

⁸the LORD's voice shakes the wilderness—

yes, the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹The LORD's voice convulses the oaks, strips the forests bare,

but in his temple everyone shouts, "Glory!"

¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned over the floodwaters; the LORD sits enthroned—king forever!

¹¹Let the LORD give strength to his people! Let the LORD bless his people with peace!¹¹Let the LORD give strength to his people! Let the LORD bless his people with peace!

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul took a route through the interior and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you came to believe?"

They replied, "We've not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

³Then he said, "What baptism did you receive, then?"

They answered, "John's baptism."

⁴Paul explained, "John baptized

with a baptism by which people showed they were changing their hearts and lives. It was a baptism that told people about the one who was coming after him. This is the one in whom they were to believe. This one is Jesus." ⁵After they listened to Paul, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in other languages and prophesying. ⁷Altogether, there were about twelve people.

THE GOSPEL Mark 1:4-11

⁴John was in the wilderness calling for people to be baptized to show that they were changing their hearts and lives and wanted God to forgive their sins. ⁵Everyone in Judea and all the people of Jerusalem went out to the Jordan River and were being baptized by John as they confessed their sins. ⁶John wore clothes made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He announced, "One stronger than I am is coming after me. I'm not even worthy to bend

over and loosen the strap of his sandals. ⁸I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹About that time, Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and John baptized him in the Jordan River. ¹⁰While he was coming up out of the water, Jesus saw heaven splitting open and the Spirit, like a dove, coming down on him. ¹¹And there was a voice from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I dearly love; in you I find happiness."

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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THE LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)

Now the boy Samuel was serving the LORD under Eli. The LORD's word was rare at that time, and visions weren't widely known. ²One day Eli, whose eyes had grown so weak he was unable to see, was lying down in his room. ³God's lamp hadn't gone out yet, and Samuel was lying down in the LORD's temple, where God's chest was.

⁴The LORD called to Samuel. "I'm here," he said.

⁵Samuel hurried to Eli and said, "I'm here. You called me?"

"I didn't call you," Eli replied. "Go lie down." So he did.

⁶Again the LORD called Samuel, so Samuel got up, went to Eli, and said, "I'm here. You called me?"

"I didn't call, my son," Eli replied. "Go and lie down."

(⁷Now Samuel didn't yet know the LORD, and the LORD's word hadn't yet been revealed to him.)

⁸A third time the LORD called Samuel. He got up, went to Eli, and said, "I'm here. You called me?"

Then Eli realized that it was the LORD who was calling the boy. ⁹So Eli said to Samuel, "Go and lie down. If he calls you, say 'Speak, LORD. Your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down where he'd been.

¹⁰Then the LORD came and stood there, calling just as before, "Samuel, Samuel!"

Samuel said, "Speak. Your servant is listening."

¹¹The LORD said to Samuel, "I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of all who hear it tingle! ¹²On that day, I will bring to pass against Eli everything I said about his household—every last bit of it! ¹³I told him that I would punish his family forever because of the wrongdoing he knew about—how his sons were cursing God, but he wouldn't stop them. ¹⁴Because of that I swore about Eli's household that his family's wrongdoing will never be reconciled by sacrifice or by offering."

¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning, then opened the doors of the LORD's house. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel, saying: "Samuel, my son!"

"I'm here," Samuel said.

¹⁷"What did he say to you?" Eli asked. "Don't hide anything from me. May God deal harshly with you and worse still if you hide from me a single word from everything he said to you." ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him.

"He is the LORD," Eli said. "He will do as he pleases."

¹⁹So Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not allowing any of his words to fail. ²⁰All Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was trustworthy as the LORD's prophet.

THE RESPONSE Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

LORD, you have examined me. You know me.

²You know when I sit down and when I stand up. Even from far away, you comprehend my plans.

³You study my traveling and resting. You are thoroughly familiar with all my ways.

⁴There isn't a word on my tongue, LORD, that you don't already know completely.

⁵You surround me—front and back. You put your hand on me.

⁶That kind of knowledge is too much for me; it's so high above me that I can't fathom it.

¹³You are the one who created my innermost parts; **you knit me together while I was still in my mother's womb.**

¹⁴I give thanks to you that I was marvelously set apart.

Your works are wonderful—I know that very well.

¹⁵My bones weren't hidden from you when I was being put together in a secret place, when I was being woven together in the deep parts of the earth.

¹⁶Your eyes saw my embryo, and on your scroll every day was written what was being formed for me, before any one of them had yet happened.

¹⁷God, your plans are incomprehensible to me! Their total number is countless!

¹⁸If I tried to count them—they outnumber grains of sand! If I came to the very end—I'd still be with you.

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹²I have the freedom to do anything, but not everything is helpful. I have the freedom to do anything, but I won't be controlled by anything. ¹³Food is for the stomach and the stomach is for food, and yet God will do away with both. The body isn't for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body. ¹⁴God has raised the Lord and will raise us through his power. ¹⁵Don't you know that your bodies are parts of Christ? So then, should I take parts of Christ and make them a part of someone who is sleeping around? No way! ¹⁶Don't

you know that anyone who is joined to someone who is sleeping around is one body with that person? The scripture says, *The two will become one flesh.* ¹⁷The one who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him. ¹⁸Avoid sexual immorality! Every sin that a person can do is committed outside the body, except those who engage in sexual immorality commit sin against their own bodies. ¹⁹Or don't you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you? Don't you know that you have the Holy Spirit from God, and you don't belong to yourselves? ²⁰You have been bought and paid for, so honor God with your body.

THE GOSPEL John 1:43-51

⁴³The next day Jesus wanted to go into Galilee, and he found Philip. Jesus said to him, "Follow me." ⁴⁴Philip was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter.

⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law and the Prophets: Jesus, Joseph's son, from Nazareth."

⁴⁶Nathanael responded, "Can anything from Nazareth be good?"

Philip said, "Come and see."

⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said about him,

"Here is a genuine Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "How do you know me?"

Jesus answered, "Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree."

⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are God's Son. You are the king of Israel."

⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these! ⁵¹I assure you that you will see heaven open and God's angels going up to heaven and down to earth on the Human One."

BAPTISM OF THE LORD



THE LESSON Genesis 1:1-5

When God began to create the heavens and the earth—²the earth was without shape or form, it was dark over the deep sea, and God's wind swept over the waters—³God said, "Let there be light." And

so light appeared. ⁴God saw how good the light was. God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God named the light Day and the darkness Night.

There was evening and there was morning: the first day.

THE RESPONSE Psalm 29

You, divine beings! Give to the LORD—give to the LORD glory and power! **²Give to the LORD the glory due his name! Bow down to the LORD in holy splendor!**

³The LORD's voice is over the waters; the glorious God thunders; the LORD is over the mighty waters.

⁴The LORD's voice is strong; the LORD's voice is majestic.

⁵The LORD's voice breaks cedar trees—

yes, the LORD shatters the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶He makes Lebanon jump around like a young bull, makes Sirion jump around like a young wild ox.

⁷The LORD's voice unleashes fiery flames;