

Epiphany Sunday
Sunday, January 8, 2022
Baptism of Jesus

The Season of Light

Welcoming and Announcements (Stephen Godfrey)

Centring Music: Fantasia on "Dix"

Tune by Conrad Kocher, Arrangement by Lani Smith

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Opening Hymn: **In the Darkness Shines the Splendour**

(Voices United 92, vs. 1, 2 & 4)

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- 1 In the darkness shines the splendour
of the Word who took our flesh,
welcoming, in love's surrender,
death's dark shadow at his crèche.
Bearing every human story,
Word made flesh reveals his glory.

- 2 Light of nations, veiled in history,
born of woman's flesh and blood,
calling to the depths of mystery
restless hearts that seek the good.
Healing every human story,
Word made flesh reveals his glory.

- 4 All God's people, sing in jubilation
of the birth that sets us free,
telling of the revelation:
Jesus, God's epiphany.
Celebrate the human story!
Word made flesh reveals our glory.

Opening Prayer

Come, people of God!

We come, called by God to be witnesses to the Light.

With John the Baptizer,

with all the disciples,

with our sisters, brothers, and siblings throughout the ages,

we gather to sing, to pray, to worship our God!

Alleluia!

Alleluia, Amen!

The Lord's Prayer

A Time to Wonder: Asperges (renewing our baptismal vows)

Choir Anthem: Follow that Wondrous Star

Traditional Carol/Mary Donnelly, Arr. George L.O. Strid

Scripture Readings

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-9

The Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Reflection

Hymn of the Day: When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized

(Voices United 100)

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- 1 When Jesus comes to be baptized,
he leaves the hidden years behind,
the years of safety and of peace,
to bear the sins of humankind.
- 2 The Spirit of the Lord comes down,
anoints the Christ to suffering,
to preach the word, to free the bound,
and to the mourner, comfort bring.
- 3 He will not quench the dying flame,
and what is bruised he will not break,
but heal the wound injustice dealt,
and out of death his triumph make.
- 4 O Spirit help us be like Christ:
to live in love and charity,
to walk in truth and justice now,
and grow in Christian dignity.
- 5 We praise you, God, source of all life,
we praise you, Christ, eternal Word,
we praise you, Spirit, gracious gift;
your triune presence fills our world.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory: Arise, Your Light is Come

(Voices United 79, v. 1)

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- 1 Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God,
which shines on you today.

Offering Prayer

**May the money and time we offer show our devotion
and thanks to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

Prayers

Parting Hymn: Laughter Lit the Stars of Morning

(More Voices 190, vs. 1, 2 & 4)

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1. Laughter lit the stars of morning
singing at the dawn of earth;
angel throngs rejoiced to witness
so miraculous a birth.
As they marvelled at its wonder,
teeming life forms, multihued,
tenderly the world God cradled
and pronounced it very good.

2. Laughter filled a barren Sarah:
"Shall this ancient womb conceive?
When I feel new life within me,
only then will I believe!"
Sarah's laughter turned to wonder
at the thing that God had done
when her longing arms were cradling
Isaac, her beloved son.

4. Laughter binds the congregation
in the joy of fam'ly grown;
oil and water seal the promise
each has made, to be God's own.
Young and old, we share the wonder
of God's covenant renewed,
our baptismal vows remember,
and give thanks, for God is good.

Benediction

Postlude: The March of the Three Kings

Stewart Landon, based on 13th century French carol

Worship Leaders – Pastor Nancy Walker and Pastor Beth Parsons

Music Leader - Sharon Prindle-Collins

Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey

Scripture Reading – Bill Samis

Greeters – Margaret Bates and Blyth Hughes

Technical Support – Bob Krueckl and Ron Norman

Fellowship Time – Elaine Zandee and Friends