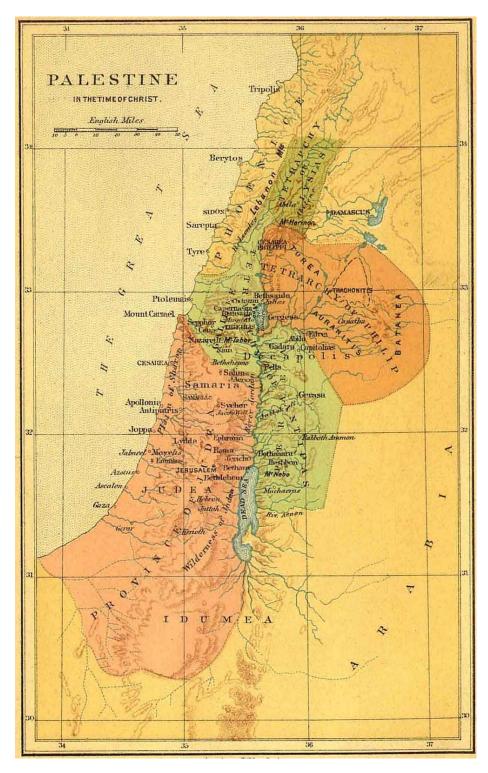
# $2^{\mbox{\tiny ND}}$ Sunday after the Epiphany



ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH | WOODLAND, CALIFORNIA

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# Ringing of the Bells

# **Organ Prelude**

Richard Lloyd, Avant-Propos

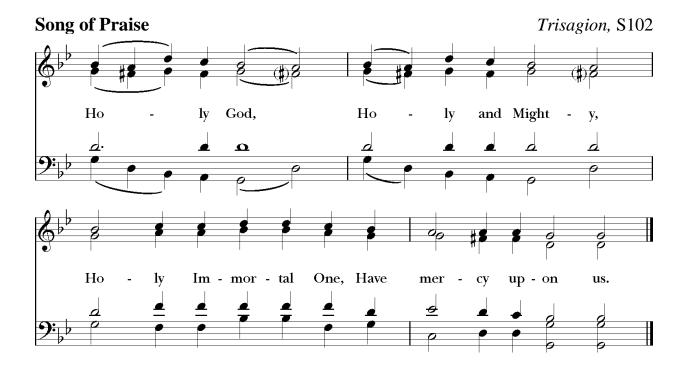
#### Welcome



# **Opening Acclamation**

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.



# **Collect of the Day**

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

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.** 

#### The Lessons

## A Reading from the First Book of Samuel

1 Samuel 3:1-10

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 God. People Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Lord, you have searched me out and known me; \* you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> You trace my journeys and my resting-places \* and are acquainted with all my ways.

- <sup>14</sup> My body was not hidden from you, \* while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
- <sup>15</sup> 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.
- <sup>16</sup> How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \* how great is the sum of them!
- <sup>17</sup> 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.
- All Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians

1 Cor. 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \* but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> You press upon me behind and before \* and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \* it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> For you yourself created my inmost parts; \* you knit me together in my mother's womb.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \* your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

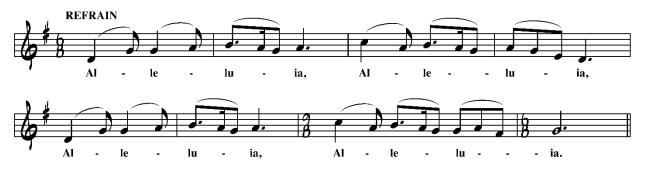
will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members 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 God.

All Thanks be to God.

## **Gradual Hymn**

Celtic Alleluia, Walker / O'Carroll



Speak, Lord your servant is list'ning. Speak your words of wisdom, for the words you speak are everlasting life. *Refrain* 

The Word of the Lord lasts forever.
What is the word that is living?
It is brought to us
Through God's Son: Jesus Christ. *Refrain* 

The Word of the Lord is alive.
The Word of the Lord is active.
It can judge our thoughts,
Bring us closer to the Father. *Refrain* 

Gospel John 1:43-51

Gospeller The Gospel of our savior Jesus Christ, according to John. 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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord People Praise to you, Lord Christ

**Homily** 

The Rev. Carren Sheldon

**Nicene Creed** 

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# **Prayers of the People**

Form I, BCP, adapted

Intercessor With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace and loving-kindness of God, and for the freedom of our souls, let us pray,

All Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For the welfare of the Church, all clergy and lay people, let us pray, All Lord, have mercy.

*Intercessor* For the leaders of communities and nations and all who live in them, let us pray,

All Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor For the good earth, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray,

All Lord have mercy.

Intercessor For the all who grieve, are lonely, sick, or suffering, for the poor and the oppressed, the unemployed and the hopeless, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray,

All Lord have mercy.

Intercessor For all who have died, let us pray

All Lord have mercy.

Intercessor In the communion of blessed Luke and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

All To you, O Lord our God.

Silence.

Intercessor What prayer is on your heart today?

All are invited to offer their own intercessions silently or aloud.

Presider Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your People, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

#### The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### **Announcements**

## Lord's Prayer

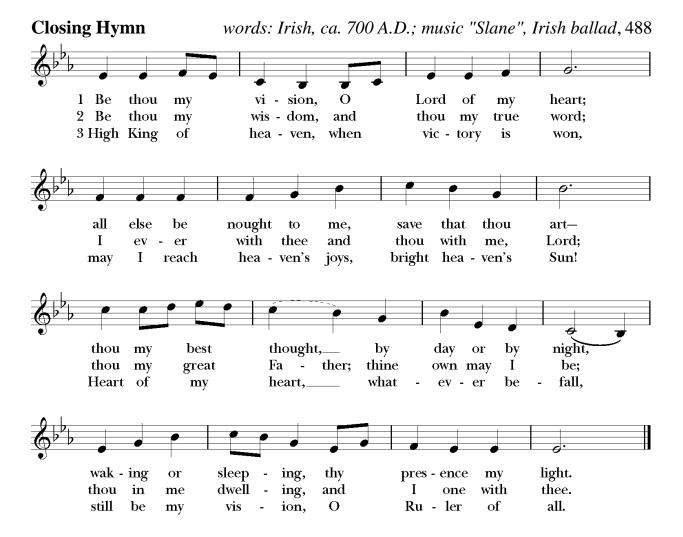
Presider And now, as Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

# **Final Blessing**

The Presider pronounces a blessing. The people respond **Amen** 



#### **Dismissal**

The presider dismisses the congregation. The people respond, **Amen.** 

#### **Postlude**

Rosalie Bonighton, Joyful Recessional

#### Zoom Coffee Hour: all are welcome!

Consult your email for a link, grab a beverage and join in fellowship immediately following today's service. Didn't get the link in your email? Sign up stlukeswoodland.org. Sally Rooney hosts today. What is the first thing you want to do when Covid ends?



At St. Luke's, we affirm God's love for all of God's people. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, whatever your age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious background, social or economic circumstance, or political affiliations, you are welcome here.

# Children's Ministry 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays, 9am, via Zoom

Children meet online and receive a monthly packet of stories and activities in a PowerPoint format. E-mail Tabatha for information.

#### **Book Study**

#### Mondays, 5pm, via Zoom

Currently reading *Living Buddha*, *Living Christ*, by Thich Nat Han. For information on joining, and future readings, contact Mairic.

#### The Way of Love

## Wednesdays, 7pm, via Zoom

A short reading, reflection, and prayer. Books are available for purchase online. Drop-ins welcome. E-mail Margaret for information.

## **Centering Prayer**

# Saturdays, 4pm, via Zoom

Establish or bolster your Centering Prayer practice. Email Mairic for a link.

# **Becoming Beloved Community study group**

# Tuesday, 1/26 (4th Tuesdays), 6:15pm, via Zoom

Watching and discussing *Becoming Beloved Community Now* videos from the Episcopal Church website, recorded this past July. Contact LeAnn for information.

# St. Luke's Queer Alliance

# Thursdays, 6:30pm, via Zoom

St. Luke's welcomes sisters, brothers and non-binary Queers seeking faith community honoring everyone's unique spiritual path. Contact Mairic.

With Christ and in Christ, we welcome, celebrate, collaborate and grow.

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