**Epiphany 2**

**17th January 2021**

Introduction & welcome: *Rev Trish*

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

*Hymn: I, the Lord of sea and sky (mute!)*

Gathering: *Des Roberts*

Lord God, as a new day begins, we come to worship and praise you.

**In answer to your call, we come.**

Lord God, we come with thanks for all you have given us this week.

**In answer to your call, we come.**

Lord God, we come with the wrongs we have done this week.

**In answer to your call, we come.**

Lord God, we come to hear your words for us and our generation.

**In answer to your call, we come.**

Lord God, through your Spirit unite us in joyful celebration, as we worship you.

**In answer to your call, we come.** **Amen.**

A prayer of confession: *Richard Pickles*

Lord, we ask you to show us the Father

– but we have failed to recognize you.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, you have been with us all our lives

– yet still we do not know you. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, though the world cannot receive you

– give us your spirit of truth to abide in us.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Hear the words of grace ‘Your sins are forgiven.’

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Collect:*Helen Probin*

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Old Testament reading:** *Lesley Brown*

*1 Samuel 3.1–10*

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.’

This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

Prayer of praise: *Jill Bottomley*

All praise to you, O Christ, who took the doubts of Nathanael, asking whether anything good could come from Nazareth, and revealed yourself to him as Son of God and King of Israel.

All praise to you, O Christ, who took the doubts of Thomas who would not believe in your resurrection until he had touched and seen, for you revealed yourself to him, the living proof he asked. With your apostles we acclaim you in faith as our Lord and our God and our Saviour. **Amen.**

Gospel: *Jean Owen*

*John 1.43–51*

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 towards him, he said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’ Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come 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.’

This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

Address: *Rev Yvonne*

Prayers of intercession**:** *Chris Lawton*

With confidence in Jesus, who calls us to walk alongside him, we bring our heartfelt needs before God.

We pray for all in this community of faith, that we may always remain open and receptive to the call to trust in God’s will for us….

We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray that the knowledge of God’s love will grow strong in our hearts, leading us to use our lives, body and soul, for the glory of God….

We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer**.

We pray for those who struggle to see God’s presence in the world and their own lives. May our faith and generosity help them to recognize his loving touch. We pray for communities torn apart by conflict and division….

We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer**.

We pray for those in need, remembering in particular those affected by coronavirus: the sick, the anxious, the furloughed and the unemployed, and the bereaved. May we reach out to them in gentle solidarity as Jesus reached out to us….

We pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.**

A prayer for all ages: *Sue Tye*

Lord, open our ears to your voice when you call us to come to you.

Lord, open our eyes to your presence when you invite us to see you.

Lord, open our lips to praise you, and our hearts to welcome you.

Lord, quicken our feet to follow you, and our hands to do your will.

Lord, give us your word on our lips and your love in our hearts as we call your people to come and see Jesus.

All this we ask in his name. **Amen.**

We pray together as Jesus taught us, **Our Father…**

The Peace: *Rev Heather*

The peace of the Lord be always with you;

**And also with you**

Tangnefedd yr Arglwydd a fo gyda chwi bob amser

**A hefyd gyda thi**

The Blessing: *Rev Matt*

Lord, as you have called us, make us worthy of our calling. Unite us with you, that we may be one with you as temples of your holy spirit, that your glory may be seen in us. And may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

*Hymn: In Christ alone (mute!)*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! **Amen**