

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Second Sunday After the Epiphany

January 17, 2021

Order of Service 10:00am

VOLUNTARY “Martin was a man, a real man” (Jacob Nevill, saxophone)

Oliver Nelson

HYMN IN PROCESSION 516

Down Ampney



1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
2 O let it free - ly burn, with which the soul will long,
3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,
and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;
O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place
and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing,
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing,
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890), alt. Music: *Down Ampney*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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*

KYRIE

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ have mercy.

Celebrant: Lord have mercy

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: May God be with you. *People: And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your Church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST READING

1 Samuel 3:1-20

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.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139:1-5, 12-17

From *Plainchant Psalter*

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| 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar. | 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well. |
| 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways. | 14 My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the
depths of the earth. |
| 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O LORD, know it altogether. | 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. |
| 4 You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me. | 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
how great is the sum of them! |
| 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it. | 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in num-
ber than the sand; to count them all, my life span
would need to be like yours. |
| 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb. | |

THE SECOND READING

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.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: Thanks be to God

GRADUAL *Sung by the Choir*

"Alleluia. Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia."

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:43-51

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

People: Glory to you, O 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."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON *The Rev. Owen C. Thompson (Please be seated.)*

THE NICENE CREED *(Please stand)*

*All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(People respond as indicated after each petition.)*

Subdeacon: Holy God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church. Living God, enliven the Church for its mission.

People: That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Subdeacon: Breathe fresh life into your people.

People: Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

Subdeacon: We pray for the world, and for all places where there is conflict, violence, and strife. Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

People: That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Subdeacon: Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

People: Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

Subdeacon: We pray for the community: For our leaders and institutions and for our neighbors who live and work throughout Rockland County and beyond. God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others.

People: That all may act with integrity and courage.

Subdeacon: Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

People: May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

Subdeacon: We pray for those in need: Remembering especially _____ and those we name, either silently or aloud____. God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

People: May they know the power of your healing love.

Subdeacon: We remember those who have died and those who mourn: those who have lost their lives in the service of their country; those who have been lost to COVID 19, including Elsa Gomez, Rosario Gonzalez, Marc J. Goodman, Grace Granter, Beverly Rubock Gray, Jennie Graziano, Gloria Christine Green, Harold Grossman, Juana Grullon de Pena, Miguel Guamon as well as Berta B. Ward, in whose loving memory the flowers this morning are offered, and those we name, either silently or aloud. We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

People: Father, into your hands we commend them.

Subdeacon: Give comfort to those who mourn.

People: Bring them peace in their time of loss.

Subdeacon: We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

People: May their example inspire and encourage us.

Subdeacon: We pray for ourselves and for our ministries: For our church school teachers, choir and lay ministers, commission and vestry members, and for all members of our parish family. Lord, you have called us to serve you.

People: Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Those things, good Lord, that your servants have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and in the purpose of your love answer our prayers and fulfil our hopes for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

CONFESSION

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*
All: *Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
By what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

THE PEACE (Standing)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *People: And also with you.*
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. *People: We lift them up unto the Lord.*
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS *Sung by the Choir*

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.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

All: *Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: *Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen*

(The celebrant breaks the consecrated Host. All then sing:)

FRACTION ANTHEM *Sung by the Choir*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

THE COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

All who seek God are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.

If you wish a blessing please cross your arms so that your hands are touching your shoulders.

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION *Sung by the Choir*

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest, Thy perfect love close in my breast.

That I thee love and never rest; And make me love thee all things best,

And wounde my heart in they love free, That I may reign in joy evermore with thee.

Music: John Rutter

Text: 15th Century traditional

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray. *(All kneel)*

All: God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;

you have united us with Christ and one another;

and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

**HYMN
IN
PROCESSION
599**



Ton-y-botel



1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing till earth and hea - ven ring, ring with the
2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, thou who hast



har - mon - ies of lib - er - ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise
hope un - born had died; yet, with a stead - y beat,
brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might



high as the lis - tening skies; let it re - sound loud as the
 have not our wea - ry feet come to the place for which our
 led us in - to the light; keep us for ev - er in the

roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has
 par - ents sighed? We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been
 path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we

taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
 wa - tered; we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
 met thee; lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for -

brought us; fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new
 slaugh - tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we
 get thee; sha-dowed be - neath thy hand may we for

day be - gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
 stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 ev - er stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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VOLUNTARY Chorale Prelude on *Down Ampney*

Mark Sedio

DISMISSAL

Subdeacon: Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

NEW DATE AND TIME

ANNUAL MEETING 2021

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13
at 10:00am**

VIA ZOOM

To ensure that we are in compliance with state religious corporation law, at the recommendation of the Diocese of New York, the vestry, after two consecutive sessions, has passed an amendment to the By Laws to allow us to have our Annual Meeting virtually.

The meeting will be designed to provide multiple ways to participate, including land line phone and ZOOM.

Watch for more details about format and participation to be released soon.