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M: Minister
A: All

WELCOME

HYMN:

“God of Mercy, God of Grace”
found on page 1 of this worship guide

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

A: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

A: Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

The minister offers the Prayer of the Day.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON:

1 Samuel 3:1-10

The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions. ² One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." ⁵ And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. ⁶ Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹ So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰ The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

GOSPEL LESSON:

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. ¹⁶ May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, ¹⁷ encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

THE NICENE CREED

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**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

**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,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

HYMN:

**“Speak, O Lord”
*found on page 7 of this worship guide***

MESSAGE:

“Epiphany Encouragement: You Have Been Called by Jesus”
based on John 1:43-51

John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, “Follow me.”⁴⁴ Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida.⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, “We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”⁴⁶ “Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?” Nathanael asked. “Come and see,” said Philip.⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, “Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.”⁴⁸ “How do you know me?” Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.”⁴⁹ Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.”⁵⁰ Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.”⁵¹ He then added, “Very truly I tell you, you will see ‘heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on’ the Son of Man.”

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PRAYERS & BLESSING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The minister offers the Prayer of the Church.

LORD'S PRAYER

A: 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.

HYMN:

“Christ, by Heavenly Hosts Adored” stzs.1,3
found on page 10 of this worship folder

BLESSING

5 Let ev'ry instrument be tuned for praise;
 Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise,
 And may God give us faith to sing always:
 Alleluia!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000, alt.

Tune: Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924

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God of Mercy, God of Grace

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1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, Show the bright-ness of your face.
 2 Let the peo - ple praise you, Lord! Be by all that live a-dored.
 3 Let the peo - ple praise you, Lord, Then en - joy your rich re-ward!

Shine up - on us, Sav - ior, shine; Fill your Church with light di - vine,
 Let the na-tions shout and sing Glo - ry to their Sav - ior King,
 God to us his bless - ing give, We to God de - vot - ed live,

And your sav - ing health ex - tend To the earth's re - mot - est end.
 At your feet their trib - ute pay, And your ho - ly will o - bey.
 All be - low and all a - bove One in joy and light and love.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847, alt.
 Tune: attr. Johann G. Werner, 1777-1822

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Speak, O Lord

1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re -
 2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly
 3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us

ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.
 rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
 grasp the heights of your plans for us.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
 Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the
 Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will

fash - ion us in your like - ness That the
 ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our
 e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by

gtr/vce only

light of Christ might be seen to - day In our
 faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma -
 grace we'll stand on your pro - mis - es, And by

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acts of love and our deeds of faith.
 jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
 faith we'll walk as you walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us All your
 Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail, Let their
 Speak, O Lord, as your Church is built And you

pur - poses for your glo - ry.
 truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
 fill the earth with your glo - ry.

Last time

Christ, by Heavenly Hosts Adored

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1 Christ, by heav'n-ly hosts a-dored, Gra-cious, might-y, sov'-reign Lord,
 2 On our fields of grass and grain Send, O Lord, the kind-ly rain;
 3 Give us rul-ers who will be Known for love and hon-es-ty;

God of na-tions, King of kings, Head of all cre-a-ted things,
 O'er our wide and good-ly land Crown the la-bors of each hand.
 Let the pow'rs that you or-dained Be in right-eous-ness main-tained.

By the Church with joy con-fessed, God o'er all, for-ev-er blest—
 Let your kind pro-tec-tion be O'er our com-merce on the sea.
 In the peo-ple's hearts in-crease Love of pi-e-ty and peace.

Plead-ing, at your throne we stand: Save your peo-ple, bless our land.
 O-pen, Lord, your boun-teous hand; Bless your peo-ple, bless our land.
 Thus u-nit-ed, we shall stand One wide, free, and hap-py land.

Text: Henry Harbaugh, 1817-67, abr., alt.
 Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816-93

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