



## *Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*

*January 30, 2022*

*A candle may be lit, to set apart this time of prayer.*

Prelude: On This Day Earth (Handbells: recorded)

Opening Hymn: Here I am Lord

I the Lord of sea and sky I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save

I who made the stars of night I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart

I, the Lord of snow and rain I have borne my people's pain  
I have wept for love of them they turn away

I will break their hearts of stone Give them hearts for love alone  
Who will speak my word to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me I will hold your people in my heart

I, the Lord of wind and flame I will tend the poor and lame  
I will set a feast for them My hand will save

Finest bread I will provide 'Til their hearts be satisfied  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me I will hold your people in my heart

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Almighty God,

**All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Gloria: We Praise Your Name (South Africa)

Amen, we praise your name, O God! Amen, we praise your name, O God!  
Amen, amen. Amen, amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Celebrant: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.. **Amen.**

Children's Talk

***The Proclamation of the Word***

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

*Stand or sit for the Gospel reading, as seems appropriate for your setting.*

Gradual Hymn: Stand, O Stand Firm (Iona)

Stand, o stand firm. Stand, o stand firm  
Stand, o stand firm and see what the Lord can do

Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke (4:21-30)

**All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you

will say, "Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum." And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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Sermon

Archdeacon Susan Oliver

The Apostle's Creed

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### ***Intercessions***

Come, Bring Your Burdens to God (South Africa)

*Come, bring your burdens to God, Come, bring your burdens to God,  
Come, bring your burdens to God, for Jesus will never say no.*

### ***Collect***

Celebrant: Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

Celebrant: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil,  
for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen, forever, Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

***The Blessing***

Celebrant: THE CROSS

**All: WE SHALL TAKE IT**

Celebrant: THE PAIN

**All: WE SHALL BEAR IT**

Celebrant: THE JOY

**All: WE SHALL SHARE IT**

Celebrant: THE GOSPEL

**All: WE SHALL LIVE IT**

Celebrant: THE LOVE

**All: WE SHALL GIVE IT**

Celebrant: THE LIGHT

**All: WE SHALL CHERISH IT**

Celebrant: THE DARKNESS

**All: GOD SHALL PERISH IT**

Closing Hymn: Go My Children, With My Blessings

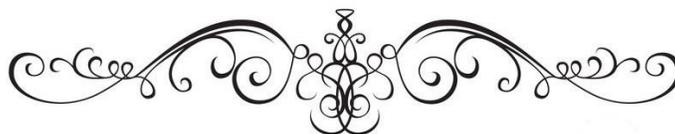
Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you,  
what I can cure. Here you heard my dear Son's story, here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

Postlude

*If a candle was lit, it is extinguished now.*



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