

**Worship Booklet for Sheltering-in-Place**  
**=== Morning Prayer ===**  
**The Second Sunday after the Epiphany: January 17, 2021**  
**The Season of Epiphany**  
**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Introduction** – Rev. Leslie Nipps

**Opening Hymn** – Gather #472, “Church of God,” v. 1 & 7

Refrain:

Church of God, chosen people,  
sing your praise to God.  
He has called you out of darkness  
into his marvelous light.

Verse 1:

Come, people of God, with joyful song,  
Praise God the Father of all.  
Baptized in Christ, reborn in him,  
Our hearts are filled with joy.  
He cleanses our sin, Renewing our lives.  
*(to Refrain)*

Verse 7:

The light of Christ has come to us  
Dispelling all our fears.  
His light reveals the path of life.  
We follow him with joy,  
The glory of God, The light of the world.  
*(to Refrain)*

Officiant From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations,  
and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for  
my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

Officiant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.*

Priest Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus  
Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you  
in eternal life. *Amen.*

Officiant Lord, open our lips.  
**Response** *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

**All** *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

Officiant    The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.

**Venite**    *Psalm 95:1-7    Venite, exultemus*

*A Reader leads the recitation*

***Reader and People together***

*Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.*

*For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.*

*Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!*

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

*A Reader leads the recitation*

***Reader and People together***

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*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.*

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

*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.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

### **The Old Testament – 1 Samuel 3:1-20**

*Reader:*

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. Then 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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*Response* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Epistle – 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

*Reader:*

“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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

**Response** *Thanks be to God.*

### \*Gradual -- Celtic Alleluia

*After a brief introduction, sing two times through*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## The Gospel – John 1:43-51

*Officiant* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

**Response** *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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.”

Officiant    The Gospel of our Savior.

*Response    Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**A Reflection** – Rev. Leslie Nipps

**10    The Second Song of Isaiah**    *Querite Dominum    Isaiah 55:6-11*

*A Reader leads the canticle recitation*

***Reader and People together***

*Seek the Lord while he wills to be found;\**  
*call upon him when he draws near.*

*Let the wicked forsake their ways \**  
*and the evil ones their thoughts;*

*And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \**  
*and to our God, for he will richly pardon.*

*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \**  
*nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.*

*For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \**  
*so are my ways higher than your ways,*  
*and my thoughts than your thoughts.*

*For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \**  
*and return not again, but water the earth,*

*Bringing forth life and giving growth, \**  
*seed for sowing and bread for eating,*

*So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \**  
*it will not return to me empty;*

*But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \**  
*and prosper in that for which I sent it.*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:\**  
*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

**The Apostles' Creed**

*A Reader leads the recitation*

***Reader and People together***

*We believe in God, the Father almighty,*  
*creator of heaven and earth;*

*We 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.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

Officiant      The Lord be with you.

**Response**    *And also with you.*

Officiant      Let us pray.

**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 for ever. Amen.*

Officiant      Let us now pray:

### **Suffrage B**

*A Reader leads each versicle (V.) and the People respond (R.):*

V.    Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

**R.    Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

V.    Day by day we bless you;

**R.    We praise your Name for ever.**

V.    Lord, keep us from all sin today;

**R.    Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

V.    Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**R.    For we put our trust in you.**

V.    In you, Lord, is our hope;

**R.    And we shall never hope in vain.**

### **The Doxology**

**All**            *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
                  Praise God, all creatures here below;  
                  Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
                  Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**Reader:**      Loving God, we follow the Magi in giving you gifts, praying that as you receive our acts of offering, you would shine the light of Christ in our hearts to lead us in lives which serve you more deeply. Please use this treasure we have humbly

offered to Christ the Lord Church to best meet the many urgent needs of our community, as well as to provide needed support for our parish. *Amen.*

*Add your prayers for yourself and the world, and thanks for God's blessings, out loud or in the chat.*

**The Collect of the Day** *From Planning for Rites and Rituals 2020-2021*

Officiant 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, worshipped, 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.*

**The Confession of Saint Peter the Apostle** *January 18th*

*Reader:* Almighty Father, who inspired Simon Peter, first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God: Keep your Church steadfast upon the rock of this faith, so that in unity and peace we may proclaim the one truth and follow the one Lord, our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**A Prayer for the President of the United States and all in Civil Authority**

*Reader:* O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to your merciful care, that, being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to the incoming President of the United States, Joseph Biden; the incoming Vice President of the United States, Kamala Harris; the Governor of this State, Gavin Newsom; and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in your fear; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. *Amen.*

**A Collect for Mission**

*Reader:* 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 their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**The General Thanksgiving**

*Officiant and People together*

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love*

*in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.*

*And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up ourselves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.*

**A Prayer of St. Chrysostom** [*KRIS-us-tum*]

*Reader:* Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*Response* **Thanks be to God.**

**Closing Hymn** – Gather #492, “Here I Am, Lord,” v. 1 & 3

Verse 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? (*to Refrain*)

Verse 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? (*to Refrain*)

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.

*Officiant* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.** *2 Corinthians 13:14*

Don't forget to join us for virtual coffee hour after the service through Zoom! Check your email from Sandy for details.