



A Service of Evening Prayer for  
The Last Day after Epiphany (16 Feb 2021)

# A Prayer for Community

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for it is from your goodness that we have this day to celebrate, on the threshold of the Season of Lent.

Tomorrow we will fast. Today we feast. We thank you for the abundance of gifts you shower upon us.

We thank you especially for one another, and for the technology which maintains our community in such difficult times. As we give you thanks, we are mindful of those who have so much less than we do.

As we share this time together, let us commit ourselves to greater generosity toward those who need our support. **Amen.**



# Territorial Acknowledgment

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 Abanaki and Mohawk first peoples. We pray for a spirit of truth and genuine reconciliation with our indigenous brothers and sisters.

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



# Opening Responses

Lord, open our lips,  
**And our mouth shall proclaim  
your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

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

Worship the Lord in the beauty of  
holiness.  
**O come, let us worship. Alleluia!  
Alleluia!**



# The Invitatory

Oh gracious Light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven. Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O giver of life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

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



# Psalm 36

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save both man and beast, O Lord.

How priceless is your love, O God! Your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

They feast upon the abundance of your house; you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, and your favour to those who are true of heart.

Let not the foot of the proud come near me, nor the hand of the wicked push me aside.

See how they are fallen, those who work wickedness! They are cast down and shall not be able to rise.

God of justice and of mercy, open the eyes of sinners that they may see the light of your truth, know the power of your love, and share in the bounty of your heavenly table; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

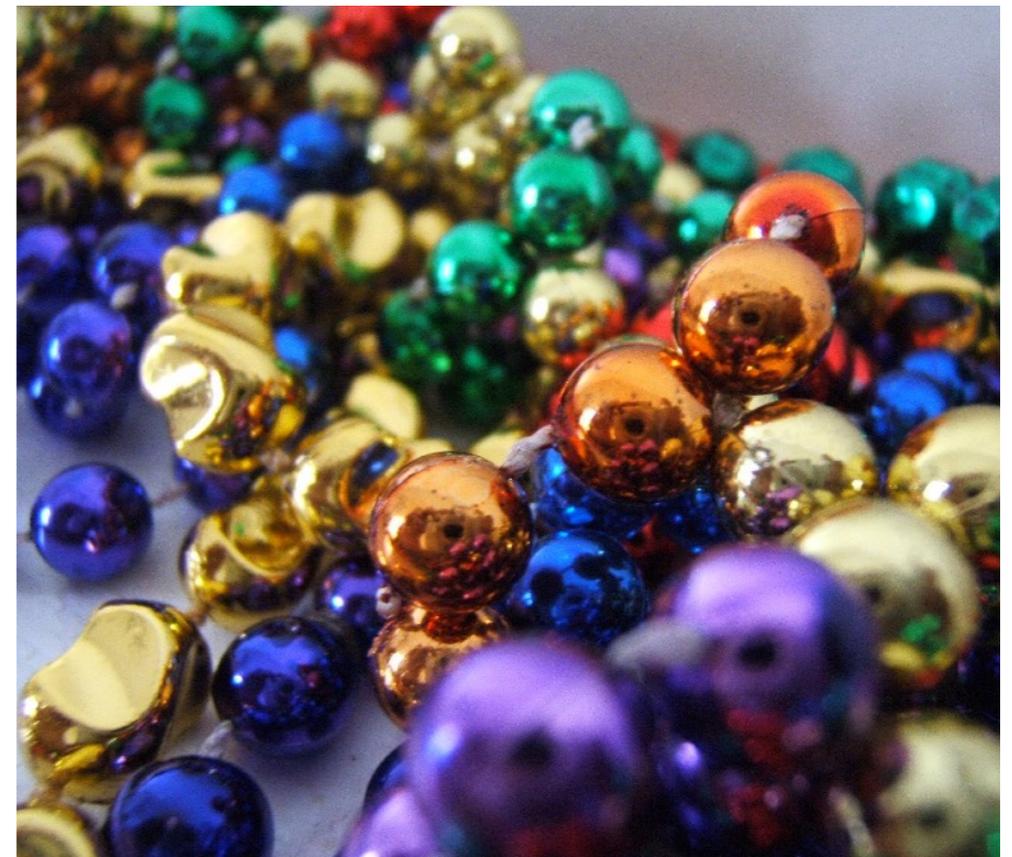


# Mark 8:14-21

Now the disciples had forgotten to bring any bread; and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. And Jesus cautioned them, saying, “Watch out, beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and the yeast of Herod.”

They said to one another, “It is because we have no bread.” And becoming aware of it, Jesus said to them, “Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? Do you have eyes, and fail to see? Do you have ears, and fail to hear? And do you not remember?”

When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?” They said to him, “Twelve.” “And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you collect?” And they said to him, “Seven.” Then he said to them, “Do you not yet understand?”



# Affirmation of Faith

Hear, O Israel the Lord your God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love thy neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these. Amen.



# Intercessions

Lord it is night. The night is for stillness.  
Let us be still in the presence of God.

It is night after a long day. What has been  
done has been done; what has not been  
done has not been done; let it be.

The night is dark. Let our fears of the  
darkness of the world and of our own lives  
rest in you.

The night is quiet. Let the quietness of  
your peace enfold us, all dear to us, and all  
who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn. Let us look  
expectantly to a new day, new joys, new  
possibilities. In your name we pray. **Amen.**



# Evening Collect

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the earth, and nurtures us and the life we live. Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that they may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



# 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.**

# Dismissal and Grace

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

**Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

For faith in a world where many walk in fear, for fellowship in a world where many walk alone, for food in a world where many walk in hunger, we give you thanks dear Lord; we ask you to bless this food, and ourselves to your service. Keep us ever mindful of the needs and feelings of others, and give us ever thankful hearts.

In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

