

## Lessons for Epiphany 2, January 1, 2021

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A reading from the First book of Samuel, the Third chapter.

(1 Samuel 3:1-10)

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>2</sup>At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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." <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

**Psalm 139 (vv. 1-6, 13-18)**

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have searched me out;  
O Lord, you have known me.

<sup>2</sup>**You know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

<sup>3</sup>You trace my journeys and my resting-places  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.**

<sup>5</sup>You encompass me, behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

**<sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

<sup>13</sup>For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**<sup>14</sup>I will thank you because I am marvellously made;  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

<sup>15</sup>My body was not hidden from you,  
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

**<sup>16</sup>Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of  
them were written in your book;  
my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

<sup>17</sup>How deep I find your thoughts, O God!  
How great is the sum of them!

**<sup>18</sup>If 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.**

John 1:43-51 (Read by Pastor Rick)

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him,  
"Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

<sup>45</sup>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."

<sup>46</sup>Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said  
to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he  
said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup>Nathanael  
asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under  
the fig tree before Philip called you." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son  
of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I  
told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these."

<sup>51</sup>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."