



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN VERMONT

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Welcome to Sunday worship with the people of the
Episcopal Diocese of Vermont at the
Green Mountain Online Abbey.

A few notes about today's service.

Please ***leave your microphone on mute*** during the responsory portions of the service. You are welcome to unmute yourself when you are invited to offer your prayers, then remember to mute it again when you have completed your prayer.

We will always read the Gospel appointed for the day so that we can read and meditate on Jesus' words and teaching.

SUNDAYS OF EPIPHANY

January 17, 2021
Second Sunday of Epiphany

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

All

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Salutation

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

The Lessons

First Reading

Reader: A reading from **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.

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.”

Here ends the reading.

Response to the First Reading

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 *Domine, probasti*

1 O God, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O God, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

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

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.

16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God; *
how great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than
the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Second Reading

Reader: A reading from **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. “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.

Here ends the reading.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ
according to John

People Glory to you, our Savior **Jesus Christ**

John 1:43-51

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.

After the Gospel, the Reader says
The Gospel of the Christ.
People Praise to you, Christ Jesus.

Reflection

All say together **The Apostles' Creed**
I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
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. Amen.

The Deacon says

Let us bring before God the needs of the world.

Prayers of the People

Merciful God, you continually call us into the deep,
away from lives with no direction. Be present with us
as we navigate the waters of faithfulness. Turn us in
the direction of your voice and purpose.

Give us the courage to respond to your call and go
where you lead us.

All Hear our prayers, Holy One of God.

We are abundantly blessed and praise you for your
goodness and care of us.

For what are you grateful today?

People are invited to offer their thanksgivings aloud or in the silence of their hearts.

We come to you with thankful hearts,
All Hear our prayers, Holy One of God.

Equip the leaders of your faithful people to lead with holy vision. We pray for wisdom and stamina for our bishops, priests, and deacons. Guide them as they guide your people.

Prayers are offered for those designated on the diocesan cycle of prayer

All Hear our prayers, Holy One of God.

Strengthen our nation's relationships across boundaries and language. Put words of peace on the lips of every world leader. Open the eyes of people everywhere to the needs of their neighbors.

All Hear our prayers, Holy One of God.

We lift those who are hurting into your healing presence: for those facing the struggles of illness, uncertainty, broken relationships, and world weariness; for those who are dying, grant them a holy death.

For whom do you pray today?

People are invited to offer their thanksgivings aloud or in the silence of their hearts.

We trust in your care, God of Mercy.

All Hear our prayers, Holy One of God.

Concluding collect

Jesus, you have called us into fellowship with all your saints. We unite our prayers with theirs and ask for grace to serve you with joy where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for all eternity. Savior, child of Mary, you know us and love us, you share our lives and hear our prayer. Glory to you for ever. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept.

God of all mercy,
you sent your Son full of grace and truth:
forgive our failure to receive him.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Jesus our Savior,
you were born in poverty and laid in a manger:
forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Spirit of love,
your servant Mary responded joyfully to your call:
forgive the hardness of our hearts.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Presider

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you close, that you may behold the glory of God's Son, the Word made flesh, and be cleansed from all your sins, through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

Prayer of Longing and Connection During Coronatide

Presider

God of loving presence, we give you thanks, because you gather your scattered children into your Church to be as one even as you, our creator, are one with your Son and the Holy Spirit. You call us to be one people, to praise your wisdom in all your works, to be the body of Christ and the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.

*In joy we receive you, O Christ;
keep us hopeful in this time of longing.*

In a time of great need, you sent your Word, conceived of the Spirit and born of Mary, to live among us and show us your Way. You came, and still you come. Through him you invite us to share your life, be filled with your Spirit, and be your people in the world.

*In joy we receive you, O Christ;
keep us hopeful in this time of longing.*

To strengthen and sustain us, Jesus took the ordinary things of life and blessed them to be signs and channels of his presence: bread and wine, prayer and story, hands and voice. He asked that we share these things, and remember him.

Today, O God, in this time of pandemic, We are not free to meet and touch, to have our common bread, to sing your praise. But what we can, we do in remembrance of him. Today, O God, we present to you what brings us together; our memory and longing, love and connection.

*In joy we receive you, O Christ;
keep us hopeful in this time of longing.*

With voice and sight we gather. We bring ourselves before you, an offering. And faithfully, O God, you come to us across all time and space, you come and are present.

*In joy we receive you, O Christ;
keep us hopeful in this time of longing.*

You take the offering of our selves, our souls and bodies. You accept our brokenness and turn it into the stuff of sharing. You bless us to go out into the world and make known your abundance of blessing. And so we tell the story, and we make our prayer:

Holy God, accept the offering of our lives. Enliven your Spirit within us, that we may be your people, a reminder of compassion, justice, and hope in the world.

Presider and People

In joy we receive you, O Christ;
and in hope we follow you into the world. Amen.

Presider Believing the promises of God, as our Savior taught us,
we pray

Presider and People **An alternative Lord's Prayer**

Our loving God in heaven,
holy is your Name,
may your reign 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 all creation, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Presider and People **Concluding Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in our vocation and ministry we may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Epiphany Blessing

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
fill you with radiance
and scatter the darkness from your path.
Amen.

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,

gladden your eyes and warm your heart.

Amen.

Christ, the Dayspring from on high,
draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace.

Amen.

And the blessing ...

Amen.

Dismissal

Deacon

Jesus said, 'Go into all the world and make disciples of all the nations.'

Go in peace to love and serve in Christ name.

People Thanks be to God.

Liturgy created with the following resources

Book of Common Prayer, Enriching Our Worship, Saint Helena Breviary and A New Zealand Prayer Book, A Prayer of Longing and Connection During Coronatide, by The Rev. Diane Root, Common Worship Times and Seasons