# 14 January 2024 - Epiphany 2

# Opening Hymn 581 - I, the Lord of sea and sky

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

# Preparing - to hear God’s word

*The lesson reader says:* Let us hear the word of the Lord.
**So may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.**

# John 1:43–51 - please be seatedA Reading from John chapter one beginning at verse 4343 The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, ‘Follow me.’ 44 Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. 45 Philip found Nathanael and told him, ‘We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.’ 46 ‘Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?’ Nathanael asked. ‘Come and see,’ said Philip.47 When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, ‘Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.’ 48 ‘How do you know me?’ Nathanael asked.Jesus answered, ‘I saw you while you were still under the fig-tree before Philip called you.’ 49 Then Nathanael declared, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.’ 50 Jesus said, ‘You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig-tree. You will see greater things than that.’ 51 He then added, ‘Very truly I tell you, you will see “heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on” the Son of Man.’

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

# Song 112 - There is a redeemer

There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God’s own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.
**Thank you, O my Father,**
**for giving us your Son,**
**and leaving your Spirit**
**till the work on earth is done.**

Jesus my Redeemer,
name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory
I will see his face,
and there I’ll serve my King forever
in that holy place.

# Psalm 139: 1–5, 12–18 - we stand to say

1 You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.
**2 You know when I sit and when I rise;** **you perceive my thoughts from afar.**

3 You discern my going out and my lying down; **you are familiar with all my ways.**

4 Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely
**5 You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.**

12 even the darkness will not be dark to you;
**the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

13 For you created my inmost being; **you knit me together in my mother’s womb.**

14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
**your works are wonderful, I know that full well.**

15 My frame was not hidden from you **when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.**

17 How precious to me are your thoughts, God! **How vast is the sum of them!**
18 Were I to count them, **they would outnumber the grains of sand— when I awake, I am still with you.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;•
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

# Purify my heart - Hymn 640

## 1 Purify my heart, let me be as goldand precious silver.Purify my heart, let me be as gold,pure gold.

## 2 Purify my heart, cleanse me from within and make me holy.Purify my heart,cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

**Refiner’s fire, my heart’s one desire** **is to be holy, set apart for you, Lord.**
**I choose to be holy,** **set apart for you, my master,** **ready to do your will.**

# Offering Hymn TP 57 - I stand amazed

I stand amazed in the presence
of Jesus the Nazarene,
and wonder how he could love me,
a sinner, condemned, unclean.

**How marvellous! How wonderful!**
**and my song shall ever be:**
**how marvellous! How wonderful**
**is my Saviour’s love for me!**

2 For me it was in the garden
he prayed - “Not My will, but thine’,
he shed no tears for his own griefs,
and sweat-drops of blood for mine.

3 In pity angels beheld him,
and came from the world of light
to comfort him in the sorrows
he bore for my soul that night.

4 He took my sins and my sorrows,
he made them his very own;
he bore the burden to Calvary,
and suffered and died alone.

5 When with the ransomed in glory
his face I at last shall see,
my joy will be through the ages
to sing of his love for me.

# Blessed Assurance

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine
O What a foretaste of Jesus divine
Heirs of salvation, purchase of God
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

**This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.**

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blessed;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.