

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
January 17th, 2021

The flowers today are given by Mr. Bill Simpson

Welcome!

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Prelude

Because we are not yet able to sing as a community, please reflect on the text of all hymns

Opening Hymn

Speak, O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of your holy word.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfil in us
All Your purposes, for Your glory.

Teach us Lord full obedience,
Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, Cause our eyes to see,
Your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail;
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

THE WORD OF GOD

Officiant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

1 Samuel 3:1-10

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."

The Psalm

139:1-5, 12-17

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *and lay your hand upon me.

- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *you knit me together in my mother's womb.
 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
 14 My body was not hidden from you, *while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
 15 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.
 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *how great is the sum of them!
 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *to count them all, my life span would
 need to be like yours.

Hymn

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
 I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in deepest 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 Sea and Sky

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
 I have borne my people's 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?

Refrain

Wonder, Love and Praise #812

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?

Refrain

The Holy Gospel

John 1:43-51

Officiant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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 toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get 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."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Prayers of the People

Form II

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, Susan, for this gathering, and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for Rosemary, Teresa, Jay, Sharon, Ruth, Hunter and his family, Cheryl, Ralph, Jean, Willie, Wayne, Susan, Bill, Harry, Cindy, Jayne, Ashby, Jane, Macon, Paul, Charles and those whom we name in our hearts.

Silence

I ask your thanksgivings for all gathered here this morning and for all we hold close.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

A Prayer for the whole Human Family

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O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Concluding Collect

Gracious God, we give you thanks for your beloved Jesus Christ, in whom you have shared the beauty and pain of human life. Look with compassion upon all for whom we pray and strengthen us to be your instruments of healing in the world, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A Litany For Sound Government

O Lord our Governor, bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. Lord, keep this nation under your care.

To the President and members of the Cabinet, to Governors of States, Mayors of Cities, and to all in administrative authority, grant wisdom and grace in the exercise of their duties. Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To Senators and Representatives, and those who make our laws in States, Cities, and Towns, give courage, wisdom, and foresight to provide for the needs of all our people, and to fulfill our obligations in the community of nations. Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

To the Judges and officers of our Courts give understanding and integrity, that human rights may be safeguarded and justice served. Give grace to your servants, O Lord.

And finally, teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name. For yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Blessing and Dismissal

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Longing for Light

My Heart Sings Out #59

Longing of light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

refrain

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

refrain

Longing for shelter, many are homeless,
longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
wall made of living stone.

refrain

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

refrain

Please greet each other with some extended “Holy Honking”!



Serving Today

Officiant The Rev. Becky Crites
Organist Mr. Kenyon Scott

January Birthdays

Vic Millner 13
GB Thompson 25
Janis Simpson 31

Vestry Members

Class of 2020: Anne Hunt (Sr. Warden), Carol-Ann Lawson, Laura Chappell
Class of 2021: Llewellyn Coles (Jr. Warden), Kenyon Scott
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A fire destroyed the home of Sharon Taylor's nephew Hunter. Hunter, his companion DeeDee, and his two children got out safely. Hold them in prayer. Prayer for others is one of the ways we join with God in bringing about new possibilities. Overcoming this loss will take time. Prayer will strengthen their walk. As the family has lost everything, you are invited to drop contributions off on Sharon's porch. Hunter has two young boys, CJ, Jr (yesterday was his 4th birthday) and Credence (1 1/2). While shopping is difficult right now due to this virus, if you can contribute any clothes or toys, or even gift cards to local restaurants or grocery stores, Sharon will get them to Hunter. They are living temporarily with relatives, so we cannot overwhelm them with "stuff" but we can pray and help in small ways with some clothes or food cards.

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Pay careful attention to "like" the right one! To be sure, you will see a picture of the inside of the church with the Paschal Candle beside the lectern and bible. The small circle shows the outside front of the church with the flowered cross.

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