



Raquette Lake Chapel Sunday Blast  
January 17, 2021  
2nd Sunday After Epiphany  
(The Epiphany, January 6, 2021)

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Scripture Readings for this Sunday

1 Samuel 3:1-20: Samuel has entered the service of Eli, the priest, and is visited by God.

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17: The famous Psalm describing how God is in our lives before we are even born. ‘Such a knowledge is too wonderful for me...’

1 Corinthians 6:12-20: Corinth was known for licentiousness. Paul writes: “It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you ...”.

John 1:43-51: The larger section in John (1:35-51) describes Jesus gathering the first disciples.

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A Prayer for the Overwhelmed

The pressures of our country and the world just do not seem to be diminishing. A clergy friend of mine passed this prayer along, and I thought it worth sharing:

*O God who holds all things and makes all things new,  
We come to you tired – bodies weary, minds flooded, hearts overwhelmed.  
We wonder where You are in these turbulent times that overload  
Our bodies, minds, and souls.*

*O God who illuminates the darkness, help us smash the heavy idols we hold,  
So that we may live freely and lightly in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Help us be gentle with ourselves and with others as we walk through the day,  
And as we go, help us discern what to enter into  
And what we need to step away from.*

*O God, whose largeness cares for every sparrow and  
Every single hair on our heads,  
Help us cling to You in the unknowing and lead us to rest in You  
When our inner and outer lives are overwhelmed,  
And when we have rested, may we enter into the work  
Of creating a more just, more peaceful, more equitable world. AMEN*

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**Special prayers this week:** give thanks for John’s good health report this week; give thanks for Chris’s progress; pray for Mary’s recovery; prayers for good health for Emerson and his family. We pray for those suffering in the pandemic. Lastly, pray for peace and calm in our country.