

# Epiphany 2

## January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

1 **I come with joy, a child of God,**  
forgiven, loved and free,  
the life of Jesus to recall,  
in love laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
The love that made us, makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.

4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,  
unseen, but ever near,  
is in such friendship better known,  
alive among us here.

5 Together met, together bound  
by all that God has done,  
we'll go with joy, to give the world  
the love that makes us one.



# Land Acknowledgement

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For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on the lands that we now call Canada; their relationship with the land was, and remains today, at the centre of their lives and spirituality.

In this holy time and place, we acknowledge with respect that we gather on the traditional, ancestral territories of the Abenaki and Mohawk first peoples.

**May the living Christ lead us all on pathways of reconciliation and peace.**



Early 1900's Abenaki girl.

## **A Prayer for Community**

In this season of Epiphany, we give thanks for the light which shines forth in the world. May the Christ light call us out of darkness and into his marvelous light.

And may our time of music, prayer and scripture kindle the light within us so that we may offer our gifts that will enlighten and encourage the world which God so loves.





**RANSOMED,  
HEALED,  
RESTORED,  
FORGIVEN**

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by God's infinite goodness and mercy:

**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.**

May Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Opening Prayers**

Holy God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring healing to all wounds, make whole all that is broken, speak truth to all illusion, and shed light in every darkness, that all creation will see your glory and know your Christ. Amen

## **Almighty God,**

unto whom all hearts are open  
all desires known, and from whom no secrets  
are hidden.

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts,  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your Holy Name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.



## Glory to God (#702)

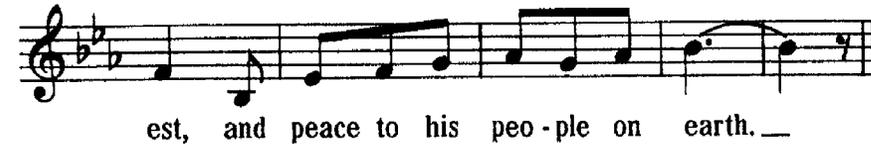
### Refrain:

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
(Refrain)

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy upon us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
receive our prayer.  
(Refrain)

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen  
(Refrain)



## 1 Samuel 3:1-20

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."



Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore, I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli.

But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him." As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.



## ANTIPHON



Lord, lead me \_\_\_\_\_ in the way ev - er last - ing.

## Psalm 139

- 1 Lord you have searched me out and known me:  
you know my thoughts long before.  
You are about my path and about my bed:  
and you know all my ways. **ANTIPHON**
- 2 Your love encircles me behind and before:  
you protect me with your hand.  
For you fashioned me in my mother's womb:  
and in your book were all my members written. **ANTIPHON**
- 3 Where can I go then from your Spirit?  
or find a hiding-place from your presence?  
If I climb up to heaven you are there:  
if I rest in the grave you are there also. **ANTIPHON**
- 4 How deep are your thoughts to me O God:  
how great is the sum of them!  
If I count them they are more in number than the sand:  
when I awake I am present with you. **ANTIPHON**
- 5 Try me O God and examine my thoughts:  
put me to the test and know my thoughts.  
Look well if there be any wickedness in me:  
and lead me in the way everlasting. **ANTIPHON**



### **1 Corinthians 6:12-20**

"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.



# 1 Will you come and follow me

If I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
And never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
Will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown  
In you and you in me?



2. Will you leave yourself behind  
If I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
And never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
Should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
In you and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see  
If I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
And never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
And do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean  
In you and you in me?

4. Lord, your summons echoes true  
When you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
And never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
Where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
In you and you in me.





### **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."



Sermon by Pamela Dillon

*“Speak Lord, for your servant is listening”*  
1 Samuel 3:10

1. **We believe** in God the Father,  
God Almighty by whose plan,  
earth and heaven sprang to being,  
all created things began.  
We believe in Christ the Saviour,  
Son of God in human frame,  
virgin-born, the child of Mary,  
upon whom the Spirit came.

2. Christ, who on the cross forsaken,  
like a lamb to slaughter led,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
he descended to the dead.  
We believe in Jesus risen,  
heaven's king to rule and reign,  
to the Father's side ascended  
'Till as judge he comes again.

3. We believe in God the Spirit;  
in one Church, below, above:  
Saints of God in one  
communion, one in holiness and love.  
So by faith, our sins forgiven,  
Christ our Saviour, Lord, and friend,  
we shall rise with him in glory  
to the life that knows

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**Prayers of the People**  
by Barbara Sherrer

# The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**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, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Notre Père, qui es aux cieux, que ton nom soit sanctifié, que ton règne vienne, que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre comme au ciel. Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour. Pardonne-nous nos offenses, comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés. Et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation mais délivre-nous du mal. Car c'est à Toi qu'appartiennent le règne, la puissance et la gloire, pour les siècles des siècles. Amen.**



## Closing Prayers

Insistent God,  
by night and day you summon your slumbering people;  
So stir us with your voice and enlighten our lives with your grace  
that we may give ourselves fully  
to Christ's call to mission and ministry. Amen.

### A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord  
to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised  
through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered  
together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O  
Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us  
in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come  
life everlasting. Amen

**The Lord bless you and keep you;**  
the Lord make his face shine on you,  
and be gracious to you;  
the Lord turn his face towards you  
and give you peace;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**



1 To God be the glory, who great things has done:  
God so loved the world, freely sending the Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear God's  
voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, who great things has done.

2 Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
to ev'ry believer the promise of God.  
That when the offender repenting believes,  
through Jesus' atonement, God's pardon receives. [Refrain]

3 Great things God has taught us, great things God has  
done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our gladness, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]





**WEEK** *of*  
**PRAYER**  
*for* CHRISTIAN UNITY  
**2021**

**SEMAINE** *de*  
**PRIÈRE**  
*pour* L'UNITÉ DES CHRÉTIENS  
**2021**

*"Abide in my love and you  
shall bear much fruit"*

(Jn 15:5-9)

*« Demeurez dans mon  
amour et vous porterez  
du fruit en abondance »*

(Jn 15,5-9)



### **Petition in Support of Seniors living in Long-Term Care in Quebec**

Petition in French:

<https://www.assnat.qc.ca/fr/exprimez-votre-opinion/petition/Petition-8803/index.html>

Petition in English:

<https://www.assnat.qc.ca/en/exprimez-votre-opinion/petition/Petition-8803/index.html>