

# Second Sunday after the Epiphany, Year B

**Color:** Green

**Scriptures:** [Scripture linked to NRSV at Oremus Bible Browser]

[1 Samuel 3:1-10, \(11-20\)](#) (*Samuel's reply to the Lord's call: Speak, Lord*)

[Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18](#) (*O Lord, you search and know me*)

[1 Corinthians 6:12-20](#) (*Glorify God in your body*)

[John 1:43-51](#) (*The first disciples are called*)

**Themes:** Listening, Call of God, Formation, Body, Wisdom

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## HYMN SUGGESTIONS

Hymn Suggestions link to [Hymnary.org](http://Hymnary.org), a searchable resource with a wealth of information. The tunes listed here are the ones most commonly associated with the texts, and the biblical/thematic references suggest the hymn's association with the morning's scriptures or themes.

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| <a href="#">Awake, My Soul, and With the Sun</a> ( <i>MORNING HYMN</i> ) ..... | 1 Samuel                |
| <a href="#">Dear Lord and Father of Mankind</a> ( <i>REST</i> ) .....          | John                    |
| <a href="#">Guide My Feet</a> ( <i>GUIDE MY FEET</i> ) .....                   | Psalms                  |
| <a href="#">Here I Am, Lord</a> ( <i>HERE I AM, LORD</i> ).....                | 1 Samuel                |
| <a href="#">I Am Thine, O Lord</a> ( <i>I AM THINE</i> ) .....                 | 1 Corinthians           |
| <a href="#">I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry</a> ( <i>WATERLIFE</i> ) ..... | Psalms                  |
| <a href="#">If I Fly As Birds at Dawning</a> ( <i>GREENCASTLE</i> ) .....      | Psalms                  |
| <a href="#">Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult</a> ( <i>GALILEE</i> ) .....        | John                    |
| <a href="#">Lord of All Hopefulness</a> ( <i>SLANE; COURTNEY</i> ) .....       | 1 Samuel, Psalms        |
| <a href="#">Lord, Here Am I</a> ( <i>BECK</i> ) .....                          | 1 Samuel                |
| <a href="#">Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary</a> ( <i>SANCTUARY</i> ) .....  | 1 Corinthians           |
| <a href="#">Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak</a> ( <i>CANONBURY</i> ).....  | 1 Samuel, John          |
| <a href="#">The Master Has Come</a> ( <i>ASH GROVE</i> ) .....                 | John                    |
| <a href="#">Open My Eyes That I May See</a> ( <i>SCOTT</i> ) .....             | 1 Samuel, 1 Corinthians |
| <a href="#">Take My Life and Let It Be</a> ( <i>HENDON</i> ) .....             | 1 Corinthians           |
| <a href="#">Will You Come and Follow Me</a> ( <i>KELVINGROVE</i> ).....        | John                    |

# ANTHEMS

*E = Easy, M = Moderate, D = Difficult*

**Consecration** – ME ..... 1 Corinthians  
John Ness Beck  
© 1986, Beckenhorst Press, BP1250  
SATB, Keyboard

**He Comes to Us as One Unknown** – M.....  
*REPTON*/John Ferguson, arr.....1 Samuel, John  
© 1996, Augsburg Fortress, 978-0-8006-5600-3  
SATB, Organ

**Hush!** – M ..... 1 Samuel  
Negro Spiritual/Alice Parker, arr.  
© 1994, GIA Publications, G-4233  
SATB, a cappella

**I Believe This Is Jesus** – MD..... John  
Negro Spiritual/Undine Smith Moore, arr.  
© 1977, Augsburg Fortress, 978-0-8006-4528-1  
SATB, a cappella

**Know My Heart** – ME .....Psalms  
Benjamin Harlan  
© 1993, Shawnee Press, A-6836  
SATB, Keyboard

**Lay Me Low (No. 4, Shaker Songs)** – M .....Psalms  
American Shaker Song/Kevin Siegfried, arr.  
© 1997, earthsongs, S-102  
SATB, divisi, a cappella

**Psalm 139** – E .....Psalms  
Michael Burkhardt  
© 2019, MorningStar Music, 50-3098  
SATB, Piano, opt. Handbells, Oboe

**The Shepherd's Voice** – E..... 1 Samuel  
Margaret Miller  
© 1991, MorningStar Music, 50-3098  
SATB, Solo, Keyboard

**Speak, Lord, In the Stillness** – E ..... 1 Samuel  
David Schwoebel  
© 1992, Hinshaw Music, HMC-1225  
SATB, Keyboard

**Take My Life and Let It Be (Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad)** – ME..... 1 Corinthians  
William Dexheimer-Pharris/Mark Sedio, arr.  
© 1999, Augsburg Fortress, 978-0-8006-5829-8  
SATB, Piano, Flute, opt. Perc.

– YOUTH and CHILDREN –

**Psalm 139** – E .....Psalms  
Allen Pote  
© 1992, Choristers Guild, CGA610  
SATB, Piano

**Bought With a Price** – E ..... 1 Corinthians  
Natalie Sleeth  
© 1981, Hinshaw Music, HMC-542  
2-Part, Keyboard

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## ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (Prayers, Poems, Quotes & Liturgies)

*I believe this is Jesus: Come and see, oh, come and see.*

*The light of God shines in his face,*

*He offers all his pard'ning grace;*

*Come and see, oh, come and see.*

*Yes, yes, yes Lord!*

*Oh, I believe this is Jesus: Come and see, come and see.*

— NEGRO SPIRITUAL

*I am convinced that the universe is under the control of a loving purpose and  
that in the struggle for righteousness man has cosmic companionship.*

— MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Based upon John 1:43-51*

Leader: "Follow me," Jesus said to Philip.

**People: "Follow me," Jesus says to us.**

Leader: "Come and see," the invitation was given.

**People: "Come and see," the invitation is given still.**

## PRAYER FOR LISTENING

*Based upon 1 Samuel 3:1-20*

Oh Lord, It is often so difficult to hear your voice. There are so many other voices that clutter our minds and our hearts and distract us from distinguishing the words and the will of you, our Lord. God, it is so much easier to listen to voices that jump up and down and wave their arms in front of us...the loud voices, the voices that tell us what we want to hear.

But it is the still small Voice that is hard for us to hear. The different calls you put on our lives are direct and clear, but still, we do not listen. Forgive us, oh Lord, when we go for the easy way out and when we choose to label someone else's voice as yours, or even worse, when we decide that our own voice is equal to yours.

Help us, oh God, to distinguish your voice. Help us to make an effort...to work hard to hear from you, and to have the willingness to say, when we hear your voice, "Here I am, Lord, for you called me." Amen.

— Abby Sizemore\*

## RESPONSIVE READING

*Based upon today's Lectionary Readings*

Leader: Speak, O Lord, Your servant is listening.

**People: Speak, O Lord, Your servant is listening.**

Leader: Lord, it was you who knit us together. Creating us to be exactly who we are with our own unique gifts and talents. Help us to recognize those gifts and use them for you.

**People: Speak, O Lord, Your servant is listening.**

Leader: Lord, help us to remember that we are one in Christ. To treat all those we meet as a beloved sibling. To honor the humanity and the Christ-like-ness in each other.

**People: Speak, O Lord, Your servant is listening.**

Leader: Lord, it is you who continuously calls us. You call us to "Come and see" what the beauty of the Kingdom of God is like. You call us to the hard work of doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with you.

**People: Speak, O Lord, Your servant is listening. Amen.**

— Justin Sizemore\*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Based upon Psalm 139*

God, on days when we feel sick, whether it be in our minds, our souls, or in our bodies, it can be so easy to feel alone.

Lord, we confess that we don't rely on your presence as we should. It sometimes doesn't feel like "enough," when, in reality, it is more than enough. You know us, oh God. You know us better than we know ourselves. You are constantly around us... "behind and before" us as the scripture says.

We confess that, even in your knowing of us, even in your creation of us, that we still don't trust you fully, oh God. We still don't rely on you to provide our comfort during our most difficult days. We still don't seek to know you as you know us, and we still don't seek to know and love ourselves as you do, either.

Lord, help us to rest in the comfort that we are known and loved by you. Amen.

— AS

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*God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
Thou who hast brought us  
thus far on the way;  
Thou who hast by thy might  
Led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.*

— JAMES WELDON JOHNSON, *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

## PRAYER OF BENEDICTION

God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know our strengths and our shortcomings. Yet you still call us. May we be like Nathanael and hear the blessing in the words Jesus speaks to him, "I saw you. . ." You are a God who sees us, all of us, and continues to call us to the work of seeing your Kingdom come here and now. As we depart this day, may we always remember you are calling us to Kingdom work and may we live that calling out each and every day. Amen.

— JS

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