**A Service of the Word .**

**Epiphany 2 B January 17, 2021**

**Announcements: -** David Durksen

**Preparing our Hearts for Worship** Diana Henstock

**Gathering:** Diana Henstock

**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.**

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**(Hymn of Praise)**

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**Collect**. Diana Henstock Together.

**We gather to celebrate God, who creates us and loves us;**

**Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;**

**Who gives us Jesus Christ to show us how to live;**

**Who inspires all, to seek justice, share power, and live together in love and equality;**

**Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,**

**and whose presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.**

**To God be all glory, honor, and praise.**

**Proclamation of the Word**

**First Lesson** 1 Samuel 3:1-10 Karyn Bryson

Holy words, Holy wisdom – **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 .Karen Rooke

Prayer after the Psalm **God of mystery and power, even our minds and hearts are signs of your presence. We come in silent wonder to learn the way of simplicity, the eternal road that leads to love for you and your whole creation. We come to you as your son Jesus Christ taught us, and in his name. Amen**

**Second Lesson** Paraphrase of1 Corinthians 6:12-20, Fred Dewick

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**Gradual Hymn:**

**Gospel Lesson:** John 1:43-51 Rev. Martina

**Reflection –** Alice Durksen

**Affirmation of Faith - Together** Diana Henstock

**Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one.**

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no command greater than these.**

**Intercessions and Thanksgivings –** Alice Durksen

**Confession and Absolution:** Rev. Martina Duncan

Dear friends in Christ, with our hearts and minds we worship the Holy One; let us confess our sins.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you.in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; .we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ. have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will. and walk in your ways.to the glory of your name.** **Amen**

Merciful God, grant to your people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

**(Offertory Hymn)**

**(Prayer Over the Gifts)**

**The Lord’s Prayer –** Together

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

**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 from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen**

**Doxology –** Together

**Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen**

**Blessing –** Rev Martina

May God's light illumine your life and fill you with blessing and peace.

May the love of Jesus inspire you to keep his word that you may live fearlessly in his peace.

May the Advocate, the Holy Spirit teach you everything and remind you of the peace and love which is yours in Christ.

And the blessing of our glorious God, Creator, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you and with all for whom you pray, always.  Amen

**Closing Hymn:**

**Dismissal –** . Rev. Martina