

February 3rd, 2013
4th Sunday After Epiphany
10:00 am

At core, our prayer is not about
how we obtain from God what we want,
or ask God to bless what we have chosen to do,
but rather how we learn to want
what God wants for us and from us,
and how we become
what God wants us to be.

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THE GATHERING

Call to Silence

*As today's service begins, a gong will sound, calling us to stillness before God.
As its sounds fade away, we stand to sing our processional hymn.*

Processional Hymn #645 Come Down, O Love Divine

Greeting

God has called us to share the good news of God's love.

But who am I, that God should call me?

You are a beloved child of God.

God has called us to share the good news of God's love.

But who are we, that God should call us?

We are the Body of Christ, filled with the Spirit and gifted with love.

**We gather here to worship you, to praise you for your loving presence,
and to be strengthened for the calling you have given us.**

Let us pray

Almighty God, you bring to light things hidden in darkness, and know the shadows of our hearts: Cleanse and renew us by your Spirit, that we may walk in the light and glorify your name, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, Amen.

The Gloria

Glory to the Father:	Glory to the Son.
Glory to the Spirit:	For ever three in One.
Be glorified in Calgary:	Be glorified in the world.
Be glorified at home:	Be glorified in the Church.
Be glorified on earth:	Be glorified in heaven.
Glory to the Father:	Glory to the Son.
Glory to the Spirit:	For ever three in One.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!	Amen! Amen!

The Kenyan Rite

Collect

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.

Children`s Time - *The children now leave for Spirit Zone*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10 - Elaine Montgomery

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."

Psalms 71:1-8, page 795

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 – Elaine Montgomery

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.

Gradual Hymn: #621 Before the World Began

The Gospel Reading: Luke 4:21-30

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.

Homily: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

Prayers of the People

Confession

God has called us to share the good news of God's love.

Love is patient; for our quick-temperedness:

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Love is kind; for our indifference towards others:

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Love is not envious; for our petty jealousies:

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Love is not boastful; for our pretentiousness:
Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Love is not arrogant; for our opinionated views:
Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Love is not rude; for our crass behaviour:
Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Love does not insist on getting its own way;
for our false sense of our own importance:
Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Love is not irritable; for our resentful behaviour:
Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Love does not rejoice in wrong-doing; for our rejoicing in all the wrong things:
Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

May God show us mercy, forgive us our sins against love
and lead us to life that lasts: **Amen.**

Steve on <http://opensource spirituality>

The Peace

We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: #529 God, My Hope on You Is Founded

The Prayer over the Gifts:

God of steadfast love, **may our offering this day, by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew us for your service. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer #2, p. 195

The Lord's Prayer, p. 211

Breaking of the Bread #6, p.212

All are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Prayer after Communion

Source of all goodness, **in this eucharist we are nourished by the bread of heaven and invigorated with new wine. May these gifts renew our lives, that we may show your glory to all the world, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever, Amen.

Blessing

May the power of God the Creator, the peace of God the Redeemer, and the presence of God the Comforter, be with you now and forever. **Amen**

Announcements

Recessional Hymn #444 Your Hand, O God, Has Guided

The Dismissal of the Community

Response: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Prayers

- In our worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church of Sudan and their clergy, The Rt. Rev. Stephen Dokolo Ismail.
- In our own parish let us ask for God's healing love to uphold and sustain all who are in any kind of need, especially: Kenneth Robertson, Tracey (Janzen) Grenier, The Rt. Rev. Gary Woolsey, Ernie Rice, Edith Lenko, Nellie Werth, Mandy Gravells, Ruth Elford, Alice Entwistle, Marguerite Dimmer, Joan Brisbourne, Chad McGregor, Pat McNamara, Peggy Brookes, Mariam Jacobs, Emily Sharpe, Eileen Williams, Garnet Wallace, Andrew Howe.

Flowers and Greenery (for Lent) are given this morning to the glory of God by: Arnold, Eileen and Adrienne Williams in thanksgiving.

Barry O'Flynn is warden on duty today.

8:00 am (Book of Common Prayer)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

Lay Reader: Rosemary Bishop

Lector: Elaine Montgomery

10 am (Book of Alternative Services)

Celebrant: The Rev. Christine Conkin

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Jane Rowland

Deacon: The Rev. Julianne Hendrickson

Lay Readers: Connie Kadey and Lorraine Grant

Organist: Chris Fullerton

Your Body, LLC (1 Corinthians 12:12-31a)

we stick our tongue
 out of the corner
 of our mouths
 as we try to make
 the chart
 flow
 properly (if
 the vote is 'yes'
 then we go
 in that direction,
 if 'no' then
 we take a different
 route)
 but you simply whisper
 'follow me (even
 if it seems we
 are going in circles)';

 the time line is posted
 all over the
 facility, from the
 boardroom to the
 bathroom, so
 everyone will know the
 exact sequence of when
 our transformation
 efforts will take
 place,
 and you persist
 in showing up when
 we least expect, asking
 'is this a bad time?'

we pull up
 the template on
 our computer, ready
 to fill in the names
 of the organization's leadership,
 so it is clear as to who has
 what authority, who reports to
 whom,
 who the links in the
 chain of command are,
 and
 you place a gift
 in the heart of each
 person (even the ones
 not listed on the
 chart) and
 invite us to join hands as
 we dance in a circle
 around you.

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