

# THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

18<sup>th</sup> January, 2009

(Shorter Readings)

## First Reading

1 Sam. 3:3-10, 19

A reading from the first book of Samuel

*Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.*

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.

As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.

Hear the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps. 40

**Response:** *Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.*

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.  
He has put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God

**R.**

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and  
offerings,  
but an open ear.  
You do not ask for holocaust and  
victim.

Instead, here am I.

**R.**

3. In the scroll of the book it stands  
written  
that I should do your will.  
My God, I delight in your law  
in the depth of my heart.

**R.**

4. Your justice I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.  
My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O Lord.

**R.**

## Second Reading

1 Cor. 6:13-15, 17-20

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

*Your bodies are members of the body of Christ.*

"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!

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.**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia! Alleluia!** We have found the Messiah:

Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. **Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Jn. 1:35-42

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to John

**R: Glory to you Lord Christ.**

*They saw where Jesus lived and they stayed with him.*

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

For the gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you Lord Christ.**

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