

Water to



Wine

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EPIPHANY SEASON

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

OPENING HYMN

Arise and Shine in Splendor
CW 375

1. Arise and shine in splendor; Let night to day surrender.
Your light is drawing near. Above, the day is beaming,
In matchless beauty gleaming; The glory of the Lord is here.
2. See earth in darkness lying, The heathen nations dying
In hopeless gloom and night. To you the Lord of heaven—
Your life, your hope—has given Great glory, honor, and delight.
3. Lift up your eyes in wonder—See, nations gather yonder
From sin to be set free. The world has heard your story;
Her sons come to your glory, her daughters haste your light to see.

Please stand

4. Your heart will leap for gladness When from the realms of sadness
They come from near and far. Your eyes will wake from slumber
As people without number Rejoice to see the Morning Star.

INVOCATION AND GREETING

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

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.




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 sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON


Isaiah 62:1-5

For the sake of Zion I will not be silent. For the sake of Jerusalem I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth shining brightly, and her salvation burns like a torch. ²Nations will see your righteousness, and all kings will see your glory. You will be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will assign to you. ³Then you will be a beautiful crown in the LORD's hand, and a royal diadem in the palm of your God. ⁴You will never again be called Abandoned, and your land will never again be called Desolation, for you will be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land will be called Married, because the LORD delights in you, and your land will be married. ⁵For just as a young man marries a virgin, your sons will marry you, and just as a bridegroom rejoices over a bride, your God will rejoice over you.

PSALM OF THE DAY

The Congregation will sing Psalm 145.

Refrain



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.



Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;*
his greatness no one can fathom.

One generation will commend your works to another;*
they will tell of your mighty acts.

The LORD upholds all those who fall*
and lifts up all who are bowed down.

Refrain

The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food at the proper time.*
You open your hand
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

The LORD is near to all who call on him,*
to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;*
he hears their cry and saves them.

**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

For this reason I kneel before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵from whom the entire family in heaven and on earth receives its name. ¹⁶I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he would strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner self, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. Then, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸I pray that you would be able to comprehend, along with all the saints, how wide and long and high and deep his love is, ¹⁹and that you would be able to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled to all the fullness of God.

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

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Out of reverence for the words and works of Jesus, please stand.

GOSPEL

JOHN 2:1-11

Three days later, there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee. Jesus' mother was there. ²Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. ³When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with you and me? My time has not come yet." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Six stone water jars, which the Jews used for ceremonial cleansing, were standing there, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. ⁸Then he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." And they did. ⁹When the master of the banquet tasted the water that had now become wine, he did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew). The master of the banquet called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when the guests have had plenty to drink, then the cheaper wine. You saved the good wine until now!" ¹¹This, the beginning of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed in Cana of Galilee. He revealed his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Your Boundless Love to Me
CW 714 (vvs. 1,2,4)

- 1. Jesus, your boundless love to me No thought can reach, no tongue declare.
Dwell in my heart eternally, And reign without a rival there.
To you alone, dear Lord, I live; Myself to you, dear Lord, I give.

- 2. Oh, grant that nothing in my soul May dwell but your pure love alone;
Oh, may your love possess me whole, My joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove; My ev'ry act, word, thought be love.
- 4. In suff'ring be your love my peace; In weakness be your love my pow'r;
And when the storms of life shall cease, O Jesus, in that final hour
Be then my rod and staff and guide And draw me safely to your side.

SERMON

John 2:1-11

"Water to Wine! The First of Jesus' Miraculous Signs!"

Please 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.**

Please be seated

OFFERING

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: **We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: **Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: **Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: **We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: **Our Father in heaven
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread;
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen**

Please be seated

HYMN

Joyously I'll Praise My Savior
CW 611

1. Joyously I'll praise my Savior; for my God I'll gladly sing,
As I see his loving favor evident in ev'rything.
In his faithful heart is beating love that's pure and wide and long,
Love that makes his servants strong.
All I see on earth is fleeting;
God's amazing love for me lasts for all eternity.
2. God, with firm and clear conviction, gave for me his precious Son,
By whose bloody crucifixion I from hell have now been won.
O you spring of love prevailing, depth of which I'll never know,
Current which will ever flow.
All I see on earth is failing;
God's amazing love for me lasts for all eternity.
3. God had seen my sad condition, gave me sight when I was blind;
He will be my great physician, healing body, soul, and mind.
When it seems it's not worth trying— all my skill gets nothing done—
Jesus helps me carry on.
All I see on earth is dying;
God's amazing love for me lasts for all eternity.

4. Since your love is never ending, far beyond what words can say,
 Up to you my hands extending, Father, as your child, I pray:
 Let your grace to me be given that I may with all my might
 Cling to you both day and night
 Till I see your face in heaven
 Where my praise and love will be yours for all eternity.

Please stand

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: A - men.

BLESSING

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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

HYMN

JESUS LOVES ME
 CW 584

1. Jesus love me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so.
 Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
 Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
 Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.
2. Jesus loves me! He who died heaven's gates to open wide.
 He will wash away my sin, let his little child come in.
 Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
 Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.