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Order of Service
for Holy Eucharist

The Fourth
Sunday before Lent

Here I Am.
Send Me.

Isaiah 6:1-8



Sunday 6th February 2022

8.45 am

Welcome

“Here I am, send me”

Reflections on Isaiah 6: 1 - 8

The story of Isaiah’s prophetic call is one of the most cinematic stories in the Bible, and at first glance, it might seem inaccessible. After all, most of us don’t see flying seraphs when we pray, or receive absolution via tongs and live coals.

As Christians, we rightly hold God’s otherness and God’s closeness (God’s transcendence and God’s immanence, to use more “churchy” words) in tension, trying our best to honour both. But I wonder sometimes if I lean so hard into God as counsellor and friend, that I forget God’s vast and mysterious *otherness*.

Would we take worship, prayer, and confession more seriously if we trusted the raw and brutal power of Isaiah’s vision? How would I respond if a seraph brought a live coal to my lips? How carelessly or reverently do I walk into church and sing, “Holy, holy, holy” on Sunday mornings? Would I walk the planet differently if I really believed the seraph’s declaration that “the whole earth is full of God’s glory?”

After Isaiah receives absolution, he hears God’s ringing call: “*Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?*” Freshly forgiven and zealous to serve, Isaiah responds with enthusiasm: “*Here am I! Send me!*”

There’s a price to pay when we say “yes” to God. What matters after the “yes” is: Truthfulness. Long-suffering. Patience. What matters is believing wholeheartedly in the divine economy of stumps and seeds. Because this is how God works. Out of the tiny, the hidden, and the barely discernible, God’s life springs. The wasteland becomes the garden. The stump becomes a mighty tree. God takes the palette of dread and desolation, and turns it riotous with colour.

It might not happen soon. We might not see it in our lifetimes. But the vision remains, and its promise sustains, enlivens, and fills us. Dare we trust the God of mere seeds?

Isaiah sees *the Lord*, and everything changes in the wake of that seeing. The changes aren’t easy, safe, or uniformly comforting. But they are *good*. May our seeing and our changing be for good, too.

The congregation is asked to join in all text printed in **bold**.

Order of Service

The Gathering

Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in C Minor
“Let us break bread together”

J. S. Bach, BWV 549 (1685 - 1750)
Spiritual, arr. Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

All keep silence and prepare for worship.

Introit

Sung by the cantors

We worship and adore Thee,
bowing down before Thee,
songs of praises singing,
hallelujah ringing.

All STAND

Opening Acclamation

Led by the Presbyter from the West Door

<i>Presbyter</i>	Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory.	<i>Isaiah 6:3</i>
<i>All</i>	The Lord of hosts is with us.	
<i>Presbyter</i>	Let us lift up our hearts!	
<i>All</i>	We lift them up to the Lord!	
<i>Presbyter</i>	God asks us, “Whom shall I send?”	
<i>All</i>	“Here am I! send me!”	

All join in singing the hymn at the procession. Turn over.

Hymn at the Procession

**Christ the Lord is risen again,
Christ hath broken every chain.
Hark, angelic voices cry,
singing evermore on high,
Alleluia.**

**² He who gave for us his life,
who for us endured the strife,
is our Paschal Lamb today;
we too sing for joy, and say
Alleluia.**

**⁴ He who slumbered in the grave
is exalted now to save;
now through Christendom it rings
that the Lamb is King of kings.
Alleluia.**

**³ He who bore all pain and loss
comfortless upon the Cross,
lives in glory now on high,
pleads for us, and hears our cry:
Alleluia**

**⁵ Now he bids us tell abroad
how the lost may be restored,
how the penitent forgiven,
how we too may enter heaven.
Alleluia.**

**⁶ Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ, thy ransomed people feed;
take our sins and guilt away:
Let us sing by night and day
Alleluia.**

Words: M. Weisse (c. 1480 - 1534)
tr. Catherine Winkworth

Tune: WÜRTEMBERG
Melody from Hundert Arien, 1694

Please be SEATED

✠ *The Service begins on **page 350** of the Book of Common Prayer* ✠

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the Day

Read by the Presbyter

Lord of the hosts of heaven,
our salvation and our strength,
without you we are lost:
guard us from all that harms or hurts
and raise us when we fall;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah
chapter 6 .verses 1 to 8

In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.

Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged. Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

At the conclusion of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Sung by the cantors to a chant by Purcell

Psalm 138 • *Confitebor tibi*

I WILL give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart : even before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

² I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy Name, because of thy loving-kindness and truth : for thou hast magnified thy Name and thy word above all things.

³ When I called upon thee, thou heardest me : and enduedst my soul with much strength.

⁴ All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O Lord : for they have heard the words of thy mouth.

⁵ Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the Lord : that great is the glory of the Lord.

⁶ For though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly : as for the proud, he beholdeth them afar off.

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt thou refresh me : thou shalt stretch forth thy hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies, and thy right hand shall save me.

⁸ The Lord shall make good his loving-kindness toward me : yea, thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever; despise not then the works of thine own hands.

All STAND.

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen.*

Please be SEATED.

The Epistle

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians
chapter 15 verses 1 to 11.

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

At the conclusion of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

All STAND and join in singing the gradual hymn.

Gradual Hymn

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his voice invites me,
saying "Christian, follow me."

² As the first disciples heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and kindred,
leaving all for his dear sake.

³ Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying "Christian, love me more."
⁴ In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."

⁵ Jesus calls us! In your mercy,
Saviour, help us hear your call;
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all!

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818 - 1895)

Tune: GALILEE

William H. Jude (1851 - 1922)

Remain **STANDING** for the Gospel.

The Gospel of Christ

All **Alleluia.**
"Come, follow me," Jesus said,
"and I will make you fishers of men."
Alleluia.

The Gospeller The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke chapter 5 verses 1 to 11.

All **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

At the end of the Gospel:

The Gospeller This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

All **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

*Remain **STANDING** for the Creed, all reciting together.*

Please be **SEATED**.

Sermon

The Revd Avinash Rangayya

Welcome and Announcements

All **STAND**.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Hear this mystery: we are all the children and heirs of the Holy One. Welcome your brothers and sisters with the peace that God has given us through Christ Jesus. *Romans 8*

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

While remaining in your place, share the sign of peace with a namaste with your neighbour.

Preparation of the Table Hymn at the Offertory

*At this time an offering will be received for the ministries of the Cathedral.
Thank you for your generosity. All join in singing the hymn.*

**¹ 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.*

**² I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I wept for love of them.
They turn away.** **I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I 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.*

**³ 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
Till 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.*

Words: Isaiah 6

Music: Daniel Schutte (b. 1947)

All say

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Please be SEATED

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The Communion | **Page 368**

Communicants are requested to leave space on either side of them when they receive Communion.

While seated, we sing

Hymn at the Communion

**Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees:**

*When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy, if you please.*

**² Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees.**

*When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy, if you please.*

**³ Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees.**

*When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy, if you please.*

African American Spiritual

All STAND and say.

Post Communion Prayer

**Go before us, Lord, in all we do
with your most gracious favour,
and guide us with your continual help,
that in all our works
begun, continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

All sing.

Gloria in Excelsis | **Page 371**

The Blessing *The Presbyter*

The Lord bless you and watch over you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
the Lord look kindly on you and give you peace;
And the blessing of God almighty,
† the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

cf Numbers 6.24,25

All join in singing the hymn at the closing. Turn over.

Hymn at the Closing

**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.**

**² Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
Strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**³ When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises
I will ever give to thee.**

Words: W. Williams (1717 - 91)

Tune: CWM RHONDDA
John Hughes (1873 - 1932)

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Cwm Rhondda – an arrangement for organ

Paul Manz, Op. 14 (1919 - 2009)

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Birthdays this week

May God bless you abundantly.

Valentina Mathew (6), Dinesh Sathia Raj (6), Lena Khan (9),
Rebekah Paul (11), Rhea John (12)

Wedding Anniversaries this Week

Be blessed with love, joy and companionship all the years of your life.

Sonal & Sanjay Parmar (10), Ann & Raj Iype (11)

Prayer Requests & Announcements

Your prayers are requested for

- † God's healing hand on those who are unwell. Pray for an end to the pandemic.
- † areas of our world affected by extreme climatic conditions.
- † an easing of the tensions between Russia and Ukraine.
- † in the Diocese, The Church of the Holy Redeemer, Dadar and the Revd Shimon Samuel
- † the *Church of North India's* Diocese of Jabalpur and the Most Revd Prem Chand Singh (*Moderator*).
- † the *Church of South India's* Diocese of Kanyakumari and the Rt Revd Anantha Chelliah.
- † in the *Anglican Communion*, the Church of Ireland and the Most Revd John McDowell.

Days to remember in the Church Calendar this week

- Titus, *Companion of Paul (Evangelist)* - 6th February.
 - Revd Narayan Vaman Tilak, *baptised 1895 (Marathi poet and hymn writer)* - 10th February
 - Alexander Duff, *1878 (Educationist, Evangelist)* - 12th February
- Recording of the Sunday morning 8.45 a.m. Eucharist resumed from last week. The recording is uploaded on the Cathedral's *YouTube* channel. We express our thanks to Leona Michyari for enabling this to happen.
 - Contributing towards flowers in the sanctuary is a beautiful way to remember loved ones and give thanks for blessings. You can approach the *Presbyter* if you would like to do so.

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to reflect on the prayers and readings and as a reminder of your visit.

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