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Speak
LORD
for your
SERVANT
is
LISTENING

1 Samuel 3:9

January 14, 2018

Welcome! Enter with Prayer - Worship in Awe - Leave to Serve.
All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

WELCOME TO THE STORY

All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just the clergy 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 the story of the vision of Jacob, who called the place of his vision “the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven” (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

A Story that Invites Us

Singing Bowl

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

PRELUDE . . . *Leilani Camara and Michael Keating*

WELCOME

Please Stand

P: The light of our Savior is with you all.

All: And also with you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Arise with hope, and shine with love!

All: Shine forth with the wisdom of God!

L: Arise with mercy, and shine with grace!

All: Live in righteousness and peace.

L: Arise with justice, and shine with compassion.

All: Radiate the brightness of Christ!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

All: Amen.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

All: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

P: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

All: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

P: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

GREETING

P: Arise, shine, for Christ's light has come! The glory of the Lord has arisen upon us, and Christ's mercy has restored us with forgiveness and grace.

All: Arise, shine, for Christ's light is shining upon us now!

HYMN . . . "Dearest Jesus, at Your Word" vs. 1, 3

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer - Tune: Johann R. Ahle - Cranberry Book #520



1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from



gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;



and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -
help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and



es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.

INVOCATION

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

All: And also with you.

KYRIE

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. All: Lord, have mer-cy.

L: For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us

pray to the Lord. All: Lord, have mer - cy.

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mer - cy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. All: Lord, have mer - cy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

All: A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of

God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are

seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give.

All: **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.**

Be Seated

CHOIR ANTHEM . . . “*Master, Speak*”

The Story that Shapes and Forms Us

READING . . . *1 Samuel 3:1-20*

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.

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.” Then 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. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For 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. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever.”

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” He said, “Here I am.” Eli 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.” So Samuel

told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, “It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him.”

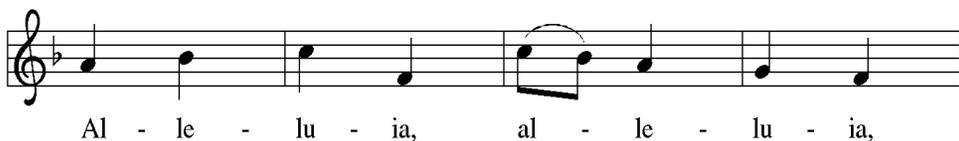
As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

L: Word of God, word of life.

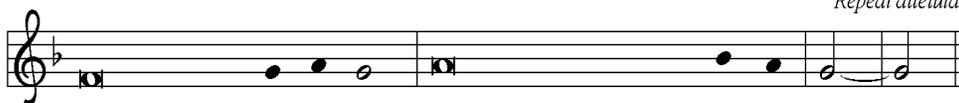
All: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

P: The Holy Gospel according to the first chapter of John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL . . . John 1:43-51

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 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.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Be Seated

CHILDREN’S TIME . . . Pastor Tim



Please Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY . . . "Here I Am, Lord" vs. 1, 2

Text & Tune: Daniel L. Schutte - Cranberry Book #574



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.

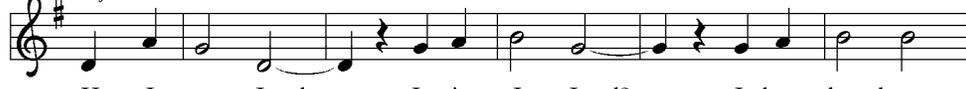


I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Be Seated

MESSAGE . . . Pastor Tim

A Story that Feeds Us

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: Come into Christ's light with your gifts.

All: They need not be gold or precious oil. Gifts of love and compassion are the greatest treasures of all.

THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE . . . "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" vs. 1

Text: Robert L. Edwards -Tune: C. Hubert H. Parry- Cranberry Book #678



1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end - less store:



na-ture's won-der, Je - sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up our - selves in praise;



thank-ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra-cious do - nor of our days.

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Generous God, you shower us with blessings and call us to share.

All: Thank you for this opportunity to shine your light into the world through our work of justice and compassion. We pray and live in the name of your true light, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. For the church throughout the world and for all called to its various ministries, that the Holy Spirit invite us and others to “come and see,” let us pray.

All: Have mercy, O God.

L: For the well-being of creation, for plants that provide nourishment, for animals that tend their young, that your goodness will be revealed through all creation, let us pray.

All: Have mercy, O God.

L: For the nations and all in authority, for advocates, for those who work for racial justice, and for our community, that all people may thrive together in harmony and order, let us pray.

All: Have mercy, O God.

L: For all who are oppressed; for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; for caregivers and families; for those who grieve and cannot sleep, that comfort will come to those in any distress, let us pray.

All: Have mercy, O God.

L: Hear now the prayers of our hearts said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Let us pray.

All: Have mercy, O God.

L: Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord is with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE EUCHARIST

P: God of wisdom, with gratitude and love.

All: we remember your mighty acts.

P: You created a world that was good.

All: You gave us this earth to enjoy.

P: You trusted us to share with you in caring for it.

All: And when we sinned, you still did not abandon us but made covenant with our ancestors.

*P: Holy one, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.*

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: "Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Again, 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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

P: With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth and death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

All: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on Earth.

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Praise and glory are yours. Holy One of Israel. Word of God incarnate, power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

All: 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.

FRACTION RITE

P: We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Come. Be filled with light and life.

All: For this meal we give thanks!

Be Seated

The ushers will invite you to the Lord's Table after the Lamb of God is sung.

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Holy Communion is open to all.

Grape juice is white, wine is red.

Let an usher know if you desire communion brought to you.

All are welcome to the Prayer and Healing Station in the narthex during communion.



**TAKE AND EAT
DRINK**

COMMUNION HYMN . . . “He Comes to Us as One Unknown”

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith - Tune: C. Hubert H. Parry
Cranberry Book #737



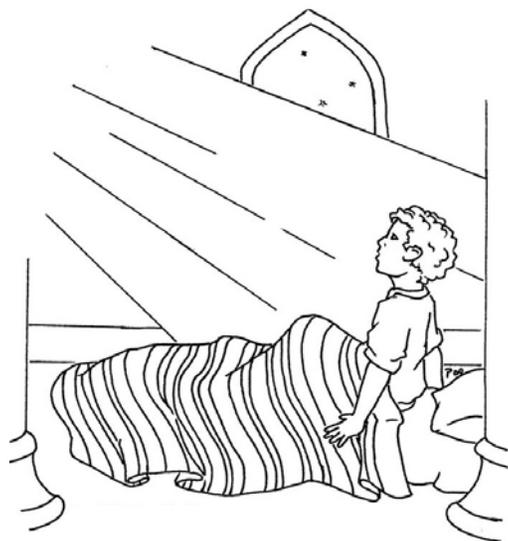
1 He comes to us as one un-known, a breath un - seen, un -
2 He comes when souls in si - lence lie and thoughts of day de -
3 He comes to us in sound of seas, the o - cean's fume and
4 He comes in love as once he came by flesh and blood and
5 He comes in truth when faith is grown; be - lieved, o - beyed, a -



heard; as though with - in a heart of stone, or shriv - eled seed in
part; half - seen up - on the in - ward eye, a fall - ing star a -
foam; yet small and still up - on the breeze, a wind that stirs the
birth; to bear with - in our mor - tal frame a life, a death, a
dored; the Christ in all the scrip - tures shown, as yet un - seen, but



dark - ness sown, a pulse of be - ing stirred, a pulse of be - ing stirred.
cross the sky of night with - in the heart, of night with - in the heart.
tops of trees, a voice to call us home, a voice to call us home.
sav - ing name, for ev - 'ry child of earth, for ev - 'ry child of earth.
not un - known, our Sav - ior and our Lord, our Sav - ior and our Lord.



COMMUNION HYMN . . . “Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak”

Text: Frances R. Havergal - Tune: Robert Schumann - Cranberry Book #676



1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -



liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
wan - d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Singing Bowl



Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.

All: Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the light of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day.

All: As we, like the shepherds, return on our way, may we proclaim all we have heard and seen, praising you in word and loving deed for the gift of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Be Seated



Please Stand

A Story that Sends Us Out to Love and Serve

WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

P: *You are the light of the world!*

All: We will take that light into all the places that need the light and love of God.

P: *Take that light into all the places that need the light and grace of Jesus Christ.*

All: We will take that light into all the places that need the light and inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

P: *Go and be the light of the world!*

All: Amen!

SENDING SONG . . . “Will You Come and Follow Me” vs. 1, 5

Text: John L. Bell - Tune: Scottish traditional - Cranberry Book #798

1 “Will you come and fol - low me 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
my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and

name be known, will you let my life be
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Be the light of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

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