

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 14 2024

1st Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-20

¹ 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. ² At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³ 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. ⁴ Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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.' ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' ¹¹ 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. ¹² On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ 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.' ¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ But Eli called Samuel and said, 'Samuel, my son.' He said, 'Here I am.' ¹⁷ 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.' ¹⁸ 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.' ¹⁹ As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰ And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

Psalm

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-18

- 1** O Lord, you have searched me out and known me:
you know when I sit or when I stand,
you comprehend my thoughts long before.
- 2** You discern my path and the places where I rest:
you are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3** For there is not a word on my tongue:
but you, Lord, know it altogether.
- 4** You have encompassed me behind and before:
and have laid your hand upon me.
- 5** Such knowledge is too wonderful for me:
so high that I cannot endure it.
- 12** For you have created my inward parts:
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- 13** I will praise you, for you are to be feared:
fearful are your acts, and wonderful your works.
- 14** 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.
- 15** Your eyes saw my limbs when they were yet imperfect:
and in your book were all my members written;
- 16** Day by day they were fashioned:
and not one was late in growing.
- 17** How deep are your thoughts to me, O God:
and how great is the sum of them!
- 18** 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.

2nd Reading

1 Corinthians 6:12-20