

**Holy Trinity Church**  
**446 Hamilton St. Southbridge, Massachusetts 01550**  
*A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts*

# **The Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**January 17, 2021**  
*9:30 a.m. Worship Service*

*The Rt. Rev. Dr. Douglas Fisher, Presider & Preacher*  
*Anne Bouvier-Monroe, Organist; Susan Howland, Harp*  
*Joe DiSalvatore, Reader*

Prelude: “Yahweh, I Know You Are Near” -Schutte

**Processional Hymn: #477**

*Words: F. Bland Tucker; Music: Charles Villiers Stanford*

**All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine, didst yield the glory that of right was thine, that in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine. Alleluia! Amen.**

**Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought; by thee the outcast and the poor were sought; and by thy death was God's salvation wrought. Alleluia! Amen.**

**\* Acclamation**

*Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit*

**People And blessed be God's Kingdom now and forever. Amen.**

**Collect for Purity**

**Gloria** *(said by all)*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. 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. 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. Amen.**

**\* Collect** *(said by all)*

**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.**

**First Reading**

Reader 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.”

*1 Samuel 3:1-10*

Reader      The Word of the Lord

**People    Thanks be to God**

**Harp Interlude**      *Susan Howland*

**Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17**      *said by all, in unison*

**BCP p. 794**

**Lord, you have searched me out and known me; \***  
**you know my sitting down and my rising up;**  
**you discern my thoughts from afar.**  
**You trace my journeys and my resting-places \***  
**and are acquainted with all my ways.**  
**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \***  
**but you, O Lord, know it altogether.**  
**You press upon me behind and before \***  
**and lay your hand upon me.**  
**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \***  
**it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**  
**For you yourself created my inmost parts; \***  
**you knit me together in my mother's womb.**  
**I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \***  
**your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**  
**My body was not hidden from you, \***  
**while I was being made in secret**  
**and woven in the depths of the earth.**  
**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.**  
**How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \***  
**how great is the sum of them!**  
**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.**

**Holy Gospel    John 1:43-51**

*Celebrant*      The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ

**People            Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.”

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord      **People Praise to you Lord Christ**

**Sermon**

**Fr. Richard Signore**

**Prayers of the People IV, BCP, p. 388    RESONSE: Hear our prayer.**

## Prayer for the Parish

O everlasting source of love, in whom our faith resides, guide us surely ever forward on our lifelong journey. Not so fast that we miss the beauty that surrounds us on the way, nor miss your grace so freely given that teaches us how to grow. But with a steady presence felt and a sense of gratitude may we find our place amidst the jungle of life within the kingdom of heaven on earth. Amen

## Confession & Absolution

BCP, p. 360

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

**The Peace** (*no handshaking or hugging please – solemn bow or wave only*)

## The Liturgy of the Table

**Offertory:** *Harp, Susan Howland*

**\*The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B**

BCP, p. 367

**Sanctus** (*said by all*)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**The Lord's Prayer**

Prayer Book, p. 364

**Fraction Anthem** (*said by all*)

*Setting: Gerald R. Near*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Communion:** *Harp, Susan Howland*

**Prayer** (*said by those at home*) *My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

**The Post Communion Prayer** (*Said by all worshiping in person*)

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son and Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Blessing**

**Dismissal** Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Recessional Hymn WLP#758**

*Words: Cesareo Gabarain; Music: Cesareo Gabarain*

**You have come down to the lakeshore seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy, but only asking for me to follow. O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes; kindly smiling, you've called out my name. On the sand I have abandoned my small boat; now with you, I will seek other seas.**

**You know full well my possessions. Neither treasure nor weapons for conquest, just these my fishnets and will for working. O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes; kindly smiling, you've called out my name. On the sand I have abandoned my small boat; now with you, I will seek other seas.**

**Postlude:** *"Engelberg" -Stanford*

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