Epiphany 3, Year B, 24.01.2021

**Welcome and introduction**

**Prayer:**

God of life and hope, who keeps the best for later,  
fill us with the knowledge of your love.  
Help us to live in faith, as Mary did, bringing to you our concerns  
and trusting you to transform them.  
May our joy be complete and our hope be fulfilled,  
through Jesus who reveals your glory.  
**Amen.**

**Hymn When the music fades**

When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come  
Longing just to bring something that's of worth, that will bless your heart  
  
Bridge:  
*I'll bring you more than a song, for a song in itself is not what you have required  
You search much deeper within through the way things appear, you're looking into my heart*  
Chorus:  
*I'm coming back to the heart of worship. And it's all about you, all about you, Jesus  
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it, when it's all about you, all about you, Jesus*

King of endless worth, no one could express how much you deserve  
Though I'm weak and poor all I have is yours, every single breath

Prayer of Confession

**Most generous God,   
by whose bountiful goodness we are so often surprised,  
we have set limits on what we believe you can do,  
and denied our own part in your world.  
We have acted as though the wine will run out,  
and failed to live by the hope we proclaim.  
Forgive us for our low expectations.  
Teach us to trust you, to watch for your glory,  
to be generous ourselves and to serve those around us,  
that your love for your world will be celebrated,  
today and for ever.   
Amen.**

**The Absolution**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins

and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

**The****Collect***, the special prayer for today*

God of all mercy,  
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,  
release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed:  
anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free  
to praise you in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Reading John 2: 1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, ‘They have no wine.’ And Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.’ His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’ Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, ‘Fill the jars with water.’ And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, ‘Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.’ So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, ‘Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.’ Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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**Hymn Jesus is Lord**

Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it,

for by his power each tree and flower was planned and made.

Jesus is Lord! The universe declares it -sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: `Jesus is Lord!'

*Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord!*

*Praise him with alleluias, for Jesus is Lord.*

Jesus is Lord! Yet from his throne eternal in flesh he came to die in pain on Calvary's tree.

Jesus is Lord! From him all life proceeding -yet gave his life a ransom thus setting us free.

Jesus is Lord! O'er sin the mighty conqueror; from death he rose and all his foes shall own his name.

Jesus is Lord! God sends his Holy Spirit to show by works of power that Jesus is Lord.

**Bless the Gifts**

Lord Jesus, you gave everything for us. As we give you our gifts, we offer you all that we have, and are, and will be, praying that our church, and our mission,   
may reach out so that others may come to share in your risen life. **Amen.**

**Prayers**

In times of celebration we thank you, Jesus, that you come among us,  
as at the Cana wedding.

Come now and bless us,  
**and deepen our faith in you.**

When problems occur and we don't know where to turn,  
help us, like Mary, to bring them to you, and trust you for the outcome.

Come now and bless us,  
**and deepen our faith in you.**

As opportunities arise, help us transform the ordinary into something new,  
so that your abundant goodness may be revealed to those who thirst.

Come now and bless us,  
**and deepen our faith in you.**

Give us the Spirit of hope that the best is yet to come;  
and make us ready to play our part as stewards in your kingdom.

Come now and bless us,  
**and deepen our faith in you.**

In faith and trust and love, draw us close to you.  
May we recognise your glory and go into the world rejoicing.

Come now and bless us,  
**and deepen our faith in you.**

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,**

**Our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*We sing the* ***Lord’s* *Prayer***

**Our Father who art in heaven HBTN**

**Thy kingdom come thy will be done HBTN**

**On earth as it is in heaven HBTN**

**Give us this day our daily bread HBTN**

**Forgive us all our trespasses HBTN**

**As we forgive those who trespass against us HBTN**

**And lead us not into temptation HBTN**

**But deliver us from all that is evil HBTN**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory HBTN**

**For ever and for ever and ever HBTN**

**Blessing**

Amid the mundane and the commonplace,  
may the God of life grant us rich blessing. **Amen.**

From the cold stone jars of our ordinary lives,  
may Jesus draw out the fruit of God's kingdom. **Amen.**

Beyond the expectations of the daily round,  
may the Holy Spirit surprise us with new joys. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God the all-loving, who creates and transforms and inspires us,  
be with us this day and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

**Hymn**

Sing of the Lord's goodness Father of all wisdom, come to him and bless his name.  
Mercy he has shown us, his love is for ever, faithful to the end of days.

*Come, then, all you nations, sing of your Lord's goodness, melodies of praise and thanks to God.  
Ring out the Lord's glory, praise him with your music, worship him and bless his name.*

Power he has wielded, honour is his garment, risen from the snares of death.  
His word he has spoken, one bread he has broken, new life he now gives to all.

Courage in our darkness, comfort in our sorrow, Spirit of our God most high;  
solace for the weary, pardon for the sinner, splendour of the living God.

Praise him with your singing, praise him with the trumpet,

praise God with the lute and harp;  
praise him with the cymbals, praise him with your dancing, praise God till the end of days.