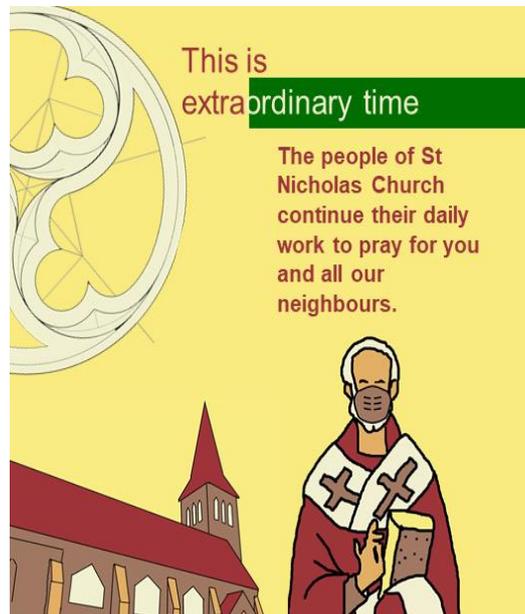


**Worship at St. Nicholas, Sutton  
for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany, 17 January 2021  
Collect, hymns & readings**



**Collect** (prayer of the week)

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Hymns**

Opening *All hail the power of Jesus' name*

Gradual *Will you come and follow me*

**Readings**

**1 Samuel 3.1-10**      *Samuel's Calling and Prophetic Activity*

3Now 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; <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!'<sup>\*</sup> and he said, 'Here I am!' <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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.' <sup>7</sup>Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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.'

### **Revelation 5.1-10**     *The Scroll and the Lamb*

5Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed<sup>\*</sup> with seven seals; <sup>2</sup>and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 'Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?' <sup>3</sup>And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>4</sup>And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. <sup>5</sup>Then one of the elders said to me, 'Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.'

6 Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup>He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. <sup>8</sup>When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. <sup>9</sup>They sing a new song:

'You are worthy to take the scroll  
and to open its seals,

for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God  
saints from<sup>\*</sup> every tribe and language and people and nation;

<sup>10</sup> you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving\* our God, and they will reign on earth.'

**John 1.43-end**      *Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael*

43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.'<sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.'<sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.'<sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.'<sup>49</sup> Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.'<sup>51</sup> And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you,\* you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'

I encourage you to make a habit of daily prayer, whether *A Way of Daily Prayer* (attached, or on website under Useful Information-Service Sheets);

Common Worship *Daily Prayer* <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>;

or *Book of Common Prayer*.

Bible readings for Morning and Evening Prayer:

**Sunday 17 January, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

MP Isaiah 62.1-5, 1 Corinthians 6.11-end

EP Isaiah 60.9-end, Hebrews 6.17-7.10

**Monday 18 January**

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18-25 January**

MP Amos 6, 1 Corinthians 6.1-11

EP Genesis 6.11-7.10, Matthew 24.1-14

**Tuesday 19 January Wulfstan, bishop, 1095**

MP Amos 7, 1 Corinthians 6.12-end

EP Genesis 7.11-end, Matthew 24.15-28

**Wednesday 20 January Hilary, bishop, teacher of the faith, 367**

MP Amos 8, 1 Corinthians 7.1-24

EP Genesis 8.1-14, Matthew 24.29-end

**Thursday 21 January Agnes, child, martyr, 304**

MP Amos 9, 1 Corinthians 7.25-end

EP Genesis 8.15-9.7, Matthew 25.1-13

**Friday 22 January**

MP Hosea 1.1-2.1, 1 Corinthians 8

EP Genesis 9.8-19, Matthew 25.14-30

**Saturday 23 January**

MP Hosea 2.2-17, 1 Corinthians 9.1-14

EP Genesis 11.1-9, Matthew 25.31-end