

## **Worship Resource for Epiphany 2 (Sunday, January 17, 2021)**

Thanks for joining us in worship today! If you are worshipping online, be sure to fill out the digital connection card.

Today we begin a new four-week series of sermons titled "They Met Jesus." Using the Gospel lesson for the day, we will encounter three individuals and one group of four people who met Jesus as they lived out their lives. Today we meet Nathaniel.

### **Sunday School this Week**

Our Adult Sunday School class begins a 10 week journey to the Holy Land with teacher Ray Vander Laan. This series specifically walks us to the key places that lead to the death and resurrection of the Messiah. The series will be available through Zoom.

### **Getting Reading for Worship**

As you get ready for worship, you will want to have:

1. Your Bible. We will be reading these passages: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 and John 1:43-51.
2. A Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW). We will sing hymn #559 ("Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"). We will conclude the service by singing hymn #492 ("O Master, Let Me Walk with You.")
3. The elements for Holy Communion. We encourage you to strive for a bread product and something in the "fruit of the vine" category.
4. The worship service will be broadcast on YouTube. You will find links to both on the home page of the Grace website ([www.grace-nalc.org](http://www.grace-nalc.org)).

**Prelude:** *O Morning Star*  
*Jacob's Ladder*  
*Come and See*

Philipp Nicolai, Stanley E. Saxton  
Franklin Ritter  
Lenny LeBlanc

### **Opening Hymn: *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (LBW #559)***

1. Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of his grace!
2. My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad The honors of your name.
3. The name of Jesus charms our fears And bids our sorrows cease,  
Sings music in the sinner's ears, Brings life and health and peace.
4. He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin; He sets the pris'ner free.  
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.
5. To God all glory, praise, and love Be now and ever giv'n  
By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley

Tune: Carl G. Glaser

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### **Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness**

Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Kyrie**

P: Kyrie eleison      C: Lord, have mercy.  
P: Christe eleison    C: Christ, have mercy.  
P: Kyrie eleison      C: Lord, have mercy.

## **Hymn of Praise**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.  
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.  
    Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,  
    We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.  
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.  
    Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father  
    Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;  
    You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.  
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.  
    For you alone are the holy one, you alone are the Lord,  
    You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
    In the glory of God the Father, Amen.  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.  
Glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.  
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## **Holy Scripture: 1 Samuel 3:1-10**

The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions. <sup>2</sup>One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. <sup>3</sup>The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." <sup>5</sup>And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup>Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup>So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup>The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

## **Holy Scripture: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

<sup>12</sup>"I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but I will not be mastered by anything. <sup>13</sup>You say, "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both." The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup>By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. <sup>15</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that he

who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." <sup>17</sup> But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit. <sup>18</sup> Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. <sup>19</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup> you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

### **\*Holy Gospel: John 1:43-51**

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup> Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

<sup>46</sup> "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. <sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit." <sup>48</sup> "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup> Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel." <sup>50</sup> Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." <sup>51</sup> He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.'"

### **The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I 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 into hell. 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, for the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **The Giving of Your Tithes and Offerings**

We encourage you to participate in the offering as you worship from your home. Have a designated basket where you place your offering, and include your children in the process. Let them serve as ushers, for example. Use this as a teaching time to talk about the importance of stewardship, and to pray for your church's financial situation during these abnormal times. Here are a few giving options for you to consider:

1. Your Grace offering envelope is also a mailing envelope. We recommend added an additional piece of tape to secure the tab.
2. Give through the Grace app. It's quick, simple and easy, and very secure. Connect through the "Give" option.
3. Use the "bill pay" option through your bank.
4. Arrange for automatic contributions through the Grace system (Vanco). Again this is very secure. There is a form to be filled out for this. Contact Church Administrator Darla Kalifoot (937-399-6257) to get this set up.

### **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.  
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord**

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. Hosanna in the highest.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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 this day 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, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

### **Lamb of God**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

At the pastor's direction, share the communion elements with one another.  
As you share the bread with one another, say "The body of Christ given for you."  
As you share the cup with one another, say "The blood of Christ shed for you."

**Musical Offering:** *My Heart Ever Faithful*  
*Aria from Cantata No. 68*

Johann Sebastian Bach  
Carol Suddath, cellist

### **Hymn: O Master, Let Me Walk with You (LBW #492)**

1. O Master, let me walk with you In lowly paths of service true;  
Tell me your secret; help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.
2. Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear, winning word of love;  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay, And guide them in the homeward way.
3. Teach me your patience; share with me A closer, dearer company,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that triumphs over wrong,
4. In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broad'ning way,  
In peace that only you can give; With you, O Master, let me live.

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**Postlude:** *Christians, Be Joyful*

J. S. Bach

### **Other Notes:**

- Throughout the service, feel free to stand whenever doing so would enhance your worship experience.

- As you share the peace, consider sending a text of peace to someone who also may be sheltered in a different place. Stay connected!