

The First Lesson

I Samuel 3:1-20

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." 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. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. 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. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

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

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

The Psalm

139:1-5, 12-17

Domine, probasti

- 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.

Said together:

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Lesson

I Corinthians 6:12-20

"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.

Hymn

What wondrous love is this

H 439



Gospel Lesson

John 1:43-51

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."

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Written about 325 AD, this is the ancient statement of our faith

Prayers of the People IV

BCP 388

We pray together as the people of God

Confession & Absolution BCP 360

We confess our sins and are reassured of our pardon

The Peace *We share the joy of the Good News!*

The Liturgy of the Eucharist, sometimes called *the Mass*

Offertory *Lead me, Lord* Wesley

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

To God the Father, heavenly Light,

To Christ, revealed in earthly night,

To God the Holy Ghost we raise

Our equal and unceasing praise.

From Hymn 124 vs. 5

Eucharistic Prayer "A" BCP 361

Sanctus Words in BCP, Musical Setting H-S129

Memorial Acclamation Words in BCP, Musical Setting H-S132

The Lord's Prayer Traditional version, found on BCP 364

Fraction Anthem H-S 152

The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

All baptized Christians, of any tradition, are welcome to receive the sacrament. Everyone, regardless of faith, is welcome to receive a blessing—simply cross your arms in front of you as the priest comes by. It is the tradition of this parish that 12 to 14 people at a time receive Communion at the altar rail, at which point all are dismissed together to return to their seats, and another group may move forward to the rail. Gluten free wafers are available to those who request them.

Communion Hymns

O saving Victim H 311

Blessed Jesus, at thy word H 440

How wondrous and great H 533

Our Prayer after Communion BCP 365

Hymn *Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim* H 535

The Dismissal

We are dismissed from this gathering to go into the world to spread the Good News and the love of Christ! We respond to this instruction with: *Thanks be to God!*

Participants in Today's Liturgy

<u>Acolyte</u>	Macon Clement	Kipp Cortez
<u>Chalicer</u>	Kipp Cortez	Don Williams
<u>Lector</u>	Bea Paine	Don Williams
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Elizabeth Sudduth	Kay Sudduth
	Betty Nash	

Following our service will be Coffee Hour,
hosted today by John and Carol Georgis.
This is a time for us to have fellowship, share our joys and sorrows, and get to know one another. It is very much an extension of the communal feast we share in the Holy Eucharist. Please join us!

The Altar Flowers are given today by
The Clement family in memory of their loved ones.

Attendance Last Sunday 48

Birthdays This Week: Mark Williams, Teresa Paine.

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene—Wanda—Bonnie—Joe—Marlene—Lee—Phyllis—
Nelson—Linda—Valerie—Edi—Sierra—Alex—Toni—
Linda—Dawson family—Joan—Ragen—Nancy

Calendar of Events

Sunday – January 14	Altar Guild Meeting after church
	Bagging groceries for Food Pantry
	after church
Tuesday – January 16	DOK Meeting 10:30am
Thursday – January 18	Food Pantry
Wednesday - January 24	Dinner at Union Mission
Tuesday – February 13	ECM Shrove Tuesday Pancake
	Supper 5:30 -7:00 pm

Announcements:

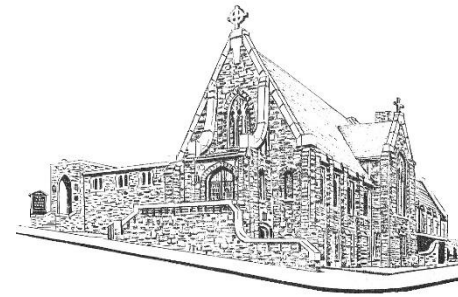
ECM Pancake Supper: If you haven't already gotten your tickets please see one of the ECM members. The Pancake Supper is Tuesday, February 13th 5:30 to 7:00pm.

Chili Cook-Off for the Union Mission: We will be supplying chili for the evening meeting at the Union Mission on Wednesday, January 24. See Linda Ammar if you are able to contribute a crockpot full of your favorite recipe! Workers at the Union Mission will vote for their favorite. The winner will receive a special prize and bragging rights for the next year!

Envelopes: If you requested giving envelopes this year, they're located on the ushers' table.

Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

The Rev. Chad Slater	Rector
Ms. Emma Bennett	Parish Administrator
Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr.	Organist & Choirmaster
Mrs. Vanessa Hall	Sexton
Dr. Rob Merritt	Senior Warden
Mrs. Dee Puckett	Junior Warden



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Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome to this Place of Prayer

If you are new or visiting this congregation for the first time we invite you to fill out a Visitor's Card (found on the rack in front of you) and place it in the collect plate as it is passed. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today and hope that you will continue your faith journey here.

This bulletin will help guide you through today's service. The abbreviation "H" stands for "Hymnal." This is the larger red book located on the shelf in front of you. That music noted as "H-S" followed by a number is service music, and is found in the very first pages of the Hymnal. "BCP" is our abbreviation for "Book of Common Prayer," which is the smaller red book.

The Liturgy of the Word

Hymn *Christ, whose glory fills the skies* H 7

The Service Begins BCP 355

Gloria in Excelsis H-S 280

The text to this ancient hymn of praise is found in the BCP

The Collect *Our collective prayer for the day.*

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