
Traditional Worship Guide
“EPIPHANY” & “THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD”
January 8, 2023

OPENING SONG:

8:15 Hymn: “As With Gladness Men of Old” (vs. 1,2,4).....# **302**
10:30 Anthem “Star Carol” Chancel Choir

EPIPHANY PRAISE

P: Glory to God in the highest,
C: **And peace to God’s people on earth!**
P: Arise, shine, for your light has come.
C: **Let all the people come and worship,
for the world has seen the salvation of God!**

EPIPHANY GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-12

HYMN: “*We Three Kings*”

We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
Alleluia, alleluia,
Heaven to earth replies. *Refrain*

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

BIBLE LESSON Isaiah 42:1-9 Bible, pg. 1124

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*stand and sing*)



HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 3:13-17 Bible, pg. 1498

Say before the reading: **Glory to You, O Lord.**
Say after the reading: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

*After the sermon at the 10:30 service, the preacher goes to
the Contemporary Service in the Fellowship Hall.*

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN: “*Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*” # **304**

BETHANY’S MISSION

P: As a community, gathered by God’s great grace,
we seek to live our mission of:
C: **being, living as, and making disciples of Jesus Christ.**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
L: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
L: We give you thanks, O God...To you be given honor and
praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

The leader invites people to join in this profession of faith:

L: Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

C: **I renounce them.**

L: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

L: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & TEMPLE TALK

PRAYERS

Response: P: ...Lord in your mercy, C: **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(together)*

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.

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

HYMN: "When Jesus Came to Jordan" # 305
(sung to tune of hymn #654)

- 1 When Jesus came to Jordan
To be baptized by John,
He did not come for pardon,
But as the sinless one.
He came to share repentance
With all who mourn their sins,
To speak the vital sentence
With which good news begins.
- 2 He came to share temptation,
Our utmost woe and loss,
For us and our salvation
To die upon the cross.
So when the Dove descended
On him, the Son of Man,
The hidden years had ended,
The age of grace began.
- 3 Come, Holy Spirit, aid us
To keep the vows we make,
This very day invade us,
And every bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction,
The gift we covet most:
To share the resurrection
That leads to Pentecost.

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God!**

As with Gladness Men of Old

- 1 As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led by thee.
- 2 As with joyful steps they sped,
Savior, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee, whom heav'n and earth adore;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy seat.
- 4 Holy Jesus, ev'ry day
keep us in the narrow way;
and when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.

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Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized

- 1 Christ, when for us you were baptized,
God's Spirit on you came,
As peaceful as a dove,
And yet as urgent as a flame,
As urgent as a flame
- 2 God called you "My beloved son",
You are God's servant true,
Sent to proclaim the reign of Heaven,
God's holy will to do,
God's holy will to do.
- 3 Straight-way and stead-fast until death,
You then obeyed the call,
To serve with free and willing heart,
To give your life for all,
To give your life for all.
- 4 Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord,
Your cross on us be signed,
That likewise in God's service,
We may perfect freedom find,
May perfect freedom find.

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