



Sunday 16th January 2022
2nd Sunday of Epiphany

INFORMAL SERVICE

WELCOME – Denver Keegan

The prophet asks: "How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen?"

Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save?"

The Lord God says:

"Look at the nations and watch - and be utterly amazed.

For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told."

Habakkuk 1:1-2,5

Let everything be said and done in the name of the Lord Jesus,

giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.

Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs:

let us sing to God with thankful hearts.

Open our lips, Lord:

and we shall praise your name.

Eternal God, source of all blessing, help us to worship you with all our heart and mind and strength; for you alone are God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

SONG

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word –
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same –
his holy name: the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure:
tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Timothy Dudley-Smith

CONFESSION

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled against him. Let us then renounce our wilfulness and ask his mercy by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

cf Daniel 9:9

Almighty God, long-suffering and of great goodness: I confess to you, I confess with my whole heart my neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments, my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking; the hurts I have done to others, and the good I have left undone.

O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you; and raise me to newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT (2nd Sunday of Epiphany)

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

PSALM 86 A prayer of David

¹ Hear me, Lord, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.

² **Guard my life, for I am faithful to you; save your servant who trusts in you.**

You are my God; ³ have mercy on me, Lord,
for I call to you all day long.

⁴ **Bring joy to your servant, Lord, for I put my trust in you.**

⁵ You, Lord, are forgiving and good,
abounding in love to all who call to you.

⁶ **Hear my prayer, Lord; listen to my cry for mercy.**

⁷ When I am in distress, I call to you,
because you answer me.

⁸ **Among the gods there is none like you, Lord; no deeds can compare with yours.**

⁹ All the nations you have made
will come and worship before you, Lord;
they will bring glory to your name.

¹⁰ **For you are great and do marvellous deeds; you alone are God.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

SONG

Here is love vast as the ocean,
loving kindness as the flood,
when the Prince of life, our ransom,
shed for us His precious blood.
Who his love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing his praise?
He can never be forgotten
throughout heaven's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion
fountains opened deep and wide;
through the floodgates of God's mercy
flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers,
poured incessant from above;
and heaven's peace and perfect justice
kissed a guilty world in love.

Through the years of human darkness,
shone the lamp the prophets trimmed,
making known redemption's story,
of the love of God undimmed.
Christ for every tongue and nation!
All must come beneath his sway;
His the everlasting kingdom
that shall never pass away.

When the stars shall fall from heaven,
and the sun turn black as night,
when the skies recede and vanish,
and the elements ignite.
Then the Son of Man in glory,
coming as the Morning Star,
shall return to claim His loved ones,
gathered in from near and far.

Verses 1 & 2 William Edwards, Verses 3 & 4 Richard Bewes

BIBLE READING – Habakkuk 1:1-2:1

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This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

TALK – *Andrew Cinnamond*

APOSTLES' CREED

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?
**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the
Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the
Father, and he will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?
**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.**

SONG

Restore, O Lord, the honour of Your name,
in works of sovereign power come shake the earth again;
that all may see and come with reverent fear
to the living God, whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

Restore, O Lord, in all the earth Your fame,
and in our time revive the church that bears Your name.
And in Your anger, Lord, remember mercy,
O living God, whose mercy shall outlast the years.

Bend us, O Lord, where we are hard and cold,
in Your refiner's fire come purify the gold.
Though suffering comes and evil crouches near,
still our living God is reigning, He is reigning here.

Graham Kendrick & Chris Rolinson

NOTICES

PRAYERS *Using the responses*

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer**

and ending

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of
your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer:

**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.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin
against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver
us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the
glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

SONG

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

It is well (it is well)

with my soul (with my soul)

it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed His own blood for my soul.

It is well.....

My sin - oh, the bliss of this glorious thought -
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well.....

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
even so, it is well with my soul.

It is well.....

Horatio Gates Spafford

FINAL PRAYER and BLESSING

**Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son
Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach
the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this
mission, and help us to live the good news we
proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

God the Father, who has given to his Son the name
above every name, strengthen you to proclaim Christ
Jesus as Lord. **Amen.**

God the Son, who is our great high priest passed into
the heavens, plead for you at the right hand of the
Father. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who pours out his abundant gifts
upon the Church, make you faithful servants of Christ
our King. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy
Spirit, be among us, and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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