

Prayers of the People, Epiphany 2, January 17, 2021

L: Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

L: For the body of Christ gathered throughout the world and for all servants of the gospel. Following Jesus, may we live out our calling every day. Hear us, O God for Your mercy is great.

L: For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, and for all that God has marvellously made, that we serve as wise stewards of Earth, our home. Hear us, O God for Your mercy is great.

L: For all in authority and leadership, that they would be first and foremost concerned with the welfare of all people and especially the most vulnerable in society. Move them to establish and sustain institutions and systems that enable democracy and empowerment for all citizens. Hear us, O God for Your mercy is great.

L: For our nation and all around the world, that the administration of the Covid-19 vaccine would be done rapidly and fairly. We continue to pray for health care providers, front-line workers, and all dealing with the devastating impact of the pandemic. Fill us with the power to care and to be responsible in observing safety protocols. Hear us, O God for Your mercy is great.

L: For those lacking food or shelter, for those who are imprisoned or homebound, and for those who are sick or grieving. *We remember all in our faith community along with, Mel, Chris, Roxanna, Michelle, Karen, Tim, Matthew, Bonnie, and all those we remember now either silently or aloud... (long pause; for others to reflect).* Hear us, O God for Your mercy is great.

L: For our congregation and our neighborhoods, for visitors joining us for the first time or returning, that all who seek to know God are nourished by word and sacrament. Hear us, O God for Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: In thanksgiving for the saints who have gone before us, that their lives give us a vision of the gospel in action. Hear us, O God for Your mercy is great.

L: Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.