

The Season “Epiphany” means “to reveal” or “to make known. During the season of Epiphany Jesus is revealed as the promised Savior of all by his powerful words and actions.

The Sunday Jesus comes as the invited guest to reveal the splendor of his glory. As we behold his glory, we delight in our bridegroom. For he delights in us, bringing to us his righteous deliverance, the strength of his Spirit, and the divine dimensions of his immeasurable love. Today we see Jesus is revealed by unknowable power and love.

Opening Hymn

Oh, Love, How Deep CW 371



1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high,
 2 He sent no an - gel to our race,
 3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore
 4 For us he prayed, for us he taught;
 5 For us, by wick - ed - ness be - trayed,



Be - yond all thought and fan - ta - sy,
 Of high - er or of low - er place,
 His ho - ly fast and hun - gered sore;
 For us his dai - ly works he wrought,
 For us, in crown of thorns ar - rayed,



That God, the Son of God, should take
 But wore the robe of hu - man frame,
 For us temp - ta - tion sharp he knew,
 By words and signs and ac - tions thus
 He bore the shame - ful cross and death;



Our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
 And to this world him - self he came.
 For us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
 Still seek - ing not him - self but us.
 For us he gave his dy - ing breath.

Text: attr. Thomas à Kempis, 1380–1471, abr.; tr. Benjamin Webb, 1819–85, alt.
 Tune: DEO GRACIAS (LM) English melody, 15th century.

Stand

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

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Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

If your children need to leave worship, please take them to the basement. A TV broadcasts the service in the basement.

Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Oh, Taste and See



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -



ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Be Seated

THE WORD

First Lesson

Exodus 7:14-24

Before Pharaoh, God changed water into blood: this was an act of divine judgment on an unbelieving people. The power of God was meant to break open hearts of stone, or harden them further. This, like all the plagues, occurred that Pharaoh might know the LORD. How amazing to read this miracle of God's judgment changing water to a stinking, undrinkable liquid, and then read the Gospel where the Son of God does just the opposite. In a miracle of Grace, the Son of God takes water and makes it into the finest tasting wine.

¹⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is unyielding; he refuses to let the people go. ¹⁵ Go to Pharaoh in the morning as he goes out to the river. Confront him on the bank of the Nile, and take in your hand the staff that was changed into a snake. ¹⁶ Then say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to say to you: Let my people go, so that they may worship me in the wilderness. But until now you have not listened. ¹⁷ This is what the LORD says: By this you will know that I am the LORD: With the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water of the Nile, and it will be changed into blood. ¹⁸ The fish in the Nile will die, and the river will stink; the Egyptians will not be able to drink its water.'"

¹⁹ The LORD said to Moses, "Tell Aaron, 'Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt—over the streams and canals, over the ponds and all the reservoirs—and they will turn to blood.' Blood will be everywhere in Egypt, even in vessels^[a] of wood and stone."

²⁰ Moses and Aaron did just as the LORD had commanded. He raised his staff in the presence of Pharaoh and his officials and struck the water of the Nile, and all the water was changed into blood. ²¹ The fish in the Nile died, and the river smelled so bad that the Egyptians could not drink its water. Blood was everywhere in Egypt.

²² But the Egyptian magicians did the same things by their secret arts, and Pharaoh's heart became hard; he would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the LORD had said.

²³ Instead, he turned and went into his palace, and did not take even this to heart. ²⁴ And all the Egyptians dug along the Nile to get drinking water, because they could not drink the water of the river. (NIV)

Refrain



Hap-py the peo-ple the Lord has cho-sen to be his own.

How good and pleasant it is*
when brothers live together in unity!

For there the LORD bestows his blessing,*
even life forevermore.

Refrain

Praise the LORD, all you servants of the LORD *
who minister in the house of of the LORD.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary*
and praise the LORD.

May the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth,*
bless you from Zion.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

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Second Lesson

Ephesians 3:14-21

This reading brings comfort and confidence to the heart of Christ's bride. As his bride, rooted in his love, we can only begin to grasp the immeasurable width, length, height and depth of his love. We join in echoing Paul's prayer: to him be glory.

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family^[a] in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (NIV)

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. He said to me, "You are my servant in whom I will display my splendor."
Alleluia. (Isaiah 49:3)

Stand

Gospel

John 2:1-11

This account from the Gospel of John is not so much a stamp of approval on wedding celebrations as it is a display of glory by our bridegroom, Jesus the Christ. The Savior's meeting of an immediate need was a secondary benefit to the revelation of his glorious power, his divine authority and the confirmation of his first disciples' faith.

² On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

⁴ "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

Hymn of the Day

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise CW 82



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph - et, Priest, and
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole Pal - sied limbs and
4 Sun and moon shall dark - ened be; Stars shall fall, the
5 Grant us grace to see you, Lord, Mir - rored in your



you we raise, Man - i - fest - ed by the star
King su - preme, And at Ca - na, Wed - ding Guest,
faint - ing soul; Man - i - fest in val - iant fight,
heav'ns shall flee. Christ will then like light - ning shine;
ho - ly Word. May our lives and all we do



To the Ma - gi from a - far, Branch of roy - al
In your God - head man - i - fest; Man - i - fest in
Quell - ing all the dev - il's might; Man - i - fest in
All will see his glo - rious sign. All will then the
Im - i - tate and hon - or you That we all like



Da - vid's stem, In your birth at Beth - le - hem.
pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine.
gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill.
trum - pet hear; All will see the judge ap - pear.
you may be At your great e - piph - a - ny



An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
You by all will be con - fessed, God in man made man - i - fest.
And may praise you, ev - er blest, God in man made man - i - fest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-85, alt.

Tune: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR (77 77 D) George J. Elvey, 1816-93.

Sermon

Ephesians 3:14-21

Stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

Benediction

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen

Be Seated

Hymn

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd CWS 746:3-4



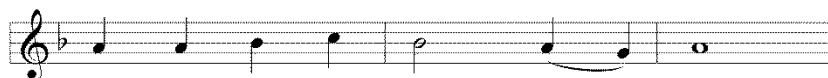
3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



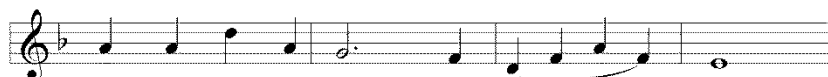
Sit in pow - er at God's side.
Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



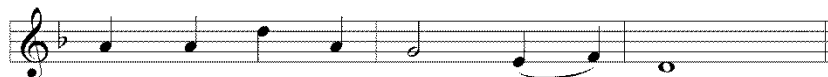
You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry!



Have a love that reach - es wide.
Wor - thy still your peace and strife!



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



You, who are our pil - grim guide.
You, who are our death and life.

In this hymn—also known as “Christus Paradox”—Sylvia Dunstan uses the picture language of Scripture to highlight the mysterious paradoxes found in the person and work of Christ the King.

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Tune: PICARDY (87 87 87) French folk tune, 17th century

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