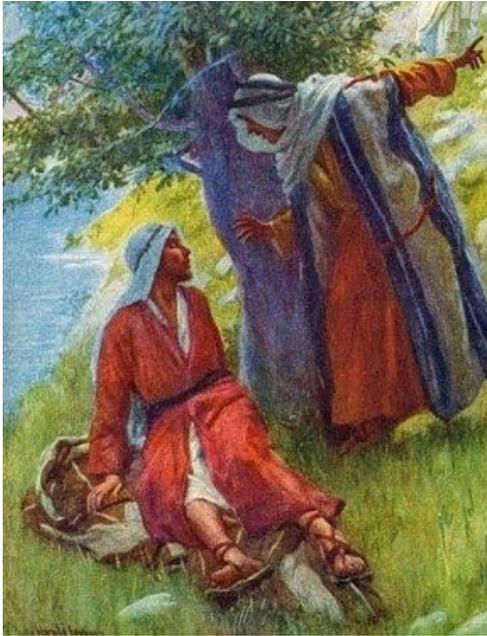


# Second Sunday of Epiphany 17th January 2021



***Philip found Nathanael and said;  
“We have found him about whom  
the prophets wrote, ....Come and  
see!”***

## Opening Responses

Come into God's presence,  
and see the difference love makes!

**All Lord, help us to love**

Come into the light  
and see the glory of God!

**All Lord, help us to see**

Come into worship, and see what God has  
in store for us today!

**All Lord, help us to worship**

## Opening prayer

The night has passed, and the day lies open  
before us;

let us pray with one heart and mind.

***Silence is kept.***

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever. **All: Amen.**

## Confession

Christ the light of the world has come to  
dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light  
let us examine ourselves and confess our  
sins., by saying together -

**All Lord Jesus, we open our hearts to  
you this day, and offer the truth of our  
lives:**

**The fear that stifles us,  
The prejudice that blinds us,  
The ignorance that hobbles us,  
The doubt that plagues us.**

**Forgive us, we pray, and help us to:  
See you more clearly, love you more  
dearly and follow you more nearly,  
day by day. Amen.**

## Absolution

## Hymn

The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the Word:  
from heav'n he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with ev'ry grace endued.

Yet she on earth hath union  
with the God the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

## The Word of God

**Reading: *John 1:43-51***

*At end of reading:*

This is the word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God**

## Sermon

### Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God, who opens the way between heaven and Earth....

**All** Though he was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.

Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.

He humbled himself  
and was obedient to death,  
even the death of the cross.

Therefore God has raised him on  
high, and given him the name above  
every name:

that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow,  
and every voice proclaim that Jesus  
Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the  
Father.

**Amen.**

## Prayers

### Intercessions

#### The Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen**

#### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven...**

## Hymn

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious,  
the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious,  
Thy great Name we praise.

To all, life Thou givest,  
to both great and small;  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish  
as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish –  
but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory,  
pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee,  
all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render;  
O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendour  
of light hideth Thee!

## Notices

### Blessing

May God the Father, who led the wise men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from light, lead you also in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.  
May God the Son, who has opened the way to heaven for each one of us, so reveal Himself to you that you may recognize His power at work in your life.  
May God the Holy Spirit, who prompted Philip to bring Nathaniel to Jesus, help you to bring others to "come and see" Him too.  
And May the blessing...

### Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**