

2nd Sunday After Epiphany

14 January 2024

HYMNS

204 Come let us join our cheerful songs

607 Make me a channel

658 I the Lord of sea and sky

SENTENCE

We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.

COLLECT

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

READINGS

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

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

We say the verses from Psalm 139 alternately:

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 mark out my journeys and my resting place and are acquainted with
all my ways.**

For there is not a word on my tongue, but you O Lord, know it altogether.

You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, so high that I cannot attain it.

**For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my
mother's womb.**

I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made, marvellous are your
works; my soul knows very well.

**My frame was not hidden from you, when I was made in secret and
woven in the depths of the earth.**

Your eyes beheld my form, as yet unfinished; already in your book were all
my members written,

As day by day they were fashioned when as yet there was none of them.

How deep are your counsels to me, O God! How great the sum of them!

**If I count them—they are more in number than the sand; and at the end—
I am still in your presence.**

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-18

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Christians 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

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

The next day 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

This is the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

PRAYERS

Anglican Church: St Alfred's Anglican Church Blackburn North (Peter MacPherson, Mark Simon, Elizabeth Bolton, Nicolas Curtis, Rene Pfitzner); The Diocese of North West Australia (Bp Darrell Parker, Clergy & People); Aged Care Ministry; Church of the Province of South East Asia (Revd Melter Jiki Tais); St David's Anglican Church Moorabbin.

For the Parish: Give thanks for those who facilitate worship or nurture our faith: Eucharistic Assistants, musicians, Torquay Home Group, Mainly Music Team, Group Meditation; and pray that they may be inspired by the way that Jesus nurtured the faith of others.

For the sick & in need, and those who have ongoing need for strength, courage and peace of heart, mind and soul in their journey:

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Year's Mind

20th Glad Heller (2007)
22nd John Boyd (1967)

Birthdays & Anniversaries

14th Olivier & Rosalind Bonnici (anniv),
John & Megan Waddington (anniv)
20th Steven & Bronwyn Patrick (anniv)