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The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

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Prelude

Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

- ♪ Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place. Filled with solace, light, and grace!
- ♪ Gracious God, I come before Thee; Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee, There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou; Let it be Thy temple now!
- ♪ Here Thy praise is gladly chanted; Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me.
- ♪ Thou my faith increase and quicken; Let me keep Thy gift divine,
Howsoe'er temptations thicken; May Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life, As my comfort in all strife.
- ♪ Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

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Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19b

Amen.

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 afar.

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

Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.

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

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there!

If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.

Psalms 139:1-10

Speak, LORD,

For Your servant hears.

1 Samuel 3:9

Confession and Absolution

Our Lord searches us, knows us, is ever-present with us, and leads us. He listens to us as we speak to Him. Therefore we come before Him in confession. *A Time of Silence*

The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth.

Psalm 145:18

We confess, heavenly Father, that we often choose not to call on You in times of need, nor in times of thanksgiving. We fail to be near You in our opportunities to pray, praise, and give thanks. Forgive us.

Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.

Psalm 50:15

We confess, heavenly Father, that in our days of trouble we rely on ourselves and not You. We seek deliverance through our own devices and peace through the temporary offerings of this world. Forgive us.

Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near.

Isaiah 55:6

We confess, heavenly Father, we are the ones who are lost even though You are near and present in Your Word and means of grace. Our sins of thought, word, and deed separate us from You. Forgive us.

Speak, LORD,

For Your servant hears.

1 Samuel 3:9

As we speak and call out to the Lord in prayer and confession, He calls to us, His people, through His Word of truth, mercy, and grace; for He has “saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of His own purpose and grace, which He gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.” As a called and ordained servant of the Word and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

1 Timothy 1:9

Amen.

But now thus says the LORD, He who created you, O Jacob, He who formed you, O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are Mine.

Isaiah 43:1

Speak, LORD,

For Your servant hears.

1 Samuel 3:9

Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Lord of all mercy and grace, You sent Your Son into our flesh to call us to Yourself. Open our ears to hear Your voice and to heed Your call, even as we know You hear our prayers; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise *Please Be Seated*

“Amazing Grace”

♪ Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!

♪ The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

♪ Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;

His grace has brought me safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.

♪ Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease,
Amazing grace shall then prevail In heaven's joy and peace.

♪ When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

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Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 3:1–10

¹Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. 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, 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.

⁶And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose 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.

⁸And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose 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 hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 6:12–20

¹²"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. ¹³"Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." ¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

“God Loved the World”

- ♪ God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.
- ♪ Christ Jesus is the ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone Are built on this chief cornerstone.
- ♪ God would not have the sinner die; His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares How we in Christ are heaven’s heirs.
- ♪ Be of good cheer, for God’s own Son Forgives all sins which you have done;
And, justified by Jesus’ blood, Your Baptism grants the highest good.
- ♪ If you are sick, if death is near, This truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death; That is the firmest ground of faith.

Please Stand

- ♪ Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

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Holy Gospel

John 1:43–51

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

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 of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” ⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” ⁵¹And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles’ Creed

Children’s Message *Please Be Seated*

The Hymn

“On Eagles’ Wings”

- ♪ You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: “My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!”
- ~And He will raise you up on eagles’ wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand.

♪ The snare of the fowler will never capture you, And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield. ~And He...

♪ You need not fear the terror of the night, Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you, Near you it shall not come. ~And He...

♪ For to His angels He's given a command To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. ~And He....

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Proclamation of the Word

“Speak Lord, for Your servant is Sleeping?” – Our Typical Response

1 Samuel 3:1–10

Offering and Musical Offering

Prayer of the Church *Please Stand*

Each petition is concluded with the following:

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,

But in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son.

Hebrews 1:1-2

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26

Amen.

Recessional Hymn *Please Be Seated*

“When Peace Like a River”

♪ When peace, like a river, attendeth my way When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;

Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.

~It is well (It is well) with my soul, (with my soul), It is well, it is well with my soul.

♪ Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate And hath shed His own blood for my soul. ~It...

♪ He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! ~It...

♪ And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; Even so it is well with my soul. ~It....

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Postlude