

Second Sunday after Epiphany

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“As a welcoming Body of Christ, we celebrate and share God’s saving grace for all.”

Prelude

“Come to Me”

Ryan Delmore

INTRODUCTION

All the baptized have a calling in God’s world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn’t important; it’s where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called “the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven” (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

Prelude

Welcome – Announcements

Call to Worship

P: Gracious God, let us encourage the creativity, energy, passion, gifts, and skills of the youth and young adults who surround us.

C: ***Let us pray for wisdom and peace as we pursue justice, hope, and love for all people.***

P: And what does God require of us,

C: ***but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.***

P: We pray God for peace.



C: ***We pray for love of all people. Amen.***

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation. ***Amen.***

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Holy God,

C: ***you search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin— our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.***

P: How vast is God’s grace! Through the power and promise of ✠ Christ Jesus, our sins are washed away and we are claimed as God’s own beloved. Indeed, we are forgiven. In the wake of God’s forgiveness, we are called to be the beloved community living out Christ’s justice and the Spirit’s reconciling peace. ***Amen.***

Prayer of the Day

God of All Knowing,

C: ***you know our thoughts and needs better than we know ourselves. Bring us to the beginning in which you created. Remind us this day that you formed us and know the details of our lives. Teach us to not hide but to hold fast to you. Amen.***

Gathering Song

“All Who Are Thirsty”

Brenton Brown, Glenn Robertson

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
Come to the fountain, dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away

In the waves of His mercy, as deep cries out to deep.
We sing, "Come, Lord Jesus, come. Come, Lord Jesus, come."
Repeat twice

All who are thirsty, all who are weak,
Come to the fountain, dip your heart in the stream of life.
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away
In the waves of His mercy, as deep cries out to deep,
We sing, "Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come." *Repeat twice*

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Come, Lord Jesus, come."

First Reading

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. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the 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. ⁴Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and 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. ⁶The 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." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The 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. ⁹Therefore 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. ¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm Reading

"The Inescapable God"

Psalm 139:1-18; 23-24

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. ²You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. ³You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it

completely. ⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. ⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. ⁷Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. ⁹If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, ¹⁰even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. ¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," ¹²even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you. ¹³For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. ¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. ¹⁷How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! ¹⁸I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you. ²³Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. ²⁴See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Second Reading

1 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. ¹³"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. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do 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! ¹⁶Do 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." ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or 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? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading

John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip 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." ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" ⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." ⁵¹And 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."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Message

Pr. Susan Dollinger

Reception of Members

Profession of Faith

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: **I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: **I renounce them.**

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: **I renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

C: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

C: **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever.
Amen.

Song "He Knows My Name"

Tommy Walker

I have a Maker, He formed my heart
Before even time began my life was in His hands.

Refrain:

He knows my name. He knows my ev'ry thought.
He sees each tear that falls, and hears me when I call.

I have a Father, He calls me His own.
He'll never leave me no matter where I go. *Refrain*

He hears me when I call, And he hears me when I call.
He hears me when I call, And he hears me when I call.

The Prayers

Called together as a family of faith from every time and place, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence

Let us pray for the world; for the leaders of nations, that wisdom and integrity might prevail; for regions torn by conflict, the peace and harmony might be restored: Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Let us pray for the church; for the unity of the body of Christ; for bishops, for our clergy, and for all who nurture our life together, that the body may be strengthened and our common life enriched: Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Let us pray for this parish; for presence of this community, that persons may find here the means to a deeper relationship with God; and for ministry of reconciliation, that all may find here the forgiveness of Christ and the acceptance of each other: Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, and for all that God has marvelously made, that we serve as wise stewards of Earth, our home, Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For those lacking food or shelter, for those who are sick or grieving, and for those who are imprisoned or homebound without family nearby, especially those we name aloud or in our hearts. God, console all who suffer. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

For our neighborhood, for visitors joining us for the first time or returning, and for those absent from our assembly. We give thanks for new members, and for all the saints that have walked before us. We pray that all who seek to know God are nourished by your word. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

Peace

"Here I Am, Lord"

arr. Chris Bray

"I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold you people in my heart.

"I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?" *Refrain*

"I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"
Refrain

Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction

God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✝ keep you in peace. **Amen.**

Sending Song *"I Will Follow"*
 Jason Ingram, Reuben Morgan, Chris Tomlin

Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay;
When You move, I'll move, I will follow.
All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure, I will I will trust in
You a-lone.
Higher than my sight, high above my life, I will trust in You alone,
In You alone.

Chorus:
Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay;
When You move, I'll move, I will follow You.
Whom You love, I'll love, how You serve, I'll serve, if this life I lose,
I will follow You, - yeah, I will follow you, - yeah.

Light into the world; Light into my life, I will live for You a-lone,
You're the One I seek, knowing I will find, all I need in You a-lone,
In You a-lone. *Chorus*

In You, there's life everlasting. In You, there's freedom from my
soul. In You there's joy, unending joy; and I will follow.
Where You go, I'll go; where You stay, I'll stay;
When You move, I'll move, I will follow You.
Whom You love, I'll love, how You serve, I'll serve, if this life I lose,
I will follow. *Chorus*

I will follow You, I will follow You. – yeah

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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