



Readings

for Sunday, January 17, 2021

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

A Reading from the First book of Samuel.

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 The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

- ¹LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- ²You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- ³Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- ⁴You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- ⁵Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- ¹²For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- ¹³I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- ¹⁴My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
- ¹⁵Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.
- ¹⁶How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!
- ¹⁷If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

“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.

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Prayers of the People

Let us lift our hearts to the One who calls us, saying, We call to you, O Lord. And we are listening.

We pray for the Church, that the hearts of the leaders and those who are led be turned toward you. Call us to support your work in the world through the Church.

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, William our Bishop, Walter and Don, our Priests, Jamie Candidate for the Diaconate, the Anglican Church of Australia, the Reverend's J. Michael McHugh, and Jennifer Ovenstone Smith. We pray for those on our Parish Cycle of Prayer, Michael Castaldo, Jim Robbins, and Anna Tews.

We call to you, O Lord. And we are listening.

We pray for those who govern the nations of the world, that their leadership be wise and compassionate. Call us to informed and cooperative citizenship. We pray for *N.* our President, *N.* our Governor, the Congress, and courts of the land.

We call to you, O Lord. And we are listening.

We pray for people in every corner of the world, especially for those who lack adequate food, shelter, and hope. Call us to compassionate action. We pray for *the people and places* that have suffered natural devastation, effects of war, and plague.

We call to you, O Lord. And we are listening.

We pray for those close to our hearts who suffer from illness, anxiety; who face challenges and transitions; who struggle with your will in their lives. We pray today for Paula and John. We pray for healing for Jamie and his family, Meredith, Laretta, Ernie G., Donna C., Lisa Striano-Bates, Mother Lisa Hoffman, Jeff Hoffman, Justin Gonzales, Paul Korejko, Mike Culhane, Jane Gesemyer, Lily Rose Cramer, William Chapman and Michael Rising.

We call to you, O Lord. And we are listening.

We pray for those who will be born this day, that they will be embraced by loving communities. We pray for those who are dying and those who now rest in your eternal embrace. Are there those you wish to name?

Loving God, we call to you. And we are listening.