

**A Service of Morning Prayer  
for January 17, 2021  
Second Sunday after the Epiphany**



Samuel hearing God

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We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

CP 508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say  
Come unto Me and rest  
Lay down thou weary one  
Lay down thy head upon My breast  
I came to Jesus as I was  
Weary and worn and sad  
I found in Him a resting place  
And He has made me glad

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say  
Behold I freely give  
The living water thirsty one  
Stoop down and drink and live  
I came to Jesus and I drank  
Of that life giving stream  
My thirst was quenched my soul revived  
And now I live in Him

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say  
I am this dark worlds Light  
Look unto Me thy morn shall rise  
And all thy day be bright  
I looked to Jesus and I found  
In Him my Star my Sun  
And in that light of life I'll walk  
Till travelling days are done.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
And the love of God,  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
Be with you all.

**And also with you.**

May his grace and peace be with you.  
**May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Almighty God,  
**To you all hearts are open,  
All desires known,  
And from you no secrets are hidden.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
By the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
That we may perfectly love you,  
And worthily magnify your holy name;  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Lord is our refuge and strength: O come, let us worship.

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Response: My soul thirsts for you O God, my God.

139:1 O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

139:2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

139:3 You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

139:4 Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

139:5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

139:6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

139:13 For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

139:14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

139:15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

139:16 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

139:17 How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

139:18 I try to count them -- they are more than the sand; I come to the end -- I am still with you.

A Reading from 1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)

3:1 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.

3:2 At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room;

3:3 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.

3:4 Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!"

3:5 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.

3:6 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."

3:7 Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

3:8 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.

3:9 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.

3:10 Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

3:11 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.

3:12 On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end.

3:13 For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them.

3:14 Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

3:15 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.

3:16 But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am."

3:17 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."

3:18 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."

3:19 As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.

3:20 And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

CP 432 Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult

1. Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea,  
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth, saying "Christian, follow me!"
2. As of old Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,  
Turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for his dear sake.
3. Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,  
From each idol that would keep us, saying "Christian, love me more"
4. In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
Still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these"
5. Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Saviour, may we heart thy call,  
Give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

A Reading from 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

6:12 "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.

6:13 "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.

6:14 And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.

6:15 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!

6:16 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."

6:17 But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.

6:18 Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself.

6:19 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?

6:20 For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## CP 439 Blessed are the Pure in Heart

1. Blest are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see our God;  
the secret of the Lord is theirs,  
their soul is Christ's abode.

2. The Lord, who left the heavens  
our life and peace to bring,  
to dwell in lowliness with us,  
our pattern and our King;

3. Still to the lowly soul  
he doth himself impart,  
and for a dwelling and a throne  
chooseth the pure in heart.

4. Lord, we thy presence seek;  
may ours this blessing be;  
give us a pure and lowly heart,  
a temple fit for thee.

### The Gospel

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### John1:43-51

1:43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."

1:44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

1:45 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."

1:46 Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

1:47 When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!"

1:48 Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you."

1:49 Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

1:50 Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these."

1:51 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."

The Gospel of Christ  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon by the Rev. Alison Westervelt

Special Music

CCLI 7152438 How Can I Stay

1. The voice that spoke the earth to be  
Is the same voice that's calling me  
His words with all authority  
Said the harvest is ready

Chorus

When You say go  
How can I stay  
The only way to live  
Is to give my life away

2. The Holy God who walked in flesh  
Is dwelling now inside my chest  
With His power and authority  
I become His hands and feet

Chorus

When You say go  
How can I stay  
The only way to live  
Is to give my life away  
When You say go  
How can I stay  
The only way to live  
Is to give my life away

Bridge

I want to go where You go  
I want to love like You love  
I want to lay down my life  
I want to go where You go

Chorus

When You say go  
How can I stay  
The only way to live  
Is to give my life away  
When You say go  
How can I stay  
The only way to live  
Is to give my life away

Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He 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.  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
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.**

Prayers of the People led and compiled by Lesley Lambert.

Let us pray.

Today I will be using Litany # 7 in the Book of Alternative Services.

Let us pray in faith to God our Father, to his son Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit,  
saying 'Lord, hear and have mercy.

We pray today for The Anglican Church of Australia and the Diocese of Kootenay, the Rt. Rev. Lynne MacNaughton, Bishop. We pray for the parish of St. Mary and St. George, Jasper, the Rev. Andreas Sigrist and David Prowse, Honorary Assistant. In the Buye Diocese, we pray for Gatukuza Parish, Pascal Kagenza, Rector. We pray for The Whitefish Lake First Nation. We give prayers for our Bishop, Jane, and for our parish family of St. Peter's and our ministry, Heather and Alison.

For the church of the living God throughout the world, let us ask the riches of his grace.  
**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who proclaim the word of truth, for those who seek to resolve inequalities and injustices, let us ask the infinite wisdom of Christ.  
**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who have consecrated their lives to the kingdom of God, and for all struggling to follow the way of Christ, particularly amidst the pandemic and its many devastations, let us ask the gifts of the Spirit.  
**Lord, hear and Have mercy.**

We pray today for our gracious sovereign lady, Elizabeth, our Queen, for our Prime minister, our Premier, our Mayor and for all who govern nations. We remember most particularly today the people of the USA in light of recent violent events which have been so disturbing, and it is our hopeful prayer that divisions may heal. We pray for their incoming President and Vice president and for their safety and well-being. We pray that they may truly strive for justice and peace in a world where all lives are of equal value, let us ask for the strength of God.  
**Lord, hear and have mercy**

We pray today for those for whom our prayers have been most particularly requested: Sandra, Merle, Mona, Nicole, Lois, Ray, Evelyn, Irene and Sandy, Joyce, Jaclyn, Jim and Par and Kathryn.  
We also pray for those who are sick in body, mind or spirit and for those who faithfully care for them. Guard and protect those who work day after day with the sick and the dying during this pandemic and hold close to You all those who are overwhelmed and exhausted. We thank you for those whose skill has brought us vaccines and for all scholars and research workers, that their studies may benefit humanity, let us ask the light of the Lord.  
**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all those who have passed from this life in faith and obedience, especially Rev. Stuart Ravensborg and Alan Oliver let us ask the lasting peace of Christ.  
**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

**Lord, You have promised that when two or three are gathered together You will hear their prayers. Grant us the desires and petitions of our hearts in the way You see as most fitting for us as we lay our prayers before you through Your most beloved son, our dear Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Collect

**Almighty God,  
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
is the light of the world.  
May your people,  
illumined by your word and sacraments,  
shine with the radiance of his glory,  
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed  
to the ends of the earth;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
**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,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

CP 438 O Jesus, I Have Promised

1. O Jesus I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end  
Be Thou forever near me  
Master and my Friend

2. I shall not fear the battle  
If Thou art by my side  
Nor wander from the pathway  
If Thou wilt be My guide

3. O let me feel Thee near me  
The world is ever near  
I see the sights that dazzle  
The tempting sounds I hear

4. My foes are ever near me  
Around me and within  
But Jesus draw Thou nearer  
And shield my soul from sin

5. O Jesus Thou hast promised  
To all who follow Thee  
That where Thou art in glory  
There shall Thy servant be

6. And Jesus I have promised  
To see Thee to the end  
O give me grace to follow  
My Master and my Friend

### The Dismissal

We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Let us bless the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

May the God of peace enable us to do His will in every kind of goodness working in us what pleases Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever, Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**