

The Season of Epiphany

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PRELUDE

Here I Am, Lord

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION & 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.

C: Amen.

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

C: Amen.



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1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

INVOCATION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

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 Music: KIELINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 3:1-20

The first reading is from 1st Samuel, the 3rd chapter

¹Now 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.

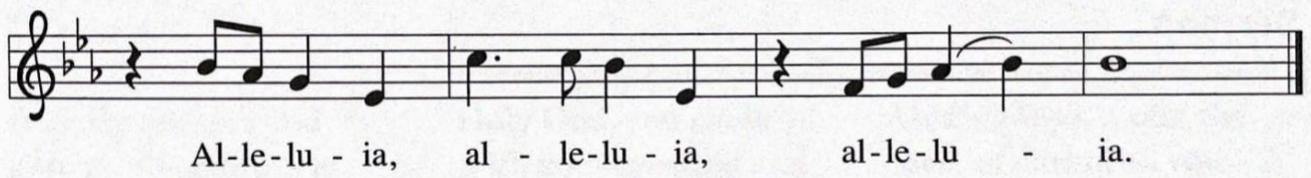
¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." ¹¹Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For 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. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." ¹⁷Eli 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." ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."

¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

*The Word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - *please stand, if able*



GOSPEL

John 1:43-51

*The holy gospel according to John... C: **Glory to you, O Lord.***

⁴³The 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."

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

HYMN

Guide My Feet

ACS 987



1	Guide	my	feet		Guide	my	feet
2	Hold	my	hand		Hold	my	hand
3	Stand	by	me	while I run this race.	Stand	by	me
4	I'm	your	child		I'm	your	child
5	Search	my	heart		Search	my	heart



			Guide	my	feet		
			Hold	my	hand		
while I run this race.			Stand	by	me	while I run this race,	
			I'm	your	child		
			Search	my	heart		



for I don't want to run this race in vain.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: GUIDE MY FEET. African American spiritual

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: As this week we observe the Week of Prayer for Christian unity, commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr., and inaugurate the new President of the United States, let us offer our laments and petitions to God, responding to each with the words "In mercy, receive our prayers."

A: O God, we lament the times when our churches have rejected collaboration with your worldwide family of grace and we pray for your blessing on the Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholics, Anglicans, Protestants, evangelicals, and independents, that all your people will follow your call to discipleship and grow deeper into our unity in Christ.

O God, Shepherd of your people, hear our cries; In mercy, receive our prayers.

- A: We lament the ways that we and our society have misused your earth with selfish or short-sighted actions and we pray for an increased commitment to the care of your marvelous creation.
O God, Gardener of the globe, hear our cries; **In mercy, receive our prayers.**
- A: We lament the occasions when governments have neglected the needs of their people and the calls for international cooperation. We pray for President-elect Biden, for Vice President-elect Harris, and for all our elected members of Congress, that they fulfill their obligations to uphold and extend the common good.
O God, Shield of the commonwealth, hear our cries; **In mercy, receive our prayers.**
- A: We lament the uncontrolled rage and the senseless violence that has ravaged our nation, and we pray that peace will reign in our streets, that our capital cities be safe, that all citizens come to accept the new administration, and that a spirit of reconciliation and cooperation mark the next stage of our national life.
O God, Peacemaker in our land, hear our cries; **In mercy, receive our prayers.**
- A: We lament the decades of ethnic injustices and racial prejudice that brought suffering to many residents of our country, and we pray that you bless the Indigenous peoples, descendants of Africans, and all immigrants to this land, and that you form us into a nation in which all are honored in equal measure.
O God, Liberator of the oppressed, hear our cries; **In mercy, receive our prayers.**
- A: We lament the unspeakable illness, death, sadness that has been unleashed by the coronavirus here and around the world. We pray that you bring health to the sick, comfort to the dying, resilience to health workers, prompt vaccinations to everyone, and a lasting end to this scourge. We pray for those of our congregation with special needs... and those we name before you now...
O God, Physician and Nurse, hear our cries; **In mercy, receive our prayers.**
- A: We lament the lives of those who have died, in storms, in riots, and in sickbeds. We praise you especially for the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr., and those we name here before you... and we pray that at the end, we join with all the members of your family in your presence.
O God, eternal Arms of Mercy, hear our cries; **In mercy, receive our prayers.**
- A: We lament also our private sorrows and our hidden fears,
and we pray that as with the boy Samuel, you speak to us in the night of our need.
O God, Lover of our souls, hear our cries; **In mercy, receive our prayers.**
- P: Into your hands, O loving God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERING AND THE PEACE

We invite you to give online at www.stmatthewsva.org/give and to share a sign of peace with one another. Take a moment to send a text, put a message in the YouTube chat, or give a hug.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

O Rise and Shine

St. Matthew's Senior Choir
Arr. Donald P. Moore, public domain

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.
Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Lift up your hearts

C: We lift them to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY". It consists of seven staves of music in a single system, written in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first line of music is: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and". The second line is: "God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your". The third line is: "glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.". The fourth line is: "Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the". The fifth line is: "Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.". The sixth line is: "Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.". The seventh line is: "Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.". The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and ties.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying:

Take and eat this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of your sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.

THE DISTRIBUTION

*All who believe Jesus is present in this sacrament are invited to receive the bread and wine. Know that if you only take the bread that you have fully communed. If you are receiving communion alone, we extend to you: **The body of Christ given for you. And the blood of Christ shed for you.** If you are taking communion with others, give the bread to the person sitting next to you and say, "**The body of Christ given for you.**" Then, giving the wine/grape juice say, "**And the blood of Christ shed for you.**"*

LAMB OF GOD/ALLELUIA



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P: God the Creator strengthen you; Jesus the Beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the Comforter ☩ keep you in peace.

C: Amen!

HYMN

Send Me, Lord

ELW 809

Leader All

Thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma mi - na, thu - ma mi - na. Thu - ma
Send me, Lord. I Send me, Je - sus, send me, Je - sus, send me,
(2) Je - sus, lead me, Je - sus, lead me,
(3) Je - sus, fill me, Je - sus, fill me,

mi - na, So - man - dla.
Je - sus, send me, Lord. 2 Lead me,
Je - sus, lead me, Lord. 3 Fill me,
Je - sus, fill me, Lord.

Repeat ad lib. | *End*

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Jesus, the Light of the World

George Elderkin/Simpson-Curenton

The flowers on the altar today are provided by: Gaye DeCesare in loving memory of her father, Tom Burns.

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