



Sunday, January 17, 2021

EPIPHANY 2

"Speak, for your servant is listening" 1 Samuel 3:10

Morning Prayer for Ordinary Time (Epiphany to Ash Wednesday)

We Are Called Gather 718

Come! live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

*We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God!*

*We are called to act with justice. We are called to love tenderly.
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!

*We are called to be hope for the hopeless,
so all hatred and blindness will be no more!*

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Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!

*God will reign and we'll walk with each other as sisters
and brothers united in love!*

*We are called to act with justice. We are called to love tenderly.
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning, for I put my trust in you;
show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my soul to you.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbour.

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore and strengthen us through our Saviour Jesus Christ, so that we may abide in
your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen
you by the Holy Spirit and raise you to new life in Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise and your glory all day long.

Christ has triumphed over death: O come let us worship.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; **let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**

Let us come before the presence of the Lord with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to God with psalms.

For you, O Lord, are a great God, **and a great sovereign above all gods.**

In your hand are the caverns of the earth, **and the heights of the hills are yours also.**

The sea is yours, for you made it, **and your hands have molded the dry land.**

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, **and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

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O Ho - ly One, search us out and know our hearts.

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.

**You search out my path and my lying down,
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. R

Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.

For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will thank you because I am marvelously made;

your works are wonderful, and I know it well. R

My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.

**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in
your book; they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.**

How deep I find your thoughts, O God!

How great is the sum of them! RR

1 Samuel 3:10, (11-20)

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.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the 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. Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and 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. The 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.' Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The 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. Therefore 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.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' Then the Lord said to Samuel, 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever.'

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, 'Samuel, my son.' He said, 'Here I

am.' Eli said, 'What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.' So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, 'It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him.' As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

Listen for God's Word. **Our hearts are open.**

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead. And Christ shall give you light.

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You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on the earth.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead. And Christ shall give you light.

When Christ our life appears you will appear with him in glory.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead. And Christ shall give you light.

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

'All things are lawful for me', but not all things are beneficial. 'All things are lawful for me', but I will not be dominated by anything. 'Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food', and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, 'The two shall be one flesh.' But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

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Will You Come and Follow Me CP 430

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let me love be shown, will you let my name be known,

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

*Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?*

*Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?*

*Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.*

John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip 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.' Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' And 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.'

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Sermon

Blessed are you, God of Israel, for ever and ever;

for yours is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty.

Everything in heaven and on earth is yours;

you are sovereign, O Lord, and you are exalted as head over all.

Riches and honour come from you **and you rule over all.**

In your hand are power and might; **yours it is to give power and strength to all.**

And now we give you thanks, our God, **and praise your glorious name.**

For all things come from you, **and of your own have we given you.**

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

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 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.

God of Israel, may this day be one of fulfillment and peace. **Holy One, hear and have mercy.**

Teach us to love others as you have loved us. **Holy One, hear and have mercy.**

Fill the world with your peace and justice. **Holy One, hear and have mercy.**

Strengthen and relieve those who are in need. **Holy One, hear and have mercy.**

Renew the Church through the power of your life-giving Spirit. **Holy One, hear and have mercy.**

Additional intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings may be offered in silence or aloud. Among these concerns it is appropriate to remember

- *the Church throughout the world;*
- *all who lead the church, ordained and lay;*
- *the leaders of the nations;*
- *the natural world and the resources of the earth;*
- *all who are in any kind of need.*

Source of light, yours is the morning and yours is the evening.

May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine for ever in our hearts and draw us to that light where you live in radiant glory. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Here I Am Lord VU 509

*I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?
Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have born my peoples pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?
Here I am Lord, Is it I Lord? I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.*

Let us pray: **Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us, **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.
May the risen Christ grant us the joys of eternal life. Amen.**

I Have Called You by Your Name MV 161

*I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and asked you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.*

*I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can claim,
offer Jesus' body given long ago.*

*I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt,
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.*

*I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.*

Readings for next Sunday – January 24, 2021

Epiphany 3

Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:6-14;
1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20.