

PRAYING for VOCATIONS

November 18, 2024

Opening Song

Here I Am Lord

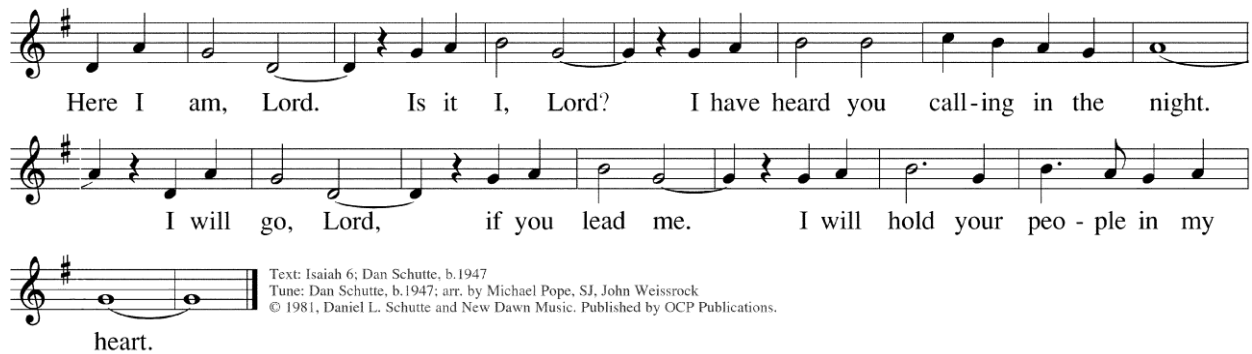
Dan Schutte

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, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away

I, who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my words to them
Whom shall I send?



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you call-ing in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my
heart.

Text: Isaiah 6; Dan Schutte, b.1947
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First Reading

Jeremiah 1: 4-7

Responsorial Psalm 139



I praise you, O Lord, for I am won-der-ful-ly made.

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Second Reading

“Having Gifts is Nothing if We Don't Use Them”

Excerpt from *The Time Is Now: A Call to Uncommon Courage* by Joan Chittister (Random House)
published in "Vision and Viewpoints" weekly newsletter on September 16, 2024

Silent Reflection

Let us take some time to consider how we are living our baptismal call in light of these readings.

Intercessions **Our response is: Come Lord, be with us.**

Closing Prayer

Leader: Let us now pray together our prayer for vocations:

All: Heavenly Father, you have created us for a definite purpose.

Grant us the grace to know the path you have planned for each of us in this life, and to respond with a generous "Yes".

Make our parish, our homes, and our hearts fruitful ground for your gift of vocations.

May we respond to your call with courage and zeal.

Stir among us a desire and the strength to live good and holy lives in service to others.

We make our prayer to you, Father, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

Blessing

Closing Song

The Summons

John Bell

1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but

call your name? Will you go where
call your name? Will you care for
call your name? Will you set the
call your name? Will you quell the
call my name. Let me turn and

you don't know And nev - er be the same?
cruel and kind And nev - er be the same?
pris - 'ners free And nev - er be the same?
fear in - side And nev - er be the same?
fol - low you And nev - er be the same.

Will you let my love be shown, Will you
Will you risk the hos - tile stare Should your
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, And do
Will you use the faith you've found To re -
In your com - pa - ny I'll go Where your

let my name be known, Will you let my
life at - tract or scare? Will you let me
such as this un - seen, And ad - mit to
shape the world a - round, Through my sight and
love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and

life be grown In you and you in me?
an - swer prayer In you and you in me?
what I mean In you and you in me?
touch and sound In you and you in me?
live and grow In you and you in me.