

Concordia Lutheran Church & St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Morning Prayer for the Sundays after the Epiphany

January 17, 2021

Topic: The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Time: Sunday, January 17, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time

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The Office of Matins: Early in the church's history, Christians, particularly the religious orders, developed the custom of gathering for prayer, Scripture and meditation at regular times every day. Over time, these prayer services and their times took on names and traditions. Together, this worship, beginning at midnight and continued every three hours around the clock, became known as "The Prayer Offices" or "Prayer Hours". They continue within Episcopal and Lutheran worship tradition, with the three most commonly known and used in our churches being "Matins" or "Morning Prayer" originally around 9 AM, "Vespers" or "Evening Prayer" at 6 PM, and "Compline" or "Prayer at the Close of the Day" at 9 PM. For our Zoom worship on the Sundays after the Epiphany, through February 14, we will be using "Matins" as the underlying format to shape our worship. The Lutheran and Book of Common Prayer Matins are fundamentally the same, with only minor wording differences.

Introduction to the Day: All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just bishops, pastors, priests 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: *Silverleaf Winds*

Paul Cardall; *Kelly Sharp*

THE OFFICE OF MATINS, MORNING PRAYER

DIALOGUE & DOXOLOGY

O Lord, open my lips,

and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia!

PSALMODY – Psalm 95:1-7a ... *the Venite*

Give glory to God, our light and our life.

Oh, come, let us worship and praise.

Come, let us sing to the Lord:
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.**

For you, Lord, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

**Come, let us sing to the Lord:
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**

In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.
The sea is yours, for you made it; and your hands have molded the dry land.

**Come, let us sing to the Lord:
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**

Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

**Come, let us sing to the Lord:
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**

GATHERING HYMN *O Zion, Haste*

ELW #668

1 O Zion, haste, your mission high fulfilling, to tell to all the world that God is light;
that he who made all nations is not willing one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.

Refrain: Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace, tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.

2 Publish to ev'ry people, tongue, and nation that God, in whom they live and move, is love;
tell how he stooped to save his lost creation and died on earth that we might live above.

Refrain...

3 He comes again! O Zion, ere you meet him, make known to ev'ry heart his saving grace;
let none whom he has ransomed fail to greet him, through your neglect, unfit to see his face.

Refrain...

PRAYER OF THE DAY

from *Book of Common Prayer (BCP)*

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

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, worshiped, 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *Glory to God in the Highest*

ELW, Setting Two

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

The First Reading – First Samuel 3:1-10

Reader from St. Mary's

At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the Lord comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.

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."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel – John 1:43-51

Deacon Winzler proclaims the Gospel...

In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."

The Holy Gospel according to St. John ...

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.”⁵¹ 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, O Christ.*

HYMN OF THE DAY *Here I Am, Lord* ELW #574

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and 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 your people in my heart.

2 "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...*

3 "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...*

HOMILY

Pastor Marschhausen

A Moment for Reflection

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,
but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.

THE BENEDICTUS – Song of Zechariah, Luke 1:68-79, ELW

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

**Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel,
you have come to your people and set them free.**

You have raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of your servant David.

**In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us.**

Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us, to show mercy to our forebears,

and to remember your holy covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham:

to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship you without fear,
holy and righteous before you, all the days of our life.

In the tender compassion of our God

the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
to give God's people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

In the tender compassion of our God

the dawn from on high shall break upon us.

THE PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Leader from Concordia

BCP Form III

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priest, pastors and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief, illness or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially we remember Muriel Ritchie;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

A PRAYER WHILE WE ARE UNABLE TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the bread of life and the cup of salvation.

I believe that you are truly present in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

I am baptized into your death and resurrection.

I seek you daily. I worship and adore you.

Since I cannot receive you in the eucharistic bread and wine,

I pray that you continue to come into my heart and soul,
as you always have,

through Confession and Forgiveness,
through the proclamation of your holy Word,
and through the prayers of your people;

that I may remain united to you

by your all-powerful and ever-present Holy Spirit.

Let me receive you and be nourished by your abundant grace.

Be for me the manna in my wilderness,
the bread of angels for my very human journey through time,
a foretaste of the heavenly banquet,
and solace in the hour of my death.

And return us all, Lord Jesus, to your Holy Table when this is over.

I pray all this, trusting that you are our life,
our peace, and our everlasting joy. **Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS *Intercessions and Thanksgivings follow...*

Now I invite your prayers for all the needs of the world God so loved, silently or aloud.

After each petition we pray, Lord, in your mercy. Hear our Prayer.

Draw near to us, O God, and receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep you; *N. and N.*.. God mercifully grant you the riches of grace, that you may please God both in body and soul. God make you a sign of the loving-kindness and steadfast fidelity manifest in the life, death, and resurrection of our Savior, and, living together in faith and love, may receive the blessings of eternal life. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

THE BLESSING

Let us pray. O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Almighty God, the Father,  the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

ELW #310

- 1 Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
- 2 Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine;
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
- 3 Manifest in making whole weakened body, fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.
- 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest, God in flesh made manifest.

Deacon Fedorochak dismisses the assembly...

Go in peace. Be the Light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.**POSTLUDE: *Grand Choeur***Théodore Salomé *John Anderson*

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DAILY READINGS FOR JANUARY 18-23**Monday, Jan. 18**

Psalm 86
1 Samuel 9:27—10:8
2 Corinthians 6:14—7:1

Wednesday, Jan. 20

Psalm 86
Genesis 16:1-14
Luke 18:15-17

Friday, Jan. 22

Psalm 62:5-12
Jeremiah 20:7-13
2 Peter 3:1-7

Tuesday, Jan. 19

Psalm 86
1 Samuel 15:10-31
Acts 5:1-11

Thursday, Jan. 21

Psalm 62:5-12
Jeremiah 19:1-15
Revelation 18:11-20

Saturday, Jan. 23

Psalm 62:5-12
Jeremiah 20:14-18
Luke 10:13-16