



The Second Sunday after the Epiphany
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE I

January 14, 2024
8:00A.M.

***Welcome!** Whether you are a first-time visitor, longtime member, or somewhere in-between, welcome to this place where together we sing, read, pray, listen, and break bread in thanksgiving and praise of the living God whose love brings new life for us and for the world. **About the service:** An Episcopal worship service may seem difficult to follow if it is unfamiliar to you; please participate as you are able and ask someone near you for assistance if you need it. We use this leaflet and the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP). **For more information:** Fill out a welcome card, located in the pew rack, and drop it in the offering plate or return it by mail. Call the Parish Office at 225-387-5141 with questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other needs.*

THE WORD OF GOD

The people stand when the ministers of the service enter

Opening Acclamation

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Gloria

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The Sermon

The Rev. Christopher R. Duncan

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

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Collect of the Day

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

1 Samuel 3:1-10

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

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."

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

Read responsively by half verse.

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.

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

"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. "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. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. 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! 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." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. 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? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

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

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*Today's flowers are given to the greater glory of God
and in thanksgiving for Nils Duncan by Chris, Casey, and Carolena Duncan.*


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The Prayers of the People

Intercessor Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; Shannon, our Bishop; Chris, Drew, Don, and Lynn, our priests; Pat, our deacon; and Austin, our seminarian; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the clergy and people of Trinity Episcopal Church & School, Baton Rouge, the Ecumenical Commission during this week of Christian Unity, and the Louisiana Interchurch Conference.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially, Joe, our President; Jeff, our Governor; and Sharon, our Mayor; that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. We pray for the victims of violence and war, especially those in Israel, Gaza, and Ukraine.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Laura, Ned, Laura, Sarah, Ellie, Holly, those on our prayer list, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity.

O Lord and giver of life, receive our prayers for expectant mothers, especially Sydney, Anna Katherine, CC, Alyce, Caroline, and Maggie, that they may happily come to the time of birth, and serving thee in all things may rejoice in thy providence. We thank thee, O Lord, for the birth of Mack Martin Livingston.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Robert McAnelly, Andrea Fontenot, Tanne Traywick, and Jackie Hamilton, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**