



Opening Liturgy, Saturday, 22 April 2023

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“Magnificat”





There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.'

His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water', and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now,' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from—only the servants who had drawn the water knew—the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

**John 2:1-11**

**'Do Whatever He Tells You'**







Reflection





Blessed be the Lord, the Creator, the God of the Future.

All: **Help us do whatever You ask.**

Blessed be Jesus, the Christ, the one who redeems all and weaves God's future.

All: **Help us do whatever You ask.**

Blessed be his vision, speaking to us of new wineskins.

All: **Help us do whatever You ask.**

Blessed be his inspiration in helping us to step beyond the safe and familiar.

All: **Help us do whatever You ask.**

Blessed be his presence,  
Giving us courage when life is difficult and our next steps are uncertain.

All: **Help us do whatever You ask.**

Blessed be the Spirit,  
Inspiring us to change and become new wineskins for the fresh wine of the Good News.

All: **Help us do whatever You ask.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,**

**World without end. Amen.**





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?

Chorus  
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.

**“Here I Am, Lord”**

By Daniel L Schutte

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.  
I will speak My word to them  
Whom shall I send?

Chorus

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?

Chorus





