

ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST BARNABAS, CARLISLE-RIVERVALE
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
17 JANUARY 2021

Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are accepted and called to your service: strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A READING FROM THE 1st BOOK OF SAMUEL, Chapter 3, verses 1-10 (11-20):

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.'

Then the LORD said to Samuel, 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. 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.'

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, 'Samuel, my son.' He said, 'Here I am.' 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.' So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, 'It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.'

As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 139, verses 1-5, 12-18:

O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:

you know when I sit and when I stand, you comprehend my thoughts long before.

You discern my path and the places where I rest:

you are acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word is on my tongue:

but you Lord, know it altogether.

You have encompassed me behind and before:

and have laid your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:

so high that I cannot endure it.

For you have created my inward parts:

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will praise you, for you are to be feared:

fearful are your acts, and wonderful your works.

You knew my soul, and my bones were not hidden from you:

when I was formed in secret, and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes saw my limbs when they were yet imperfect:

and in your book were all my members written.

Day by day they were fashioned:

and not one was late in growing.

How deep are your thoughts to me, O God:

and how great is the sum of them.

Were I to count them, they are more in number than the sand:

were I to come to the end, I would still be with you.

A READING FROM ST PAUL'S 1st LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS, Chapter 6, vv 12-20:

'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.

Hear the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST JOHN, chapter 1, vv 43-51:

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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 towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come 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.'

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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We are our bodies, we are our DNA, the millions of switches which gave us this characteristic or that one, our mother's eyes or our grandfather's nose. The Psalmist tells us that God knows us absolutely, better than we know ourselves. God knows our bodies for God made them. It is not just God who knows us though. Nathanael knew that Jesus was the Son of God because Jesus knew Nathanael first. As the father knows us we can know the Son.

- Give us grace to relax into the comfort of being known absolutely by God, the joy of belonging to God's body and the hope of seeing God's Son.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican

Church of Korea, the Daehan Seong Gong Hoe.

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Please pray for – Enid, Alem & Helen his mother, Gail & family, Jackie & family and Chris, Sonia & Adam, Dita, John, Evelyn, Brenda, Richard.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH:

Thursday happy birthday Tony Ryder.

Friday 9:30 Craft group at church

IN THE NEAR FUTURE:

Rev John away 4-18 & 21-27 January

Barney's Free Coffee back from 3 February

***** PROTECT YOUR PERSONAL VALUABLES AT CHURCH**

PLEASE MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING AND PROPER HYGIENE

World Day of Prayer here 5/3/21.

Sunday, 22 August 2021, 10:00am Commemoration Eucharist - Bishop Kate Wilmot presiding

Wednesday, 25 August 2021, 10:00am - 12:00pm - Barney's Free Coffee - 50th Birthday Edition

Thursday, 26 August 2021, time TBA - Parish Soup Evening for Barney's Family and Friends

Saturday 28 August 2021, 10:00am - 02:00pm Barney's Community Fair

Food offerings to Ascension Church are still being taken – see list on notice board.

The St Barnabas Parish Prayer:

Lord, may the people of this Parish be never ceasing in prayer, so that we all may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding. Help us to lead lives worthy of God, fully pleasing to him while bearing fruit in every good work. May we all be made strong in the power of God who rescues us from the powers of darkness and transfers us to the Kingdom of his Son in whom we have the forgiveness of sins. Amen. (Colossians 1:9-14)

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IN ITS OWN PARISHES?

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