

**Mount Calvary Sunday Worship**

January 14, 2024

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Virtual Worship...

*GREETING*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion  
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*GATHERING HYMN*

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**Here I Am, Lord**

**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?"**

*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.**

**VERSE 2**

**"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?" *Refrain***

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
creator of darkness and light,  
word of truth,  
wind sweeping over the waters.  
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our rock and refuge, we pour out our hearts before you.  
We have known you but have not always loved you.

**Lord, forgive us.**

We have wounded one another and sinned against you.

**Lord, forgive us.**

We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us.

**Lord, forgive us.**

Remember your covenant.

**Lord, help us.**

Renew your creation.

**Lord, help us.**

Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all.

**Lord, help us.**

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.  
By the authority of ✝ Jesus Christ,  
your sins are forgiven.  
You are God's beloved.  
**Amen.**

### PRAYER

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

### FIRST READING

#### *1 Samuel 3:1-10*

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.”

PSALM - ??

*Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18*

<sup>1</sup>LORD, you have searched me out; O LORD, you have known me.

<sup>2</sup>**You know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.**

<sup>3</sup>You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**

<sup>5</sup>You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

<sup>13</sup>For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

<sup>14</sup>**I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

<sup>15</sup>My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

<sup>16</sup>**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of**

**them were written in your book; my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

<sup>17</sup>How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!

<sup>18</sup>**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 <sup>1</sup> be like yours.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*

**You are the salt of the earth  
You are the salt of the earth  
So shine, shine, shine where you are  
You are the salt of the earth**

*GOSPEL*

The Holy Gospel according to John, the First chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*John 1:43-51*

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>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." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree?

You will see greater things than these.”<sup>51</sup> 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.”

MESSAGE

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HYMN OF DAY

God Is On The Move  
*7eventh Time Down*

Anytime a heart turns from darkness to light  
Anytime temptation comes and someone stands to fight  
Anytime somebody lives to serve and not be served

*Refrain*

I know, I know, I know, I know  
God is on the move, on the move  
Hallelujah  
God is on the move  
In many mighty ways  
God is on the move, on the move  
Hallelujah  
God is on the move  
On the move today

Anytime in weakness someone falls upon their knees  
Or dares to speak the truth that sets men free  
Anytime the choice is made to stand upon the Word. *Refrain*

I see a generation standing on the truth  
In each and every nation, God is on the move

Anytime the Gospel stirs a searching soul  
And someone says, "Send me, here I go". *Refrain 2x*

I see a generation standing on the truth  
In each and every nation, God is on the move

### CALL FOR PRAYERS

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence for personal prayer.*

Encourage the ministry and mission of the church, God of truth. Let the leaders of your church be trustworthy and accountable stewards, that all its resources and outreach bring hope and healing to communities. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Call the leaders of every neighborhood and nation to serve faithfully, God of wisdom. Give them visions of justice and unity. Lead them to action that promotes equitable partnership and uplifts those on the margins of society. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Hold in your care any who suffer and struggle, God of compassion. You who know our inner hearts, be present with any who are oppressed, victims of racism or cultural bias, and all who long for respite or restoration. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Give this congregation the anticipation and excitement of Samuel, so inspired and empowered to do your work in the world, God of unity.

Make us faithful as we build communities of inclusion and mutual care.  
God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and  
the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all.  
By your powerful word you created all things.  
Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.  
He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy  
and might.

On the night of his suffering,  
he gave thanks for the bread that he held in his hands.  
This bread he shared among his followers, saying:  
All of you, take this, eat this;  
it is my body, handed over for you.  
Do this and remember me.  
**The body of Christ! Amen**

Then he shared drink with them, saying:

All of you, take this, drink this;  
it is my blood, the blood of the new covenant  
that begins now and lasts forever.  
This blood is poured out for you and for all people  
so that sins may be taken away.  
Do this and remember me.

**The blood of Christ! Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.  
Come and see.

The table is set. All is ready and all are welcome

THE DISTRIBUTION FOR COMMUNION KITS

*For those persons who prefer to remain in their seats instead of processing up the aisle to the altar to receive communion, communion kits are on the back table.*

For those who choosing to receive communion via the communion kit:

You are invited to eat the bread: Body of Christ given for you.  
You are invited to drink the juice: Blood of Christ shed for you

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Giver of every gift,  
Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.  
Raise us to life by your power  
for the benefit of all and to your glory,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*BENEDICTION*

God who names you,  
Christ who claims you,  
and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,  
✠ bless you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN*

**Day by Day**  
*(sing 3x)*

**Day by day  
Day by day  
Oh, Dear Lord  
Three things I pray  
To see you more clearly  
Love you more dearly  
Follow you more nearly  
Day by day**

*DISMISSAL*

Go in peace. You are God's beloved.  
**Thanks be to God.**