Pry our hardened fingers from our resistance and grant us peace."

*Check out our new website [www.ctrPortland.org](http://www.ctrPortland.org)*

Sunday, 12/14

Monday, 12/15

**Read:** Numbers 33:50-56; Psalm 106:44-48

**Meditate on the loving-kindness of God**

**Ask yourself or one another:** Does it ever strike you how exceedingly great God's compassion is to His people? How have you seen that in Numbers? Psalms? Elsewhere?

**Pray:** Ask God to reveal the truthfulness of His promises to our hearts and minds. Ask Him to protect us from sin's deceitfulness. Praise Him for His compassion on us. Ask Him to protect us from taking Him for granted.

Tuesday, 12/16

**Read:** Numbers 34:1-12; Genesis 17:1-8

**Ask yourself or one another:** How do you see God's fulfillment of His promises to Abram? Will He ever stop working it out? Ever?

**Sing:** *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

**Pray:** "Holy One of Israel, we praise You for You alone are God. Teach us to believe Your Word as faithful and true."

Wednesday, 12/17

**Read:** Numbers 34:13-29; Genesis 49:1-33

**Ask yourself or one another:** How do you react when receiving a present? Can you imagine the people hearing this list read? Everyone of them was represented in the list. It goes back to the patriarchs and their promised blessings. Are you in the list? Why or why not?

**Pray:** "Lord, help us to see Your glory in the inheritance of Your people. Teach us to praise You and not simply look for Your blessings."

Thursday, 12/18

**Read:** Numbers 35:1-8; Hebrews 7:23-8:13

**Ask yourself or one another:** What role did the cities of the Levites play in the life of the nation? As priests they were to serve the people in "seeing the promises of God" lived out. How?

**Memorize/Meditate on Hebrews 4:14** "Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession."

**Pray:** Praise Christ for what He has accomplished as our Priest.

Friday, 12/19

**Read:** Numbers 35:9-34; Hebrews 9:11-14

**Ask yourself or one another:** How is God both kind and stern? How do we think rightly about Him when He is so different from us?

**Review memorizing Heb. 4:14 and meditate on our eternal redemption.**

**Pray:** Ask God to teach us what it means to have Christ as our eternal High Priest. Praise Him for the gift of eternal redemption and ask Him to make it evident in our lives.