



Sentence We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, the Son of God,
the king of Israel. John 1.41,49

Collect of the Day

Eternal God, whose Son, Jesus Christ, is now exalted as Lord of all, and pours out his gifts upon the Church: grant it that unity which only your Spirit can give, keep us in the bond of peace, and bring all creation to worship before your throne; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel.

The calling of Samuel as a prophet. Samuel was one of the great Hebrew prophets and his confrontations with king David are some of the most dramatic events in the Bible. Do we also listen when God speaks to us?

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: Hear the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

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at 10am Together in Song 87

A psalm acknowledging God's intimate care of us in all our doings.

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Paul's vision of freedom has qualifications. He gives a positive view of the body and its functions. The body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and therefore must be used in conformity to this wonderful truth. Christian freedom is freedom to live as God made us but is not the 'freedom' to misuse our bodies. Paul is refuting the false teaching in the slogans he found in Corinth.

'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. 1 Corinthians 6.12-20

Reader: May your word live in us

All And bear much fruit to your glory.

Gospel Acclamation

All Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: Very truly I tell you, you will see heaven opened: and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.

All **Alleluia, alleluia!**
Reader The Lord be with you
ALL **And also with you**
Reader A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
ALL **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

This is the story of Phillip and Nathaniel becoming disciples of Jesus. Philip urges Nathaniel to, 'Come and see; don't take my word for it, but come and see the Messiah for yourself.' There is no substitute for personal experience and that may best come about by keeping company with those who keep company with Jesus, just as in this story.

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.'

John 1.43-51

Reader For the Gospel of the Lord
ALL **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Prayer for the Week

Almighty God,
by whose grace alone we are accepted
and called to your service:
strengthen us by your Holy Spirit
and make us worthy of our calling;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Bible Readings next week

Jonah 3.1-10 Psalm 62.5-12 1 Corinthians 7.29-31 Mark 1.14-20

Third Sunday after Epiphany**Pray for the Faithful Departed**

We remember before God: Patricia Hagerty; Ethel Hawker-Blyth, Frederick Southcott, Kenneth Mountford, Daisy Searby, Bessie Dutra, Frederick Barber, Richard Vines, Katherine Palliser, Moira Wischer and James Stuart *whose anniversaries occur this week.*

Commemorations of the week

January 17 Anthony of Egypt (251-356). A hermit who lived alone in the desert for many years, later as an abbot gathering disciples around him. His remains were taken to Alexandria and there are many legends of miracles surrounding his relics.

January 18 The Confession of Peter. Described in Matthew 16.13-20, Mark 8.27-30 and Luke 9.18-22.

Pray for Hugo Timothy Shepherd to be baptised today. Hugo is the son of Chris and Olga Shepherd and first great grandchild of Monica and the late Peter Shepherd. Pray that this child will grow in wisdom and stature and take his place in the life of God's Church.

Give thanks for the birth of William Geoffrey Middlin, first grandson of Heather Northwood. William was born last Sunday and we pray that God's blessing will be upon his life.

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