

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January  
2021**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

**Prayer for the day**

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your  
glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus  
Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**First Reading**

**1 Samuel 3:1–10**

[1] Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

[2] At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. [3] 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.

[4] Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, “Here I am!” [5] 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.

[6] And the LORD called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose 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.” [7] Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

[8] And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. [9] Therefore Eli

said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

[10] And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.” (ESV)

**Second Reading**

**Psalm 139:1–5, 12–18**

[1] O 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 afar.

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

[4] Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.

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

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

[13] For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb.

[14] I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

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

[16] Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

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

[18] If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you. (ESV)

**Gospel Reading**  
**John 1:43–51**

[43] The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” [44] Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. [45] Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” [46] Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” [47] Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” [48] Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” [49] Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” [50] Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” [51] And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.” (ESV)

**Final Prayer**

Eternal Lord,  
our beginning and our end:  
bring us with the whole creation  
to your glory, hidden through  
past ages  
and made known  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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