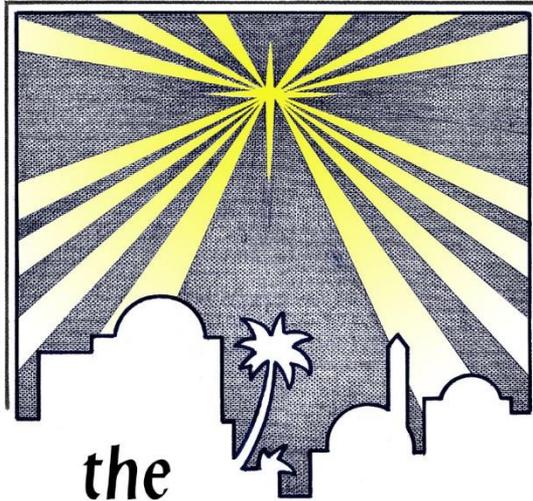


**St. Charles Episcopal Church**  
**9:30 AM Holy Eucharist Year B**  
**Rite II, Prayer B**



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**Light shines in**  
**the Darkness**

**January 17, 2021**

**The Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

*Welcome! We are pleased you are joining us today. Please share this service with your family, friends, and neighbors.*

**Voluntary** Variations on *Here I Am, Lord*

Robert B. Farlee (b. 1950)

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

**People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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### Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy 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 thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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### Reading

### 1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20)

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.]

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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

1 O LORD, you have searched me and known me.

2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

3 You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

4 Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely.

5 You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

13 For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

15 My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

16 Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.

17 How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

18 I try to count them -- they are more than the sand; I come to the end -  
- I am still with you.

## The Gospel

John 1:43-51

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.** † *forehead*, † *mouth*, † *heart*

The next day 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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

The Rev. Deacon Steve Lowe

**Meditation Song**

Here I am, Lord

Dan Schutte (b. 1947)

Tara Osborne, Soprano

*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 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  
'Til their hearts be...*

## Nicene Creed

**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.**

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**Prayers of the People (Form VI)**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Intercessor: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

Intercessor: For all people in their daily life and work;

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

Intercessor: For this community, the nation, and the world;

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

Intercessor: For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

Intercessor: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

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

Intercessor: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**All: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Intercessor: For Paula, our Bishop Elect, and for all bishops and other ministers;

**All: For all who serve God in his Church.**

Intercessor: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Intercessor Hear us, Lord;

**All: For your mercy is great.**

Intercessor: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

Intercessor: We will exalt you, O God our King;

**All: And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Intercessor: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Intercessor: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**All: Who put their trust in you.**

Intercessor: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

**All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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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.

**People: Amen.**

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**Peace**

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

**People: And also with you.**

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## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,  
an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem

The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams ( 1872-1958)

Martin Pazdioch, Baritone

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:*

*Such a Way, as gives us breath:*

*Such a Truth, as ends all strife:*

*Such a Life, as killeth death*

*Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:*

*Such a Light, as shows a feast:*

*Such a Feast, as mends in length:*

*Such a Strength, as makes his guest*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:*

*Such a Joy, as none can move:*

*Such a Love, as none can part:*

*Such a Heart, as joys in love*

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer B*

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. BCP 367

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. BCP 378

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name: BCP367

**All: 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.** BCP367

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**People: We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

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Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

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## The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

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## Breaking of the Bread

*The priest breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept.*

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

**People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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## Communion

*\*Distribution of Home Communion elements from 11AM to 11:30AM in rear parking lot. Please wear a mask, stay in your car, and wait for the minister to bring items to you. Please take communion home to reverently consume.*

Celebrant: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

Celebrant: The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

## Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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## Blessing

Celebrant: May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

**People: Amen.**

## Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary

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César Franck (1822-1890)