**Canon Davis Memorial Church**

*Anglican Church of Canada*

*Second Sunday of Epiphany*

14th January 2024

***We Come and worship God.***

***We go our way with souls nourished.***

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**January 14, 2024 — Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**Service of the Word**

**Processional Hymn # 2**​

***When Morning Guilds the Skies***

Officiant:​The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the

               ​fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People:**​**And also with you.**

Officiant. Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord’s Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing. Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

**People:**  **Amen.**

Officiant: Dear friends in Christ, as we turn our hearts and minds to

        worship almighty God, let us confess our sins.

**People:**  **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done**

**and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours**

**as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us**

**and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Officiant: Merciful God, grant to us, your faithful people, pardon and

peace, that we may be cleansed from allour sins and serve you with a quiet mindthrough Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**People:**  **Amen.**

Officiant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:**  **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us reconcile to God and one another a sign of Christ's peace.

**The Collect of the Day**

**Almighty God, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,one God, now and for ever.**

**First Reading**​I Samuel 3: 1-10

**A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL**
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. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; 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. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" 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. 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." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. 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. 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. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Officiant:       The Word of the Lord.

**People:**​**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**​**139: 1-5, 12-17**​*(Response in bold.)*

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.  You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.
**Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether**.

You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.
**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it**.

For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
**I will thank you because I am marvellously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well**.

My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
**Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them**.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God! how great is the sum of them!
**If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours**.

**Second Reading**​I Corinthians 6: 12-20

**A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS**

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

**People:**  **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant:​The Lord be with you.

**People:**​**And also with you.**

Officiant:      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**People:**​**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**The Gospel**​​John 1: 43-51

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

ACCORDING TO JOHN

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 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." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." 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."

Officiant:      The Gospel of the Christ

**People:**​**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon**

 Sermon​​​John 1: 43 – 51        ​​January 14th, 2024

The Gospels describe various encounters where Jesus called individuals to be his disciples. While the specific details may vary slightly among the Gospel accounts, some common themes emerge:

Personal Calling: In many instances, Jesus personally approached individuals and called them to follow him. For example, in Matthew 4:18-22, Jesus calls Peter and Andrew while they are fishing, saying, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Divine Initiative: The Gospels often emphasize that the choice of disciples was part of God's plan. In John 15:16, Jesus says to his disciples, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last."

Response to Jesus' Teaching: Some disciples were drawn to Jesus through his teachings and miracles. For instance, Philip becomes a disciple after hearing Jesus in today’s Gospel.

Invitation to Relationship: Jesus invited individuals into a close, personal relationship with himself. He sought not only followers but also those who would share in his mission and learn from him.

Symbolic Actions: In some cases, Jesus used symbolic actions to call disciples, such as when he called Matthew, a tax collector, to follow him (Matthew 9:9-13).This conveys the inclusive nature of Jesus' ministry, his message of repentance and forgiveness, and his challenge to societal expectations regarding righteousness and sin.

Jesus' selection of disciples was purposeful and aligned with his mission. The individuals he chose came from diverse backgrounds, highlighting the inclusive nature of his ministry. Overall, the Gospels present the calling of disciples as a deliberate and divinely orchestrated process.

In the Bible, Nathanael is often identified with Bartholomew. The Gospel of John refers to Nathanael as being from Cana and present at the beginning of Jesus' ministry. Some other Gospels equate Nathanael with Bartholomew, but for the sake of argument, we’llcall him Nathanael.

The call of Nathanael by Jesus, as described in John, is not typically considered a symbolic action in the same way as some other events in the Gospels. Instead, it is often viewed as an episode highlighting Jesus' divine knowledge and his ability to recognize and call individuals to discipleship.

In today’s Gospel, when Philip tells Nathanael about Jesus, Nathanael is initially skeptical, asking if anything good can come from Nazareth; a town considered insignificant at the time. This statement reflects Nathanael's doubt about the possibility of someone important or significant emerging from such a place.

However, when he meets Jesus, Jesus revealsknowledge about Nathanael's character, saying, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." This revelation astonishes Nathanael, leading him to acknowledge Jesus as the Son of God and the King of Israel.

While not a symbolic action in the traditional sense, this event underscores Jesus' divine insight and ability to perceive the hearts of individuals. It serves to establish Nathanael's recognition of Jesus as the Messiah based on a supernatural encounter, emphasizing Jesus' unique identity and the divine nature of his mission.

As is illustrated throughout the Bible, Jesus is considered to have had genuine and close relationships with his disciples and others. The New Testament describes their interactions, shared experiences and the teachings Jesus imparted to them.

They traveled together, witnessed miracles, and engaged in meaningful discussions about spiritual matters. The Last Supper, a significant event, symbolizes the close bond as Jesus shared a final meal with his disciples, emphasizing unity and the impending sacrifice. Despite moments of doubt and betrayal, the overall narrative suggests a profound connection between Jesus and his disciples.

God’s transformative love has been gifted to us through the power of the Holy Spirit, in Christ.

How fortunate are we to have been given an invitation from God to have a closer relationship with Jesusthrough the power of prayer, being together as a church, living our faith, and by applying His teachings in our daily life.  Amen

**Sermon Hymn # 649**​

***Breathe on Me, Breath of God***

Officiant:​Let us confess our faith as we say.

**People**​**I believe in God, the FatherAlmighty, creator of heaven**

            **and earth.**

            ​**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

            ​**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and**

            ​**born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilot, was crucified, died and**

**was buried**

            ​**He descended to the dead.**

            ​**On the third day he rose again.**

            ​**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand**

            ​**of the Father.**

            ​**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**​

In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
**For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.**

For this community, our country, and the world;
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**
For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
**For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.**

For Todd our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;
**For all who serve God in the Church.**

For our own needs and those of others.

Silence.

In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for…

Elaine S, Donna, Bill T

Hear us, Lord.
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. ​​*(The people may add their own thanksgivings*.)

We will exalt you, O God our king;
**And praise your name for ever and ever.**

We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence.

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;
**Who put their trust in you.**

Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people; you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Grant our requests as may be best for us. This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
**Amen**

**Offertory Hymn # 430**​

***Will You Come and Follow Me***

**Offertory Response**

​***All Things Come of Thee***

**People:**  **Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the**

**splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

Officiant: ​And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,

​we are bold to say,

**People:**​**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

               ​**hallowed be thy name,**

               ​**thy kingdom come,**

               ​**thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

               ​**Give us this day our daily bread.**

               ​**And forgive us our trespasses,**

               ​**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

               ​**And lead us not into temptation, butdeliver us from evil.**

               ​**For thine is the kingdom,**

               ​**the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Officiant:      Glory to God

**People:**​**whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than**

**we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation,**

**in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever  and ever. Amen.**

**Announcements**

**Recessional Hymn # 374**​

***Alleluia! Sing to Jesus****(vs 1, 4 & 5)*

Officiant:  May the God of hope fill us all withjoy and peace in believing

         ​through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sung Benediction​***Go Now in Peace***

*(in the back of the blue Hymn book)*

***The Flowers on the Altar today are given to the Glory of God,***

***A gift of the Chancel Guild.***

Please enter names in the**Intercessions Book**each week to be read in the service.

**NEWS AND EVENTS**

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Please send all announcements for the bulletin to Karen by 11:00 a.m. Tuesday of each week or call: 519-344-9531 or email:canondavis@gmail.com.

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If you would like to contact Rev’d Jon Forbes or would like a home visit with Communion or know of someone who would, Rev’d Jon may be reached at 1-905-818-9488 or email jonforbes@outlook.com

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Please join us for **Coffee Hour**after service for a time of fellowship in the parish hall.

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**Update on Fundraising**

CDM had four fundraisers in the months of November and December 2023. Throw Raffle $177.00, Cookbooks $440.00, Christmas Cards $195.00, Festival of lights cookies $52.00 for a grand total of $864.00.

This money has been designated for the Boiler Project. Thank you to all who supported these fundraisers. Sheree Lynn Hayter

**Upcoming Events:**

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**Sew and Craft Day, Saturday, January 20, 2024** from **9:00 a.m. to 3:00** **p.m.** in the**Parish Hall**. Cost: $20.00 and lunch is provided.  Please call Carol Turner at 519-384-3015 to reserve a spot.

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I invite you to attend our first meeting of 2024 on **January 22 at 11:00am**. A lesson in history:  “The first Diocesan Women’s Auxiliary annual meeting was held in the Diocese of Ontario at St. George’s Cathedral on June 8, 1887. The group was imbued with missionary zeal.  Even in those early years the Women’s Auxiliary had a wide vision and boundless interest in missionary work, both in Canada and around the world.  In 1966, the Women’s Auxiliary was amalgamated with the other Women’s Ministries and became known as the Anglican Church Women (ACW).” When I was asked to take on the role of President of the ACW Ladies Guild, to my knowledge this was how our group was to be identified.  I recently learned that we are the only church in the Diocese that refers to ourselves as the ACW Ladies Guild.  In order to be in compliance with the ACW purpose, we will now identify as the ACW, which is for all Anglican Church Women who attend Canon Davis Memorial Church. Carol Mercurio

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**2024 Vestry** this year is **Sunday, February 4, 2024,** after the service in the Parish Hall.  **Reports are due**to Karen McBride **by January 22**. **Vestry packages** will be**available Sunday January 28**.

**Reminders**

**17 Jan**​**Parish Council Meeting in the Boardroom at 10:00 a.m.**

**20 Jan**​**Sew and Craft Day**

**22 Jan**​**Vestry Reports due**

**22 Jan**​**ACW Meeting 11:00 a.m. in the York Room**

**28 Jan**​**Vestry Report for 2024 issued**

**4 Feb.**​**Vestry Meeting - Parish Hall after church service**