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Entrance Hymn

**Come, let us join our cheerful songs
With angels round the throne.**

**Ten thousand thousand
are their tongues,**

But all their joys are one.

**“Worthy the Lamb that died,” they cry,
“To be exalted thus!”**

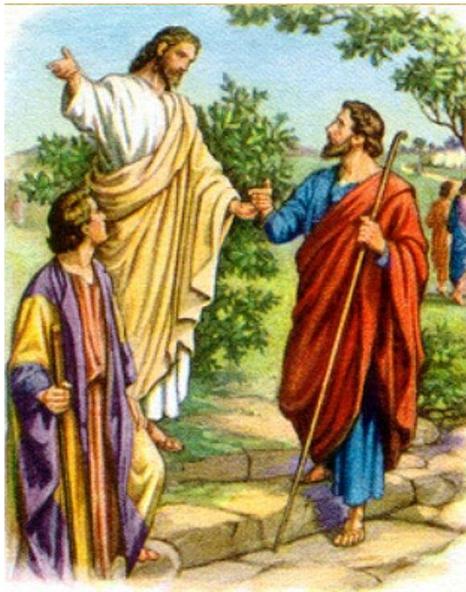
**“Worthy the Lamb,” our hearts reply,
“For He was slain for us!”**

**Jesus is worthy to receive
Honour and power divine;
and blessings more than we can give,
Be, Lord, forever Thine.**

**Let all that dwell above the sky,
And air and earth and seas,
Conspire to lift Thy glories high,
And speak Thine endless praise!**

**The whole creation join in one,
To bless the sacred Name
Of Him Who sits upon the throne,
And to adore the Lamb.**

**Next Sunday: 21st January 2018AD
ORDINARY SUNDAY 3
9.00 am Sung Mass
5.30 pm Mass**



Entrance All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

✦ In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Penitential Rite
The Lord does not want sacrifice or offerings from us, simply a heart which listens to his saving word, so we turn to Him to confess our sins confident of His mercy.

Lord Jesus, you hear our cries.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You put a joyful song in our hearts.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

By your word you give us life.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

✦ Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

**'Rabbi, where do you live?'
'Come and see', he replied**

After his baptism in the Jordan, Jesus set out on his great mission. Throughout this year, we follow the course of his mission in readings from the gospel of Mark. The gospel readings of this Sunday (from John) and next Sunday (from Mark) invite us to set out on this journey of discovery as disciples of the Lord. Just as he called the first disciples, the Saviour has a personal call for each one of us to become his 'disciple'. The recovery of the long neglected theme of 'discipleship' is one of the signs of new vitality on today's Church. The word, 'disciple', occurs many times in the New Testament. Why was it so important for the first Christians?

Discipleship, the privileged relationship one can have with a great and inspiring leader, has been an important factor in the shaping of human history. The leader's vision and commitment call forth admiration and confidence – the lives of their followers are changed, and they face life with a new inspiration and hope. Clearly, those who made up the communities of the New Testament experienced this kind of relationship with the Risen Lord. Today's reading from John's gospel helps us to understand how we too can have this kind of relationship with the Saviour.

Many factors are at work, as disciples come to meet and appreciate their leader. Those who met the Saviour in today's reading, we are told, have been 'disciples' of John the Baptist. It is his selfless witness that leads them to 'follow' Jesus. In the gospel story, of course, the Baptist represents the faith and expectations of the Old Testament.

Knowledge of the great themes of the old Israel's hopes is fundamental if we are to understand the message and vision of the Saviour. Closer to home, it is often unselfish expressions of faith, hope and love on the part of other members of a vital Christian community that are important in our coming to know the Saviour.

It is important that we seek that incomparable intimacy with the Saviour that is our birthright through baptism – not relating to him as a remote figure, but confidently sharing our lives, in all their complex tangles, with him. Today's story of the two disciples encourages this trust and confidence. Encouraged by the Baptist, they approached Jesus; he gave them a warm welcome – 'Come and see'; and they spent the rest of the day with him.

As disciples of inspiring leaders, many men and women have had the experience of finding themselves, and giving a meaning to their lives. We can look forward to that same experience, if we accept the Lord invitation to share our lives with him. Today's reading reminds us that Peter found his true self in the new name Jesus gave him. The Scriptures reflect the fact that for many cultures a personal name points to the mysterious identity of each person. For the wisdom of Christian faith, this personal identity has its origin in the eternal designs of God. Samuel was called by name. Simon's unique place in the plan of God was declared in the new name Jesus gave him. He still had much to learn, but the path that was to lead to his eternal glory had been made clear.

John Thornhill SM

Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching we dare to say:

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 the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of Bread

We who are many are one body in Christ
For we all share in the one bread.

**Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world: Grant us your Peace.**

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

HOLY COMMUNION

Communion: We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.

Prayer: Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this one heavenly Bread one in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Final Hymn

**Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing str'm doth flow
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength & Shield;
Be Thou still my Strength & Shield.
When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of deaths, & hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.**

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.

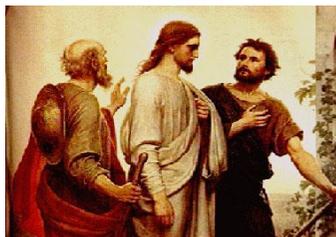
And also with you.

God calls you out of darkness into light. May he bless you with his presence, fill you with his Spirit and lead you on the path to eternal life.

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Go in peace glorifying the Lord by your life.

In the name of Christ. Amen.



Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father. *Glory to God...*
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father, you take away
the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer; you are seated
at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us. *Glory to God ...*
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
*Glory to God ... Amen.***

Collect

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Today's Readings

First Reading 1 Samuel 3:3-10. 19

God calls Samuel, who offers himself as the Lord's obedient servant.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20

We do not belong to ourselves; we belong to God and should behave accordingly.



Gradual Hymn

**I waited for the Lord my God,
Yea, patiently drew near,
And He at length inclined to me,
My pleading cry to hear.
He took me from destruction's pit,
From out the miry clay;
He set my feet upon a rock,
And steadfast made my way.
A new and joyful song of praise
My thankful heart He taught,
A song of glory to our God
For all that He has wrought.
And many who behold how good
The Lord has been to me
Shall learn to fear, and in His Name
Their trust shall henceforth be.**

The Holy Gospel

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to *S. John 1:35-42*

+ Glory to you + Lord Jesus Christ +

Jesus begins to gather round him those who will become his disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOD'S CALL.

We need the help of other people in order to find God. Samuel went to Eli when God called. Eli waited for certainty and then gave good and prudent advice. It was John the Baptist who pointed Christ out to the disciples and Andrew gave the good news to his brother. The inner sacrifice God wants from us is that we listen to his call and do what he asks of us. When, like Samuel, we have sought advice and are sure of God's call then we can say joyfully, 'Here I am Lord. I come to do your will!'

Nicene Creed

**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:
*by the power of the Holy Spirit
He became incarnate from the
Virgin Mary, and was made man.*
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.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in One Holy Catholic
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.**

Prayer of the Faithful

*Trusting in the Lord's love, we turn to him
in prayer.*

For all the Church: that we may always be
conscious of the call we received in baptism
to be disciples of Christ.

Lord, hear us: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the world's leaders: that they may
promote justice and unity.

Lord, hear us: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For ourselves: that, like the first disciples,
our dearest desire will always be to follow
the Lord faithfully.

Lord, hear us: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the sick and all who are in need: that they
may know God's healing grace and comfort.

We pray for: **Anabelle Morrow, Jamie Stow
John & Norma McLeod, Stephanie Bower,
John & Frances Moules, Dianne Taylor,
Sheila & Derek Cahoon, Peter Williams,
Lani Fear, Colin Lee, Jocelyn Caddies,
Jack Ryan, Ruth Jones, Geoffrey Lowe,
Linda Frost, Pam Platts, Geoff Borham,
Brenda Daish, Alan Joass, Barbara Winter
David Choon, Joyce Searl, Moira Oliver,
John Russell, Tom Blunden, Robyn Roach,
Fr Chris Butterworth,**

Lord, hear us: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have recently died:

Margaret Heptinstall,

those whose memorials adorn our church
and all whose anniversary occurs at this
time: **Stephen Boyle,**

May they + rest in peace.

Lord, hear us: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Now let us offer in silence our own special
needs and thanksgivings as we commend
ourselves and all people to the prayers of
the Blessed Virgin Mary, S.Stephen and
all the Saints.

Lord, hear us: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Father, you have called us to be members
of the Body of Christ. Help us to be worthy
of our calling through lives of faithful
service. We make this prayer through
the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Greeting of Peace

We are the Body of Christ.

His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn

I, the Lord of sea and sky,

I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin,

My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night,

I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them?

Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you

calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,

I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them.

They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,

Give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my words to them.

Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,

I will send the poor and lame.

I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide,

'Til their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them.

Whom shall I send?

Prayer over the Gifts

Pray my brothers and sisters that our
sacrifice may be acceptable to God,
the Almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice
at your hands for the praise and
glory of his name, for our good,
and the good of all his holy Church.**

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may
participate worthily in these mysteries, for
whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is
celebrated the work of our redemption is
accomplished. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him
thanks and praise.**

The Preface is sung, after which all sing

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth
are full of your glory
Hosanna in the Highest.**

Blest is he who comes

In the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the Highest.

The Eucharistic prayer continues

The mystery of faith:

**Christ has Died: Christ is Risen:
Christ will come again.**

The Prayer concludes:

in songs of never ending praise:

**Blessing & honour & glory & power
are yours forever and ever. Amen.**

