

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** (or a hymn) All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Ps 39)

**ANTIPHON:** Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

**RESPONSE:** Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

**LECTOR:** I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. **R.**

**LECTOR:** You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. **R.**

**LECTOR:** In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. **R.**

**LECTOR:** Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. **R.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Alleluia, alleluia! We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. Alleluia!

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON** (or a hymn) You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Or

We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.

**TODAY'S READINGS** 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19; 1 Cor 6:13-15,17-20; John 1:35-42

**NEXT WEEK** (3rd Sunday, Year B) John 3:1-5, 10; Ps 24; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

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### *Jesus dwells in what house?*



17 January 2021 2nd Sunday Year B

How does God speak to us? Or, to put it another way, how does God reveal the divine being to us?

The term "revelation" comes from the Greek word "apocalypse", which originally meant a vision or a dream. The bible has numerous stories of dreamers and visionaries to whom God revealed divine being – today's first reading tells of the child Samuel who hears God calling him while he slept in the temple. But for the most part, such numinous experiences are rare. In the bible, there is a great deal of speaking to God; but little conversation the other way, at least to those who are not prophets and sages.

The prophet Habakkuk complains that God's failure to respond to prayer more regularly and explicitly is the cause of Israel's faithlessness (Hab 1:2-4; cf. Is 64:12). The bible is littered with demands that one be silent and listen (e.g., Job 33:33; Ps 4:4; Amos 8:3; Mal 2:2; Zep 1:7; 2:13; 1 Cor 14:28; Rev 2:7; 3:20). Yet those of us who profess allegiance to the Judeo-Christian tradition cannot always suppress a sense that no matter how hard we listen, we often do not hear anything. So, we are once again back to the question with which we began: how does God speak to us?

In today's gospel, two disciples of John the Baptist – one of whom was Andrew,

Peter's brother – encounter Jesus who in John's Gospel is proclaimed as the Word of God made flesh. The scene is played out in a manner that appears so mundane. The disciples ask Jesus, "Where do you live?"; to which Jesus replies, "Come and see!" There is an incredible irony here.

For Judeans in Jesus' time, as well as Israelites in the time of Samuel, the temple was the dwelling place of God – the one place in all the universe where God's glory broke through from realms of the sacred into the profane world. And yet here in the person of Jesus those two disciples have met and seen the dwelling place of God's glory (Jn 1:14) – in other words, the true temple of God. So, how do we hear the voice of God? The simple answer is in many and varied ways – in the wonders of creation; in the touch of a human hand; in the stories of prophets and sages – but, most fully, it is in the person of Jesus of Nazareth and in his "house" that the divine being is available and ready to speak to us.

Today's gospel is an invitation to "come and see [where Jesus lives]"; to reflect on his story; to listen to his words; and, thereby, to hear afresh the voice of God speaking directly to us in Word and Sacrament within the community of disciples.

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**Sat ~ 9am, 6pm;**  
**Sun ~ 6.30am & 8.30am**  
**Mon & Wed ~ 6.30am;**  
**Tues & Fri ~ 9am**  
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**FOR CHILDREN TO PREPARE FOR RECONCILIATION, CONFIRMATION & EUCHARIST IN 2021, PARENTS ARE TO ATTEND AN ENROLMENT & PARENT INFORMATION MEETING MON FEB 22, 2021 AT 7.30PM**  
**ENROLMENTS FOR PREPARATION CLOSE 1 WEEK PRIOR TO THE START OF PREPARATION ON MARCH 13, 2021.**

Coming up in 2021...

- ◆ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Jan 24
- ◆ Conversion of St Paul (Feast) Jan 25
- ◆ **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FORMATION MEETING**  
FRI JAN 25, 10AM, ST JAMES
- ◆ Australia Day ~ **PUBLIC HOLIDAY JAN 26**
- ◆ BCE School Term 1 begins: **Jan 27 - 1 April**
- ◆ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Jan 31
- ◆ **ASH WEDNESDAY FEB 17**
- ◆ **ENROLMENT & PARENT INFORMATION MEETING**  
MONDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2021 AT 7.30PM
- ◆ **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER MARCH 5 10AM, ST JAMES**
- ◆ **CHILDREN'S CHURCH RETURNS: SUN FEB 7, 8.30AM**
- ◆ **MASS OF HEALING: SATURDAY MARCH 6, 9AM**
- ◆ **RECONCILIATION PREP SESSION 1: MARCH 13/14**



In March last year, The Catholic Leader introduced a free digital edition due to COVID-19 restrictions. The Catholic Leader returns to print - Feb 7. It will be a monthly publication (cover price of \$4). Papers will be available in parishes, initially. The Catholic Leader is hoping subscriptions will be purchased (\$50/yr) for paper delivery, & until June 27, complimentary access to the monthly digital replica newspaper, & unlimited digital access to catholicleader.com.au. Newspaper will be delivered to nominated postal address by the first Sun of month. Visit [catholicleader.com.au/subscribe](http://catholicleader.com.au/subscribe), for a print subscription; or (p) 3324 3555; e: [editor@catholicleader.com.au](mailto:editor@catholicleader.com.au) The Catholic Leader thanks you for your support & patience.



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**Tues, Wed anytime, Thurs anytime up to 2pm**  
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**Children's Church in hall restarts Sun Feb 7, 8.30am Mass.** Children hear a child friendly Gospel reading of the day with some craft to help them understand just a little better.



**All welcome!**

**The 'Norm until Jan 22, 2021'**

- ◆ Stay home if unwell
- ◆ Wear a mask & Sign In
- ◆ Sanitise your hands
- ◆ Social Distancing (1person or family / 4m<sup>2</sup>)
- ◆ Sanitise your space with wipes on exit
- ◆ Only Priests to distribute Communion
- ◆ Sign of Peace spoken greeting only
- ◆ Gifting boxes available at all doors for donations
- ◆ Take newsletter home with you, No Hymn books



**RECENTLY DECEASED: Neil Fallon, Colin Meneely, Caterina Randazzo, Guisepina Smeralda, Fay Thomas, Nancy Guarrera, Clare Dugger, Bart Gaffney, Lucy Houghton, Dominic Vu**



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**SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Joshua Chester, Pat Cochrane, Veronica & Cathy Comiskey, Neil Cremin, Pat Dugger, George D'Allura, Loye Gardiner, Paul Heathwood, Allaura Hows, Kath Keogh, Nicky Logan, Paddy Logan, Katie Loveday, Trish McConnell, Fr Ron Mollison, Marie-Louise O'Brien, Pam O'Reilly, Peter Owen, Peter Reid, Wal & Joyce Smith, Lester Steen, Nathaniel Williams, Zelina & family**

**'Yoga by Carmel' Sat 7am Basics; 8.30am chair Yoga; Tues 2 classes of relaxing Yin Yoga at 6pm & 7.30pm. NEW Wed Yin 6pm, Namaste!**

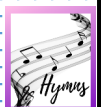


**RECESSIONAL** © David Haas **WE ARE CALLED**

**V1** Come! Live in the light!  
 Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!  
 We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!  
**Refrain: We are called to act with justice.**  
**We are called to love tenderly.**  
**We are called to serve one another to walk humbly with God.**  
**V2** Come! Open your heart!  
 Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
 We are called to be hope for the hopeless so all hatred and blindness will be no more!

**PROCESSIONAL** © Bernadette Farrell **PRAISE TO YOU O CHRIST**

**Refrain: Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour, Word of the Father, calling us to life; Son of God who leads us to freedom: glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**



**V3** You are the Word who calls us to be servants; You are the Word whose only law is love; You are the Word made flesh who lives among us: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
**V4** You are the Word who binds us and unites us; You are the Word who calls us to be one; You are the Word who teaches us forgiveness: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**OFFERTORY** © Frank Anderson **COME TO THE WATER**

**Refrain: Come to the water, you who are thirsty! Though you have nothing, I bid you come and be filled with the goodness I have to offer! Come! Listen! Live!**  
**V1** Why spend your money on what cannot fill the emptiness deep in your heart? Listen to my word and you will enjoy goodness and peace in your heart!  
**V2** Just as the heavens are high above earth, my ways and thoughts beyond you! Call me your Father and know I am near! I will be Father to you!

**COMMUNION** © Michael Joncas **I HAVE LOVED YOU**

**Refrain: I have loved you with an everlasting love, I have called you and you are mine; (x2)**  
**V1.** Seek the face of the Lord and long for him: He will bring you his light and his peace.  
**V2.** Seek the face of the Lord and long for him: He will bring you his joy and his hope.

**REFLECTION** © David Haas **PRAYER FOR PEACE**

**Peace** before us, **Peace** behind us,  
**Peace** under our feet. **Peace** within us,  
**peace** over us, let all around us be **peace**.  
**Love** before us... **Light** before us...  
**Christ** before us... **Alleluia...** (x6)  
**Peace** before us...  
 (final) Let all around us be **peace**.  
 Let all around us be **peace**.



Fr John Garrahy celebrated his Platinum birthday yesterday. Happy Birthday Fr John!!

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