

Jan. 24 Intercessions Epiphany 3 The meaning of the scriptures is revealed to the people. (pause) Let us still our bodies and our minds as we pray together.

The congregational response, as printed in the bulletin, is (pause)
Open our ears, Lord: **and teach us to listen to you.**

Lord God, as we call to mind that we are members of the worldwide Church, we pray for those who are insulted or persecuted for our shared faith. We stand alongside them now. (pause)

Open our ears, Lord: **and teach us to listen to you.**

We pray that all of us who inhabit planet Earth in this age may learn to hear you again and respond to your voice of love. (pause)

Open our ears, Lord: **and teach us to listen to you.**

We pray that wherever materialism or stress or sorrow or sin have deafened us to your will, we may be prompted to put things right. (pause)

Open our ears, Lord: **and teach us to listen to you.**

We pray that our homes may be places where you are welcomed and recognized through the good, and the troubled times. (pause)

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We bring to your love all our fellow members who are ill, injured or sad. Cynthia, Guy, Theresa, Baby Evan, Bob, Shirley, Jim and those known to you. Alert us to see how we can help, and give them a real sense of your comforting presence.

We remember Margaret Barsotta who has travelled through life and now has gone through death into eternity. We thank you for her life and commend her to your keeping. Prepare us all, through our living for eternal life.

Thank you, Lord God, for all you have shown us through Jesus, and through word and sacrament, week by week. Merciful Father accept the prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen