

First Scripture Reading

**1 Samuel 3:1-11**

from the Common English Bible

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>One day Eli, whose eyes had grown so weak he was unable to see, was lying down in his room. <sup>3</sup>God's lamp hadn't gone out yet, and Samuel was lying down in the LORD's temple, where God's chest was. <sup>4</sup>The LORD called to Samuel. "I'm here," he said. <sup>5</sup>Samuel hurried to Eli and said, "I'm here. You called me?" "I didn't call you," Eli replied. "Go lie down." So he did. <sup>6</sup>Again 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." <sup>7</sup>(Now Samuel didn't yet know the LORD, and the LORD's word hadn't yet been revealed to him.) <sup>8</sup>A 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. <sup>9</sup>So 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. <sup>10</sup>Then the LORD came and stood there, calling just as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel said, "Speak. Your servant is listening." <sup>11</sup>The LORD said to Samuel, "I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of all who hear it tingle!

Second Scripture Reading

**John 1:43-51**

from the Common English Bible

<sup>43</sup>The next day Jesus wanted to go into Galilee, and he found Philip. Jesus said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup>Philip was from Bethsaida, the hometown of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup>Philip 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." <sup>46</sup>Nathanael responded, "Can anything from Nazareth be good?" Philip said, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup>Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said about him, "Here is a genuine Israelite in whom there is no deceit." <sup>48</sup>Nathanael asked him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered, "Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree." <sup>49</sup>Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are God's Son. You are the king of Israel." <sup>50</sup>Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these!" <sup>51</sup>I assure you that you will see heaven open and God's angels going up to heaven and down to earth on the Human One."

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Reading  
**139:1-6, 13-18**  
from the Common English Bible

<sup>1</sup> LORD, you have examined me. You know me.

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

<sup>3</sup> You study my traveling and resting. You are thoroughly familiar with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup> **There isn't a word on my tongue, LORD, that you  
don't already know completely.**

<sup>5</sup> You surround me - front and back. You put your hand on me.

<sup>6</sup> **That kind of knowledge is too much for me; it's so  
high above me that I can't reach it.**

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

<sup>14</sup> I give thanks to you that I was marvelously set apart.  
**Your works are wonderful.**

I know that very well.

<sup>15</sup> **My 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.**

<sup>16</sup> Your 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.**

<sup>17</sup> God, your plans are incomprehensible to me! Their total number is countless!

<sup>18</sup> **If I tried to count them - they outnumber grains  
of sand! If I came to the very end - I'd still be with  
you.**