

# Epiphany Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 2021

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## Welcome

### Call

One: The Holy One

ALL: Source of Light

One: Guiding Light

ALL: Creating Light

One: Is here among us,

ALL: calling us and our world into the light of love and hope.

Let us lift our voices in worship the Holy One who calls us...

### Hymn: The silent stars StF 231

The silent stars shine down on us

With bright but sightless eye,

Unmindful of our little earth,

Of us who live and die.

Are we but grains of stranded sand

Beside a cosmic sea

That lie unvalued and unseen

In such immensity?

Creator of all stars, you came

To grace our transient race.

In Christ you spoke a Word that broke

In silences of space.

Still through that Word you call our hearts

To know that we are known,

To trust we do not walk through time

Unvalued and alone.

O Christ, the bright and morning Star

Whose radiance does not fade,

Whose glory filled the universe

Before the planets played:

Come, heal our hearts of fearful doubt

Let faith grow strong in light.

Shine down upon our darkened earth

And conquer sin's long night.

H G Stuempfle Jr

## **Opening Prayer with movement**

*(arms crossed in front)*

Loving God,

You are in the darkest night and brightest day

In the sunrise

*(arms opened)*

& sunset

*(arms closed)*

You are with us, calling us into your light.

## **Time for all ages: Called by name**

### **Hymn: Sent by the Lord am I CH4 250**

Sent by the Lord am I;

my hands are ready now

to make the earth the place

in which the kingdom comes. X2

The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain

into a world of love, of justice and of peace.

The task is mine to do, to set it really free.

Oh, help me to obey; help me to do your will.

*Jorge Maldonado*

### **Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 read by Matt Baines**

1-3 The boy Samuel was serving God under Eli's direction. This was at a time when the revelation of God was rarely heard or seen. One night Eli was sound asleep (his eyesight was very bad—he could hardly see). It was well before dawn; the sanctuary lamp was still burning. Samuel was still in bed in the Temple of God, where the Chest of God rested.

4-5 Then God called out, "Samuel, Samuel!"

Samuel answered, "Yes? I'm here." Then he ran to Eli saying, "I heard you call. Here I am."

Eli said, "I didn't call you. Go back to bed." And so he did.

6-7 God called again, "Samuel, Samuel!"

Samuel got up and went to Eli, "I heard you call. Here I am."

Again Eli said, "Son, I didn't call you. Go back to bed." (This all happened before Samuel knew God for himself. It was before the revelation of God had been given to him personally.)

8-9 God called again, "Samuel!"—the third time! Yet again Samuel got up and went to Eli, "Yes? I heard you call me. Here I am."

That's when it dawned on Eli that God was calling the boy. So Eli directed Samuel, "Go back and lie down. If the voice calls again, say, 'Speak, God. I'm your servant, ready to listen.'" Samuel returned to his bed.

10 Then God came and stood before him exactly as before, calling out, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Samuel answered, "Speak. I'm your servant, ready to listen."

### **Reflection by Fiona Bennett**

### **Meditation: Take O take me as I am performed by Mike Holroyd**

## Offering & Dedication

### Communion

#### Hymn: Come to the table of grace

Come to the table of grace  
Come to the table of grace  
This God's table it's not yours or mine  
Come to table of grace.

#### Song: This is the body of Christ CH4 799

This is the body of Christ  
Broken that we might be whole.  
This cup as promised by God,  
True to God's Word,  
Cradles our Lord  
Food the good of us all.

#### Song: God Bless to us our bread CH4 763

God bless to us our bread;  
And give bread to all those who are hungry,  
And hunger for justice to all who are fed.  
God bless to us our bread.

#### *Closing Response*

Presider: Together we are nourished by Jesus' life.  
ALL: We go to share his life and love.

#### Hymn: I, the Lord of Sea and Sky CH4 251

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?  
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?  
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  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?  
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.

*Daniel L. Schutte (b. 1947)*

## **Notices**

## **Blessing & Sung Amen**