

Collect Almighty God, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the Light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy 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 the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

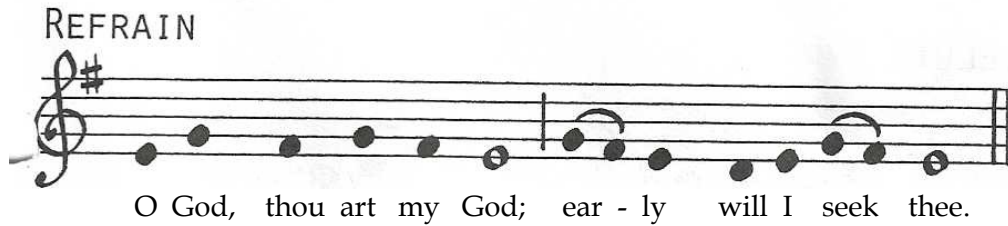
The Lesson

I Samuel 3:1-20

NOW THE BOY SAMUEL WAS MINISTERING TO THE LORD UNDER ELI. AND THE WORD of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. ² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim, so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place; ³ the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down within the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵ 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. ⁶ And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose 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." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for thy servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰ And the LORD came and stood forth, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for thy servant hears." ¹¹ Then the LORD said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel, at which the two ears of every one that hears it will tingle. ¹² On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³ And I tell him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity which he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴ Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever." ¹⁵ Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶ But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am." ¹⁷ And 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." ¹⁸ So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said,

“It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.”¹⁹ And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.²⁰ And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD.

Psalm 63:1-9



- 2 My soul thirsteth for thee,
my flesh also longeth after thee, *
in a barren and dry land where no water is.
- 3 Thus have I looked for thee in the sanctuary, *
that I might behold thy power and glory. *(Refrain)*
- 4 For thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself: *
my lips shall praise thee.
- 5 As long as I live will I magnify thee in this manner, *
and lift up my hands in thy Name. *(Refrain)*
- 6 My soul shall be satisfied, even as it were with marrow and fatness; *
when my mouth praiseth thee with joyful lips.
- 7 Have I not remembered thee in my bed, *
and thought upon thee when I was waking? *(Refrain)*
- 8 Because thou hast been my helper; *
therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.
- 9 My soul hangeth upon thee; *
thy right hand hath upholden me. *(Refrain)*

The Epistle

I Corinthians 6:9-20

DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT THE UNRIGHTEOUS WILL NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF God? Do not be deceived; neither the immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor sexual perverts,¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor robbers will inherit the kingdom of God.¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus

Christ and in the Spirit of our God.¹² “All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything.¹³ “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food” – and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.¹⁴ And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never!¹⁶ Do you not know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two shall become one flesh.”¹⁷ But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.¹⁸ Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immoral man sins against his own body.¹⁹ Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own;²⁰ you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

The Holy Gospel

St. John 1:43-51

THE NEXT DAY [AFTER HE WAS BAPTIZED BY JOHN,] JESUS DECIDED TO GO TO Galilee. And he found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.”⁴⁴ Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael, and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.”⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”⁴⁷ Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!”⁴⁸ Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”⁴⁹ Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”⁵⁰ Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these.”⁵¹ And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.”