

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading:

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.'

Reader: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-18 *Please join in saying the psalm responsively by the half verse*

O LORD, thou hast searched me out and known me: / **thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising; thou understandest my thoughts from afar.**

² Thou art about my path and about my bed, / **and art acquainted with all my ways.**

³ For lo, there is not a word in my tongue, / **but thou, O LORD, knowest it altogether.**

⁴ Thou hast beset me behind and before, / **and laid thine hand upon me.**

⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful and excellent for me: / **I cannot attain unto it.**

¹² FOR thou didst form my inward parts: / **thou didst knit me together in my mother's womb.**

¹³ I will give thanks unto thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: / **marvellous are thy works, and that my soul knoweth right well.**

¹⁴ My frame was not hid from thee, / **when I was made secretly, and fashioned beneath in the earth.**

¹⁵ Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; / **and in thy book were all of them written,**

¹⁶ Even the days that were planned for me, / **when as yet there was none of them.**

¹⁷ How dear are thy counsels unto me, O God! / **O how great is the sum of them!**

¹⁸ If I count them, they are more in number than the sand: / **when I wake up, I am present with thee.**

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 1: 43-51

(Please stand as the Gospel is read from the Lectern.)

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

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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.'

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.