



*Living out faith in our community
through prayer, reflection and action*

Celebrating Communion

in the

Season of Epiphany

(Scottish Liturgy 1982)

Second Sunday of Epiphany
Zoom

10th January 2021
Presider Ken Webb

We prepare

Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God our Creator
and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

I, The Lord Of Sea And Sky,
I Have Heard My People Cry.
All Who Dwell In Darkest 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?

Chorus

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.

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?

Chorus

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.

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,
'Til Their Hearts Be Satisfied.
I Will Give My Life To Them.
Whom Shall I Send?

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I Have Heard You Calling In The Night.
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Collect for Purity



**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
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.**

Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!
To God be glory forever! **To God be glory forever!**
Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

Collect of the Day – *a particular prayer for this week Epiphany 2*

Almighty God, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen



We listen for God's Word



Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 3.1-10,(11-20) (mute apart from Erika Birnbaum)

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. 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.

Psalm 139.1-5,12-17

¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

²**You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**

³You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

⁴**Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.**

⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

¹²**even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

¹³For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.**

¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶**Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.**

¹⁷How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

Epistle – **1 Corinthians 6.12-20** (*for silent reflection*)



¹²“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. ¹³“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. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. ¹⁵Do 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! ¹⁶Do 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.” ¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. ¹⁹Or 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? ²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Gospel – **John 1.43-51** (*Mute apart from Kate Campbell*)

When it is announced: **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

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.”

At the end: Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Breaking of the Word

We reflect together on what God might be saying to us: Sarah Kilbey

We respond in faith and prayer

Alternative Affirmation of Faith



A New Creed' from the United Church of Canada

We are not alone. We live in God's world:

**We believe in God,
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word in the flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and to resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen;
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Peace Carol

O little Love, who comes again,
the Word made flesh to make God plain,
O Child who shines, the Jesus light,
disarm the world,
this Christmas night!

No heart so hard it may not move,
no hate resist your open love;
defenceless in our hands you come
to Herod's power,
to Mary's home.

As all the wise look for your star,
so I must follow where you are;
as you are light so must I be,

as you are peace,
be peace in me.

Words: Shirley Erena Murray; music: Nigel Eastgate

Intercessions *led by Brian Kilbey*

*Prayer is offered for the world and its people,
for those who suffer and those in need,
for the Church and its members.*

Confession and Absolution

God is love and we are God's children.
There is no room for fear in love,
We love because God loved us first.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry.
Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil,
for the sake of your Son who died for us,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love,
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We share the Peace of Christ

Peace – *you are invited to share a sign of peace*

We meet in Christ's name. **Let us share his peace.**

Offertory Hymn –



1 Hark, my soul, it is the Lord;
'tis thy Saviour, hear his word;
Jesus speaks, and speaks to thee,

'Say, poor sinner, lov'st thou me?

4 Mine is an unchanging love,
higher than the heights above,
deeper than the depths beneath,
free and faithful, strong as death.

6 Lord, it is my chief complaint
that my love is weak and faint;
yet I love thee, and adore;
O for grace to love thee more!

Offering

Let us present our offerings to the Lord.
**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,
the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you, and of your own we give you.**

We Celebrate Communion

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.
Worship and praise belong to you, Father,
in every place and at all times.
All power is yours.
You created the heavens and established the earth;
you sustain in being all that is.
In Christ your Son our life and yours
are brought together in a wonderful exchange.
He made his home among us

that we might for ever dwell in you.

Through your Holy Spirit
you call us to new birth
in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose,
for whom Christ humbled himself
and became poor to make us rich,
we offer you our praise
with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven,
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father,
for the gift of your Son born in human flesh.
He is the Word existing beyond time,
both source and final purpose,
bringing to wholeness all that is made.
Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross.
By your power you raised him from the dead.
He broke the bonds of evil
and set your people free to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death,
knowing that his hour had come,
having loved his own, he loved them to the end.
At supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying:
'Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you.'
After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:
'Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in remembrance of me.'

**We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised
into the fellowship of Christ's Body,
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage,
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles and prophets, Martin
and of all our brothers and sisters
living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.
Lord, unite us in this sign.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
may your name be honoured,
may your kingdom come,**

**may your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day the food we need for today.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Do not bring us to the time of trial
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation and the Sharing of Communion

We are invited to partake of this sacrament, either in substance or symbolically at home.

We give thanks and are sent out

Sentence



Give thanks to our gracious God,
whose mercy endures for ever.

Post-Communion Prayer

God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

**Father, your steadfast purpose
is the completion of all things in your Son.
May we who have received the pledges of the kingdom,
live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love,
until the world reflects your glory and you are all in all;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

Christ the Son of God gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

Notices

SECMA (links)

I just want to say a few words about SECMA. Our overseas mission.

All the fundraisers have been cancelled this year so they are desperate we still support them. Normally the money raised at our Christmas bake sale goes towards this but of course this won't be happening.

It would be great if you could make a donation to this through the church bank account and mark it ' links ' . Lynn will receive donations throughout December and forward this to them.

I have the magazines but can't hand them out or leave them at the back of the church. We are going to try and send them to you by e mail. It might or might not work.

On a lighter note Peter is happy to make black bun. If you want a piece of 2 let us know. It will be £5 a piece. All money to links. Thank you.

Liz

Planning for Lent Group(s)

Ken is wondering if people would like to join a Zoom Lent Group on Wednesday evenings using Brian McLaren's book, 'The Great Spiritual Migration' as a resource. (ISBN: 978-1-473-62677-5) See his website: <https://brianmclaren.net>

If we are able to meet up with fewer restrictions we could visit the idea of forming actual groups. Please let him know if you are interested.

Newsletter for February/ March 2021

While our activities are so limited, I wondered if you might like to share the hymns that have helped you during the pandemic or just hymns that speak to you.

Best wishes

Felicity