

January 17, 2021

## **INVOCATION**

*P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

## **CONFESSION**

*P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.*

**C: Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

*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 of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael said to Him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

## **HYMN    Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty**

- 1     Open now thy gates of beauty;  
      Zion, let me enter there,  
      Where my soul in joyful duty  
      Waits for Him who answers prayer.  
      Oh, how blessed is this place,  
      Filled with solace, light, and grace!

2      Gracious God, I come before Thee;  
         Come Thou also unto me.  
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,  
         There a heav'n on earth must be.  
To my heart, O enter Thou;  
Let it be Thy temple now!

4      Thou my faith increase and quicken;  
         Let me keep Thy gift divine,  
Howsoe'er temptations thicken;  
         May Thy Word still o'er me shine  
As my guiding star through life,  
As my comfort in all strife.

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## ***SERMON***

## ***PRAYERS***

### ***THE LORD'S PRAYER***

**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 Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## **BENEDICTION**

*P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always.*

**C: Amen**

## **HYMN    "Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake**

- 1        "Come, follow Me," the Savior spake,  
          "All in My way abiding;  
Deny yourselves, the world forsake,  
          Obey My call and guiding.  
O bear the cross, whate'er betide,  
Take My example for your guide.
  
- 2        "I am the light, I light the way,  
          A godly life displaying;  
I bid you walk as in the day;  
          I keep your feet from straying.  
I am the way, and well I show  
How you must sojourn here below.
  
- 5        Then let us follow Christ, our Lord,  
          And take the cross appointed  
And, firmly clinging to His Word,  
          In suff'ring be undaunted.  
For those who bear the battle's strain  
The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

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