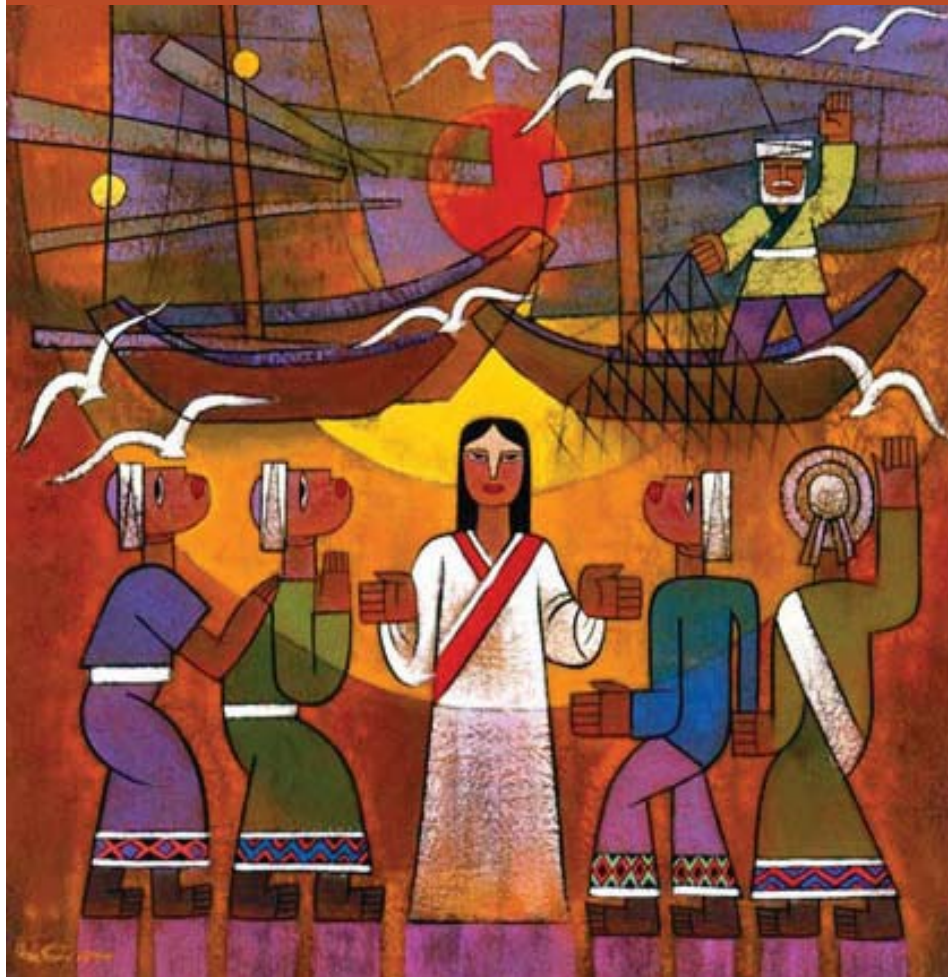


THE GOOD NEWS FROM EMMANUEL

January 18, 2009 - Second Sunday after the Epiphany



SUNDAY'S GOSPEL - JOHN 1:43-51

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."



NEWS AND EVENTS AND STUFF

Don't forget our annual meeting today after service.

The St. James' concert is this Saturday, January 17, at 4 to benefit Amazing Grace Food Pantry in Middletown. Pianist and vocalist Brian Gillie will perform American songbook standards. The cost for adults is \$12 at the door.

In 1988 the Episcopal Church added the name of civil rights leader and Baptist minister Martin Luther King Jr. to its Calendar of Commemorations. The life and legacy of Dr. King are celebrated in the Episcopal calendar on April 4, the date of his assassination in 1968, but many Episcopal congregations and dioceses hold celebrations on or around the third Monday in January, which the United States Congress designated in 1983 as a national holiday in King's honor. Let's pray, "Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last; Grant that your Church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen."

Sunday's Gospel illustration is *Calling Disciples* by He Qi, a professor at the Nanjing Union Theological Seminary and a tutor for master candidate students in the Philosophy Department of China's Nanjing University. The lectionary cartoon to the left/bottom is from www.agnusday.org/

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