

At Home Liturgy of the Word, January 17, 2021
Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, Cycle B

+In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER, leader

Almighty ever-living God, who governs all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. We pray through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

I. A. **1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19** (*Old Testament*) *Find this scripture passage in your Bible and have someone read it.*

B. *Spend a few moments reflecting on this reading. Then all who wish can share what thought comes to mind, like a reference to another scripture passage, a memory from one's life, a song, a dream, a statement, or the word or phrase from this passage that you remember or like the most; or draw the picture that stayed in your mind. This is to be short and simple, with no discussion at this time.*

II. PSALM RESPONSE

Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

R. Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted. (1 & 3a)

Praise the Lord, for he is good;
sing praise to our God, for he is gracious; it is fitting to praise him.
The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; the dispersed of Israel he gathers. **R.**

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.
He tells the number of the stars; he calls each by name. **R.**

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; to his wisdom there is no limit.
The Lord sustains the lowly; the wicked he casts to the ground. **R.**

III. A. **1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20** (*New Testament*); *Find this scripture passage in your Bible and have someone read it.*

B. *Spend a few moments reflecting on this reading. Then all who wish can share what thought comes to mind as before.*

IV. A. **John 1:35-42** (*New Testament*); *Find this scripture passage in your Bible and have someone read it.*

B. *Spend a few moments reflecting on this reading. Then all who wish can share what thought comes to mind as before.*

V. *Now, spend some time discussing how these readings relate to your lives. These three discussion questions* may be helpful: (over)*

1. *Relate an experience when you met someone who helped you change your priorities, values, or outlook. (over)*

2. What are you really looking for in your life?
3. Relate a time when you were stubborn about a new experience but finally realized its value.

VI. PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Leader: Let us gather our concerns for the church and the world
and place them before God.

Reader:

1. For all Christians who hear God's call to unity and who grow in oneness, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
2. For governments and national leaders who are inspired by God's justice to treat all people with dignity and respect, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
3. For teachers and school administrators who commit themselves to educate disadvantaged people, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
4. For parents who instill in their children an abiding passion for truth and love of learning, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
5. For all who care for the poor and who become one with the poor, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
6. For those of us who take on the responsibility as good stewards to support the Church financially through the Diocesan Services Appeal, thereby, freely returning to the Lord a portion of what the Lord has graciously given to us, we pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Other intercessions may be added. If praying for an individual or a certain group of people, conclude the intercession with praying for all in that specific situation.

LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Let us hold each other in spiritual communion with all members of the
Church, as we dare to say:

**Our Father who art in heaven...For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

CONCLUDING PRAYER, leader

O God,
You call us and we follow freely.
We trust in your mercy and ask that you give us
what we need through Christ,
who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Please write down any questions or comments and pass them on to your pastor.

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