Hymns for January 30, 2022
The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Opening Hymn: CP 433
Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Lord, you give the great commission:
"Heal the sick and preach the word."
Lest the church neglect its mission
and the gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to your service:
"In my name baptize and teach."
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervour, draw us
closer in community;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy:
"This my body, this my blood."
Let your priests, for earth's true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
share your children's liberty;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring:
"I am with you to the end."
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity;
with the Spirit's gifts empower us
for the work of ministry.

Gradual Hymn: CP 446
Word of God, Come Down on Earth

Word of God, come down on earth,
living rain from heaven descending;
touch our hearts and bring to birth
faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you;
Word made flesh, we long to hear you.

Word eternal, throned on high,
Word that brought to life creation,
Word that came from heaven to die,
crucified for our salvation,
saving Word, the world restoring,
speak to us, your love outpouring.

Word that caused blind eyes to see,
speak and heal our mortal blindness.
Deaf we are: our healer be;
loose our tongues to tell your kindness.
Be our Word in pity spoken;
heal the world by our sin broken.

Word that speaks God's tender love,
one with God beyond all telling;
Word that sends us from above
God the Spirit, with us dwelling;
Word of truth, to all truth lead us;
Word of life, with one bread feed us.

Offertory Hymn: CP 645
Come Down, O Love Divine

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till they become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit finds a dwelling.

Hymn during Communion: CP 553
Ubi Caritas et Amor

Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas,
Deus ibi est.

Live in charity and steadfast love,
live in charity
God will dwell with you.

Closing Hymn: CP 401
My Life Flows On in Endless Song

My life flows on in endless song,
above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Refrain:
No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Love is lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the stife,
I hear the music ringing;
it sounds and echoes in my soul;
how can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

When though the tempest 'round me roar,
I hear the truth it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close,
songs in the night it giveth. [Refrain]

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear
and hear their death knells ringing;
when friends rejoice both far and near,
how can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing.
All things are mine since I am his;
how can I keep from singing? [Refrain]