



*church of reconciliation*

**Order of Service  
January 17, 2021**

**The Liturgy of the Word**

**PRELUDE**

**Reflections of Eternity**

**THE OPENING HYMN**

**We Are Called**

**THE COLLECT FOR PURITY**

*Celebrant:* Blessed are you, holy and living One.

***People:* You come to your people and set them free.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE**

*Lector:* A Reading from Samuel.

**1 Samuel 3:1-20**

***Read by Curtis Wade***

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. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; 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. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" 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. 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." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. 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. 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. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him."  
As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

*Lector:* This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 139**

**Refrain: I praise your name, I praise your name at what you make, O God.**

O God, you search me and you know me. You know when I sit and when I stand.  
You understand my thoughts from afar. With all my ways you are familiar. *Refrain*

You knit me in my mother's womb. I give you thanks for you have made me.  
How wondrous, wondrous are your works. *Refrain*

You knew my soul completely. Nor was my frame unknown to you when I was formed in the depths,  
when I was fashioned in secret. *Refrain*

### **THE EPISTLE**

*Lector:* A reading from First Corinthians.

**1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

***Read by Rusty Wilson***

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

*Lector:* This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

John 1:43-51

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

*People:* **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 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." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." 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."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Judith Rhodes

## THE NICENE CREED

***All:* We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Read by the Scott Family*

*Intercessor:* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work; for the men and women of our Armed Forces and first responders who serve to protect us all;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community of San Antonio, and for the nation and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble, especially our Armed Forces and first responders; and those from our parish family: and Kimberly, Nora, Benny, Ted, John, Lisa, Susan, Phil, Stella, Ben, Robert, Betty, Renee, Jill, Nasir, Alice, Martha, Carolyn, and Georgia.

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop; David, our Diocesan Bishop; Rayford High, our Assistant Bishop;  
Joshua Woods and Judith Rhodes, our priests; James Reiss, our seminarian, and for all bishops and other  
ministers;  
**For all who serve God in the Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We will exalt you, O God;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your  
loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

**Hasten, O Creator, the coming of your Kin-dom; and grant that we your servants, who now live  
by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glory; even Jesus Christ, our only  
Mediator and Advocate.**

#### **PRAYER FOR CLARITY AND CALM IN THE COMING DAYS**

*(Inspired by John O'Donohue)*

We pray that our racing hearts will begin to calm.  
May all that is strained in our country come to ease.

We pray for all who have suffered violence.  
May an unexpected serenity rise up to comfort them.

For those who risk their lives each day for peace,  
May their courage glimpse your hand in the arc of history.

That we might move through our anger and fear of each other  
To find the clarity that will heal our fatal attraction to aggression.

That those who enjoy the privilege of power and authority  
Be ever mindful of those they represent and the nation they serve.

And in these days of great stress and anxiety in our nation,  
That no hurt or harm be done anywhere upon this land we call home.

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All: Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## THE ABSOLUTION

*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### Happy birthday to:

Mark Mangus	1/18
Mark Ahn	1/18
Ted Gibbs	1/18
Lois Gibbs	1/18
Joan West	1/21
Kaye Judson	1/22
Ted Ressler	1/22

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. - Psalm 96:8

## THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Without Seeing You

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus the Christ, your Word Incarnate, through whom you gave birth to all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb. You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey. And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings within all Creation as we shout with joy:

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all. Your Word has never been silent. You called a people to yourself as a light to the nations. You delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you became fully manifest in Jesus, who shared our humanity and our burdens, who proclaimed the presence of your holy kingdom and gave himself for us, an ultimate act of love. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, we are freed from sin, brought into abundant life, reconciled and restored to wholeness.

We give thanks that on the night before he died Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Celebrant and People*

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*The Celebrant continues*

Enliven your Holy Spirit within us and these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be to us the Body and Blood of Christ. Grant that we, quickened by your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all Creation into the joy of our eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator with voices in unending praise.

*Celebrant and People:*

**Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

*Celebrant:* And now, as Christ taught us, we are deeply moved to pray:

### **The LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*The people respond:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### **THE INVITATION**

He whom the universe could not contain, is present to us in this bread. He who redeemed us and called us by name, now meets us in this cup. So take this bread and this wine, in them God comes to us so that we may come to God.

### **COMMUNION MUSIC**

**What Wondrous Love Is This?**

### **THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant:* And now, let us pray.

**God of Abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; in Christ you have united us with one another; and you have made us one with all people in heaven and earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### **THE BLESSING**

### **THE DISMISSAL**

*The Priest dismisses the people saying:*

Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*The People Respond:*

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

### **THE CLOSING HYMN**

**The Summons**