
∞ SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY ∞
ORDER OF WORSHIP • JANUARY 14, 2024 • 9:00 AM
✠ *Indicates the congregation should stand as able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

✠ OPENING HYMN DEAREST JESUS, AT YOUR WORD
LBW #248

✠ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, creator of darkness and light,
word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

All: **Amen.**

WL: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection

WL: God, our rock and refuge,

All: **we pour out our hearts before you.**

We have known you but have not always loved you.

We have wounded each other and sinned against you.

**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
dwelling in each of us.**

Remember your covenant. Renew your creation.

**Forgive us and restore us, that we might
proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

WL: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken: The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

Live as people redeemed. Go and sin no more.

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free to live a new life in Him.
Thanks be to God!**

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD
LBW 533, stanza 3

**All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: 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.

All: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

1 SAMUEL 3:1-10

R: The First lesson for this Second Sunday after Epiphany is from First Samuel, chapter 3.

The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions.

One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am." And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down.

Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-10

R: The Epistle is from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, the sixth chapter.

"I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but I will not be mastered by anything. You say, "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both." The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

✠ ALLELUIA VERSE

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**All: *Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.***

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 1:43-51

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

All: **Glory to your, O Lord!**

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."

Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," said Philip.

When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

"How do you know me?" Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel."

Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man."

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

TODAY'S MESSAGE

✠ MESSAGE HYMN


GOD HAS CALLED US

Text by Susan Palo Cherwien

Music by David Ludwig



<i>Cantor:</i>	1. God has called us:	and how can we but raise our
<i>Congregation:</i>	2. God has changed us:	and how can we but live as
	3. God has charged us:	and how can we but ask for
	4. God has called us:	and how can we but raise our



voic - es, ech - o - ing God's praise? God has called us:
 ser - vants of the Spir - it's gift? God has changed us:
 wis - dom for the Christ - ly task? God has charged us:
 voic - es, ech - o - ing God's praise? God has called us:

and let us an - swer with our lives.
 and let us wor - ship with our lives.
 and let us la - bor with our lives.
 and let us an - swer with our lives.

✝ PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

WL: Let us boldly confess our faith, with the words of the Apostles' Creed:

All: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

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CHOIR ANTHEM

Arise, Shine, for Your Light Has Come
 by Allen Pote

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

Arise, arise and shine like the sun, and all nations shall come,

And all kings will be drawn to the brightness of your rising.

The sun shall no longer be your light, nor the brightness of the moon by night.

But the Lord shall be your everlasting light, your God shall be your everlasting light.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

✠ PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

WL: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: As Jesus taught His disciples to pray, so we pray today:

All: 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 and the power and the glory

forever and ever. Amen.

✠ PAX DOMINI

WL: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION HYMN

I HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME

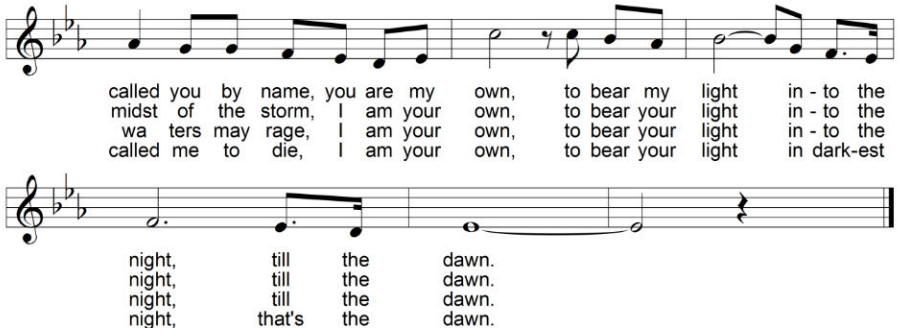
By David Ludwig, Jr.



Cantor 1. I have called you by name, you are my own. I'll walk be -
All 2. In the midst of the storm, I am your own. Your hands have
3. Though the wa - ters may rage, I am your own. I am your
4. You have called me to die, I am your own. You rose be -



side you, I'll live with - in you. I have
shaped me, Your breath has filled me. In the
ves - sel to bear the gos - pel. Though the
fore me, You live with - in me. You have



called you by name, you are my own, to bear my light in - to the
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 called me to die, I am your own, to bear your light in dark-est

night, till the dawn.
 night, till the dawn.
 night, till the dawn.
 night, that's the dawn.

✠ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

All: **Amen.**

✠ CLOSING PRAYER

WL: God of blazing light, you have seen us and called us, setting us free to live as your children. Give us courage and conviction, that we may joyfully turn and follow you into new adventures of faithful service, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: **Amen.**

✠ BLESSING

WL: May the love of God uphold you; the light of ✠ Christ guide you; and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit fill you with joy, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

✠ SENDING HYMN

O JESUS, I HAVE PROMISED
 LBW #503, STANZA 4

**O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you
 That where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
 And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
 Oh, give me grace to follow, My master and my friend.**

✠ SENDING

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY

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