



Second Sunday After the  
Epiphany - B  
January 17, 2021

Key Scripture - John 1:46

Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."



Theme - How Do You Know?

## Welcome and Announcements

† Newcomers please sign our guestbook



† Special requests may be made through Facebook



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† Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible.

- Trinity is an Affirming Congregation
- Our church building is closed during the Stay at Home Order except in the case of urgent requirement.
  - Pick up or delivery of packages or correspondence may be made at the Choir Door, corner of Market and Russell Streets on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Please knock and somebody will be able to assist you.
  - Deliveries may be made at other times by special appointment.
  - Brown Bags and Blessings will continue as an Essential Service.
  - Church business will be conducted remotely
  - Worship will be recorded and posted to FaceBook



We are grateful for the Town of Smiths Falls and Lanark County. Take Away Meals are subsidized through the generosity of the Community Grant Program and through the kindness of individual benefactors.

Two Guys for Lunch are partners with us. Brown Bags and Blessings can continue in the New Year through the kindness of our community and individual benefactors. Thank you for your prayers, they have been answered.

### **Acknowledging Traditional Territory**

Smiths Falls is located on the traditional territory of the Algonquin peoples dating back countless generations. We are grateful for our neighbours and recognize the opportunity to exercise the Ministry of Reconciliation

**Introit** MV 18 "Lord, Prepare Me To Be A Sanctuary"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy, tried and true;  
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

### **Call to Worship**

Before we were born, God knew us.  
God knit us together in the womb.  
God searches out our paths, and tracks us along our way.  
So we praise God, because we are fearfully  
and wonderfully made.  
There is nowhere we can go where God is not with us.  
How wonderful are all God's works!  
Let us worship God together.

## Opening Prayer

Ever creating, ever loving, ever leading,  
You are stillness when we are frantic;  
You are truth when we are confused and perplexed.  
You give us freedom when we are paralyzed by fear;  
You send us light when we stumble in the darkness.  
You are love when we feel lonely and empty.

For all that you are, all that you have been, and all that you will be for  
us,

we praise you, Creator, Christ, Spirit.  
We turn to you in worship,  
to listen for your voice and seek your way for us.

## Hymn 268 "Bring Many Names"

Bring many names, beautiful and good,  
celebrate, in parable and story,  
holiness in glory, living, loving God:  
Hail and Hosanna! Bring many names!

Strong mother God, working night and day,  
planning all the wonders of creation,  
setting each equation, genius at play:  
Hail and Hosanna, strong mother God!

Warm father God, hugging every child,  
feeling all the strains of human living,  
caring and forgiving till we're reconciled:  
Hail and Hosanna, warm father God!

Great, living God, never fully known,  
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,  
closer yet than breathing, everlasting home:  
Hail and Hosanna, great, living God!

## **Learning with Children**

### **Children's Prayer**

### **Call to Confession**

Desiring to be transformed people,  
we bring our prayers of confession

### **Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God

You call us to fullness of life but we settle for less.  
We wander from your ways.  
We ignore the pain of others, and turn our faces from injustice.

At times we have hidden from the truth,  
especially when it calls us to do what we are afraid to do.  
We have given up when problems seem overwhelming.

Forgive us our small faith.

Give us courage to listen and respond when you call.

**Amen.**

### **Assurance of Renewal**

Believe the good news! In Christ, God has offered us forgiveness for all our shortcomings.

Trust that this forgiveness is for you, and know that God's steadfast love and grace endure forever.

**Scripture**     1 Samuel 3:1- 10;  
Psalm 139 (VU861);  
John 1:43-51

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.”

Psalm 139 (VU861)

**Refrain -**

***God, you have searched me,  
you know me through and through.***

O God, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and rise up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.

**You discern my path and the places I rest;  
you are familiar with all my ways.**

Before a word is on my tongue,  
you know it, O God, completely.

You guard me from behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.

**It is beyond my knowledge; it is a mystery;  
I cannot fathom it.**

*Refrain -*

*God, you have searched me,  
you know me through and through.*

Where can I escape from your spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

**If I ascend to heaven, you are there;  
if I lie down in the grave, you are even there.**

If I take wing with the dawn

and alight at the sea's farthest limits,

**there also your hand will be guiding me  
your powerful hand holding me fast.**

If I say, "Let the darkness cover me  
and my day be turned to night,"

**even darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light to you.**

*Refrain -*

*God, you have searched me,  
you know me through and through.*

It was you who formed my inward parts;  
you fashioned me in my mother's womb.

**I praise you, for I am fearfully, wonderfully made.**

**Wondrous are your works; that I know very well.**

My frame was not hidden from you  
when I was being fashioned in secret,  
intricately woven in the mystery of clay.

**Your eyes saw my substance taking shape;  
in your book my every day was recorded;  
all my days were fashioned,  
even before they came to be.**

*Refrain -*

*God, you have searched me,  
you know me through and through.*

How deep your designs are to me, O God!  
How great their number!

**I try to count them but they are more than the sand.**

**I come to the end – I am still with you.**

Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
**test me and know my thoughts.**

Watch closely, lest I follow a path of error  
**and guide me in the everlasting way.**

*Refrain -*

*God, you have searched me,  
you know me through and through.*

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.”

*God bless our understanding of this reading.*

**Meditation**    "Noel Sur Les Flutes" (D'Aquin)

**Reflection**    How Do You Know?

**Hymn**    266 "Amazing Grace"

Amazing grace, How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace first taught my heart to fear  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.



The Lord has promised good to me,  
this word my hope secures;  
God will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

**We Respond to God's Word  
Offering Ourselves  
For The Work And Witness Of The Church**

**Invitation to the Offering**

God calls us to give our lives in service. May the gifts we offer today serve a holy purpose in the church and in the world.

**Offering Prayer**

God of new possibilities,  
In Christ you create a future for each of us,  
giving us strength and opportunities to flourish in our faith.

Thank you for these gifts. Use them and us to create new possibilities in the world for those who are uncertain about what the future holds.

Amen.

## **Hymn** MV 10 "Come And Seek The Ways Of Wisdom"

Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,  
she who danced when earth was new.  
Follow closely what she teaches,  
for her words are right and true.  
Wisdom clears the path to justice,  
showing us what love must do.

Listen to the voice of Wisdom,  
crying in the marketplace.  
Hear the Word made flesh among us,  
full of glory, truth, and grace.  
When the word takes root and ripens,  
peace and righteousness embrace.

Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;  
nurture all who seek rebirth.  
Spirit-guide and close companion,  
bring to light our sacred worth.  
Free us to become your people,  
holy friends of God and earth.

### **Prayers of the People**

God of all life and each life,  
Each week our prayers combine with those of others.  
We face unique challenges and common.

We thank you for honouring all our prayers with the gift of your Spirit.

We remember people living face to face with war and violence, in those places where hatred has been stirred up

and fear stalks people on their own streets;

We pray for all those displaced by violence,  
seeking refuge among us or in camps and communities around  
the world:

Speak to us a word of peace:

**Embrace us with your love.**

We remember people living with economic uncertainty,  
for those who have lost their jobs  
or worry what may happen as this year unfolds:

Speak to us a word of reassurance:

**Embrace us with your love.**

We remember people living with discrimination and social prejudice,  
for those who are bullied at school, at work or at home,  
for those who are made ashamed of who they are:

Speak to us a word of dignity:

**Embrace us with your love.**

We remember people living with illness and suffering,  
for those struggling with disability,  
made more complex these days,  
and for those who know grief or anxiety,  
especially those cut off from comfort or support by months  
of pandemic isolation:

Speak to us a word of healing:

**Embrace us with your love.**

We remember people divided by fear of difference -  
race or creed, culture, gender or generation.

We pray for those who build bridges of  
understanding and cooperation.

Speak to us a word of reconciliation:

**Embrace us with your love.**

We remember your whole creation and its vulnerable facets and  
faces.

Teach us how to care for the rips and tears in the fabric of the world  
so we may live together wisely:

Speak to us a word of wisdom:

**Embrace us with your love.**

*Prayers conclude with:*

We experience God in a relationship from which we draw  
strength, courage and encouragement.

The ways of knowing God - as Creator, Redeemer, and  
Sustainer; Father, Mother, Friend; may be expressed in the prayer  
Jesus taught us -

**The Lord's Prayer**

## We Depart to Serve with Joy

**Hymn** 84 "O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word"

O radiant Christ, incarnate Word,  
eternal love revealed in time:  
come, make your home within our hearts,  
that we may dwell in light sublime.

Our bartered, busy lives burn dim,  
too tired to care, too numb to feel.  
Come, shine upon our shadowed world:  
your radiance bathes with power to heal.

Your glory shone at Jordan's stream,  
the font where we were born anew.  
Attune your church to know you near;  
illumine all we say and do.

O Light of Nations, fill the earth;  
our faith and hope and love renew.  
Come, lead the peoples to your peace,  
as stars once led the way to you.

### **Benediction**

God sends us out,  
so that grace will not be rare in our time.

**Here we are, ready to share  
love and mercy with those around us.**

Jesus calls us to go,  
so that justice will not be rare in our time.

**Here we are, ready to speak truth to power,  
walking with those oppressed.**

The Spirit fills us with compassion,  
so that peace will not be rare in our time.  
**Here we are, offering hope to those living in fear,  
working for reconciliation in brokenness.**

**Choral Amen**

**Postlude**      "Echo Noel" (D'Aquin)