

Second Sunday after Epiphany

The Invocation

P. *In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

C. **AMEN.**

Confession and Forgiveness

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

C. **AMEN.**

P. Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

P. Holy God,

C. *you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways.*

We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin — our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.

We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. AMEN.

P. How vast is God's grace!

Through the power and promise of ✚ Christ Jesus,
our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God's own beloved.
Indeed, we are forgiven.

In the wake of God's forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community
living out Christ's justice and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

C. **AMEN.**

The Gloria (spoken)

Assisting Minister: Glory to God in the highest,

C. ***and peace to God's people on earth.***

AM. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Glory to God in the highest,

C. ***and peace to God's people on earth.***

AM. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
Glory to God in the highest,

C. ***and peace to God's people on earth.***

AM. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Glory to God in the highest,

C. ***and peace to God's people on earth. AMEN.***

Prayer of the Day

P. *The Lord be with you.*

C. **And also with you.**

P. Let us pray. Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. **AMEN.**



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Led by Susan and Richie Andree

First Reading: Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the 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. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and 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. ⁶The 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." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The 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. ⁹Therefore 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. ¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

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

Special Music

"Make Us One"

Words & Music by Chris Quilala, Ran Jackson, Ricky Jackson and Josh Silverberg;
2020 Quarantine Music Group (prerecorded in July)

Psalm: 139:1-6,13-18

¹LORD, you have searched me out; O LORD, you have known me.
²**You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**
³You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.
⁴**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**
⁵You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**
⁷Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?
⁸**If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in the grave, you are there.**
⁹If I take the wings of the morning and fly to the farthest reaches of the sea,
¹⁰**you are there, and your right hand shall hold me fast.**
¹¹If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me turns to night',
¹²**even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day.**
¹³For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
¹⁴**I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**
¹⁷How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!
¹⁸**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.**

Gospel: John 1:43-51

P. The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

C. ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip 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." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And 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."

L. The gospel of the Lord. C. ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

Sermon

"The God who Searches"

Rev. John S. Hillmer

Hymn of the Day

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

tune by Jim Sawyers

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became *truly human*.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. *AMEN.*

Prayers of Intercession

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

For the body of Christ gathered throughout the world and for all servants of the gospel, that following Jesus, the church lives out its calling every day, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For wilderness and water, wind and wild beasts, and all living things on earth, that God's goodness is revealed through creation and faithful stewards care for all God has made, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the beauty of creation, for plants and animals, and for all that God has marvelously made, that we serve as wise stewards of Earth, our home, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For police officers and firefighters, for attorneys and paralegals, for peacekeepers and military personnel, and for the leaders of governments, that they provide protection to all people, especially the most vulnerable, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For our neighborhood, for visitors joining us for the first time or returning, and for those absent from our assembly, that all who seek to know God are nourished by word and sacrament, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those lacking food or shelter, for those who are sick or grieving, and for those who are imprisoned or homebound (*especially*), that God console all who suffer, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for the saints who have gone before us (*especially Antony and Pachomius, renewers of the church*), that their lives give us a vision of the gospel in action, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

AMEN.

