



Epiphany 2 Yr B 14th January 2024

Meditation TIS 710 - Come holy spirit

**Come Holy Spirit,
gracious heavenly dove;
come fire of love
(repeat)**

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Welcome:

Greeting:

On this second Sunday in Epiphany
May the light of the Lord be with you

And also with you

Moment of Stillness: As we begin our service, let's take a moment to be still and aware of God's presence within and all around us.

Christ Candle:

In this season of Light, we light this candle to remind us of God's light shining in the darkness.

May we carry this light of hope, peace, and justice to the world around us every day.

Acknowledgement First Peoples:

This is God's land and God's Spirit dwells here.

We acknowledge and give thanks for the Gadigal and Wangal people who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual relationship of the First Nations Peoples to this Country.

We commit to walking with and learning from the elders of this land, and to the ongoing journey of justice and reconciliation.

Call to Worship (Psalm 139)

We've come to worship God,
who loved us before we were yet born,
who knows us even better than we know ourselves,
whose presence never leaves us,
and whose love for us never ceases.

This is our God.

Let's worship together!

Opening Prayer:

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;

let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

Amen

Song: TIS 447 - Lord your almighty word

**1 Lord, your almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.**

**2 Saviour, who came to give
those who in darkness live
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind
let there be light.**

**3 Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving holy dove,
speed forth your flight;
move on the waters' face
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.**

**4 Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
boundless as ocean's tide**

**rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide,
let there be light.**

Prayer of Confession:

How foolish we are to think we can hide our failings from you, Seeing God. We treat our bodies as trash cans for junk food, not as sanctuaries for your Spirit. We get drunk on the seductions of our society, while daintily sipping at your living water. We doze under the tree of temptation, hoping you won't see us and expect us to get up and follow Jesus.

Forgive us, our heart's only Hope.

Your grace mends our brokenness, making us whole;
your compassion removes our sin, making us new;
your voice speaks tenderly to us, silencing our pride,
your Love is made human in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,
redeeming our lives.

Amen

Words of assurance:

In front of us, behind us, to our right,
to our left: look! God is there!

In our past, beside us today, waiting
in the future: look! God is there!

in the shadows, in the light:

look! God is there!

From the top of the mountains,
to the bottom of the seas;

in the morning, in the evening,
in every moment: God is with us!
Hear then Christ's words of grace to us:
"Your sins are forgiven."

Thanks be to God

Peace:

The peace of the Lord be always with you

And also with you.

Let's share Christ's peace with one another. from where we are seated.

Song: TIS 749 - Thuma Mina - all 4 verses

**Thuma mina.
Thuma mina, thuma mina,
thuma mina, Somandla.**

**Send me, Lord.
Send me, Jesus, send me, Jesus,
send me, Jesus, send me, Lord.**

**Lead me, Lord.
Lead me, Jesus, lead me, Jesus,
lead me, Jesus, lead me, Lord.**

**Fill me, Lord.
Fill me, Jesus, fill me, Jesus,
fill me, Jesus, fill me, Lord.**

**I will go, Lord.
I will go, Lord, I will go, Lord
in your name, Lord, I will go.**

Moment for the young at heart: Brian Lenehan

Bible Readings: Marie Thompson

Introduction to Hebrew Bible reading:

The opening chapters of 1 Samuel provide background for the institution of Israel's monarchy.

After a narrative on the Hannah's unlikely pregnancy (1 Samuel 1) and her accompanying prayer (1 Samuel 2), 1 Samuel 3 describes the call narrative for the Israelite leader.

The story is familiar to many of us. Eli is aged, both physically and emotionally from the parenting heartaches at the end of 1 Samuel 2. And as the young Samuel ministers under Eli, he hears God's voice three times. Upon finally realizing through Eli's direction that this was, indeed, the voice of God, he gives his stunning answer in verse 10, "Speak for your servant is listening." The word God to Samuel reveals the next phase of God's activity and in revealing to Samuel, his prophetic credibility is established.

1 Samuel 3:1-10 NRSV

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."

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 toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get 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."

Hear the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Reflection: Judith Townsend

Moment of Stillness:

Prayers of the People: Dr Andrew Thornley

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name.

your kingdom come your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours.

Now and forever.

Amen

Community News:

Offering Prayer:

As we faithfully give for the life and mission of God's church in this place and in the world (either online or in the plate), let's pray our offering prayer.

Thank you, God of grace, for all the gifts you give us.

Help us to be gracious givers in response to all that you have given us.

Use these gifts, here today, to be your light in the world

Amen.

Song: Will You Come And Follow Me

Will You Come And Follow Me

If I But Call Your Name?

Will You Go Where You Don't Know

And Never Be The Same?

Will You Let My Love Be Shown,

Will You Let My Name Be Known,

Will You Let My Life Be Grown

In You And You In Me?

Will You Leave Yourself Behind

If I But Call Your Name?

Will You Care For Cruel And Kind

And Never Be The Same?

Will You Risk The Hostile Stare

Should Your Life Attract Or Scare?

Will You Let Me Answer Prayer

In You And You In Me?

Will You Let The Blinded See

If I But Call Your Name?

Will You Set The Prisoners Free

And Never Be The Same?

Will You Kiss The Leper Clean,

And Do Such As This Unseen,

And Admit To What I Mean

In You And You In Me?

Will You Love The 'You' You Hide

If I But Call Your Name?

Will You Quell The Fear Inside

And Never Be The Same?

Will You Use The Faith You've Found

To Reshape The World Around,

Through My Sight And Touch And Sound

In You And You In Me?

Lord, Your Summons Echoes True

When You But Call My Name.

Let Me Turn And Follow You

And Never Be The Same.

In Your Company I'll Go

**Where Your Love And Footsteps Show.
Thus I'll Move And Live And Grow
In You And You In Me.**

Benediction & Blessing:

Go now. Listen for the voice of the Lord and follow wherever it leads.

Do not be dominated by anything.

Allow no room within yourselves for deceit, but offer yourselves as a temple for the Holy Spirit.

And may God be with you and speak through you;

May Christ Jesus be one with you and raise you to life;

And may the Holy Spirit dwell within you and make you holy.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

In the name of Almighty God, Christ and Spirit.

Amen.

3-fold-amen

Pastoral Prayers: David Pigott

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