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**DELIGHT – GOD DELIVERS MORE
THAN WE ASK**

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

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We are in the season of the Church called Epiphany, a Greek word that means "to appear." Salvation has appeared in the person of Jesus Christ. In Epiphany, the Church explores everything that Christ makes apparent about God. You see, we need God to appear to us and make himself known to us. For not only is God beyond our understanding, his works and his ways are contrary to mankind's natural assumptions about him. In other words, the truth about God cannot possibly be discovered by us. Rather, it needs to be uncovered for us. That's what the Spirit is doing for us during this season of Epiphany. Week after week, surprising truths about Jesus our King and life in his kingdom will be uncovered.

THEME FOR THIS SUNDAY

Is the pursuit of God and the pursuit of pleasure two separate paths? Many make that assumption—that life with Jesus is a boring, sterile experience. They are dead wrong. Jesus came to undo everything that is wrong with our world as a result of sin's curse. He also came to multiply our joy and deliver delight beyond our wildest dreams. Note that when Jesus begins to reveal his glory, it isn't by going to a hospital to cure every ailment. Instead, he starts at a local wedding, one of the greatest sources of joy in this life. The truth uncovered for us this week is that life with Jesus is not a life with less delight, but infinitely more.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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MORNING PRAISE

"Morning Praise" is based on the historic service called "Matins." Joined to Christ, our risen Lord, we glorify God as we rise to the activities of this new day.

375 Arise and Shine in Splendor

CW 375



1 A - rise and shine in splen - dor; let night to
2 See earth in dark - ness ly - ing, the hea - then
3 Lift up your eyes in won - der— see, na - tions
4 Your heart will leap for glad - ness when from the



day sur - ren - der. Your light is draw - ing near.
na - tions dy - ing in hope - less gloom and night.
gath - er yon - der from sin to be set free.
realms of sad - ness they come from near and far.



A - bove, the day is beam - ing, in match - less beau - ty
To you the Lord of heav - en— your life, your hope— has
The world has heard your sto - ry; her sons come to your
Your eyes will wake from slum - ber as peo - ple with - out



gleam - ing; the glo - ry of the Lord is here.
giv - en great glo - ry, hon - or, and de - light.
glo - ry, her daugh - ters haste your light to see.
num - ber re - joice to see the Morn - ing Star.

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Stand



O Lord, o - pen my lips,



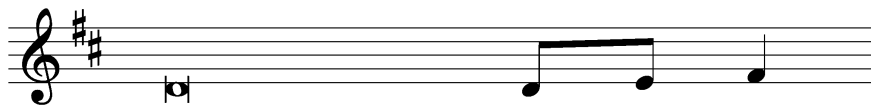
and my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



Has - ten to save me, O God;



O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



Epiphany The glory of Christ is re - vealed:



praise and thanks to God!

Come, O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

Refrain Cantor/choir first time; assembly repeats, then sings after each verse



Come, O come, let us sing to the Lord,



let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;



come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,



come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.



1 You are a great and a won - drous God,
2 Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,



cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.



You made the hills and the moun - tains high,
You are the God whom we call our own,



you made the seas and the dry land.
we are the flock that you shep - herd.

Refrain

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Be seated

Prayer

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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Psalm

145B I Will Praise Your Name Forever

Psalm 145B

Refrain



I will praise your name for - ev - er, my King and my God.

Tone



Great is the LORD and most wor- / thy of praise;
his greatness no one can / fathom.
One generation commends your works to an- / other;
they tell of your / mighty acts.
The LORD upholds / all 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 be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. Refrain

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First Reading

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. (EHV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1 Jesus loves me! This I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong. (Refrain)

Ref 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. (Refrain)

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Second Reading

Ephesians 3:14–21

¹⁴For 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. (EHV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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Gospel Acclamation

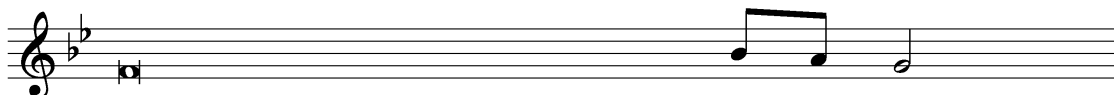
John 1:14



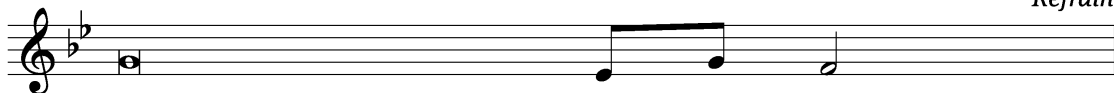
Refrain



Tone



We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and on - ly Son,



Refrain

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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. (EHV)

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

714 Jesus, Your Boundless Love to Me

CW 714



1 Je - sus, your bound - less love to me no thought can reach, no
2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul may dwell but your pure
3 This love un - wea - ried I pur - sue and daunt - less - ly to
4 In suf - f'ring be your love my peace, in weak - ness be your



tongue de - clare; dwell in my heart e - ter - nal - ly,
love a - lone; oh, may your love pos - sess me whole,
you a - spire; oh, may your love my hope re - new,
love my pow'r; and when the storms of life shall cease,



and reign with - out a ri - val there. O Je - sus, noth - ing
my joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness from my
burn in my soul like heav'n - ly fire! And day and night be
O Je - sus, in that fi - nal hour, be then my rod and



may I do, but seek my joy in serv - ing you.
heart re - move; my ev - 'ry act, word, thought be love.
all my care to guard this sa - cred trea - sure there.
staff and guide and draw me safe - ly to your side.

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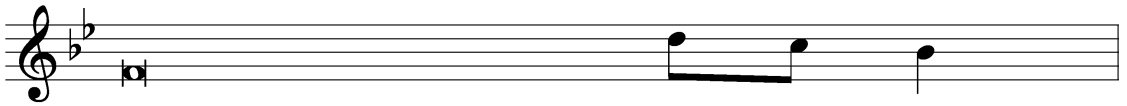
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Sermon

Stand

We Praise You, O God

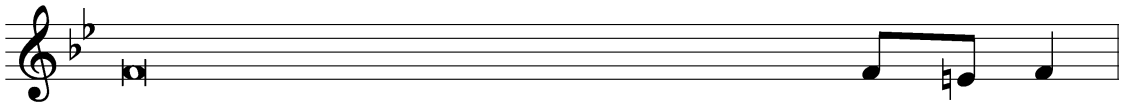
CW 210



- 1 We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as Lord;
- 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of heav'n - ly hosts,
- 3 The white-robed army of martyrs praise — you.



- 1 all creation worships you, Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing.
- 2 heaven and earth are full — of your glo - ry.
- 3 Throughout the world the ho - ly Church ac - claims you:



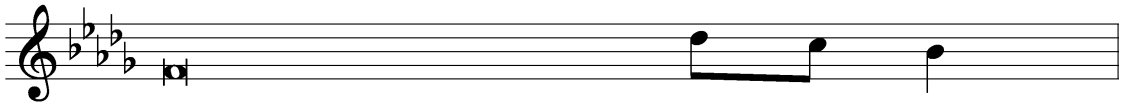
- 1 To you all angels, all the pow'rs of heav'n,
- 2 The glorious company of apostles praise — you.
- 3 Father of majesty unbounded; your glorious, true, and on - ly Son;



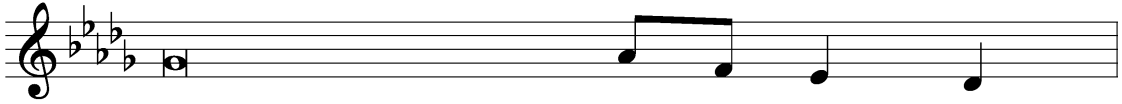
- 1 cherubim and seraphim, sing in end - less praise:
- 2 The noble fellowship of proph - ets praise — you.
- 3 and the Holy Spirit, ad - vo - cate and guide.



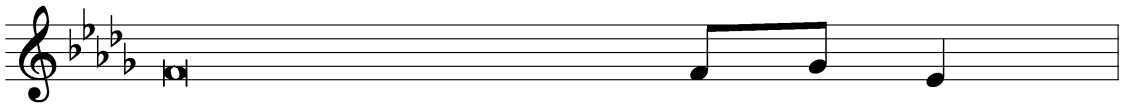
- 4 You, Christ, are the King of glo - ry, the eternal Son of the Fa - ther.



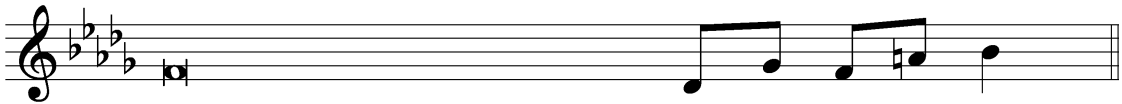
5 When you became man to set us free,
6 You sit at the right hand of God



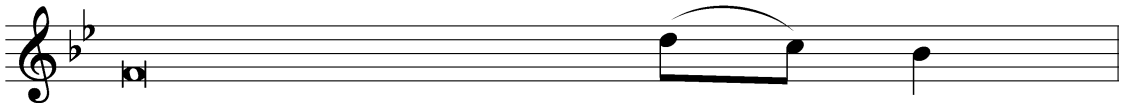
5 you humbled yourself to be born of a vir - gin.
6 in the glory of the Fa - ther.



5 You overcame the sting of death
6 We believe that you will come



5 and opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.
6 to be our judge.



7 Come then, Lord, and help your peo - ple,



7 bought with the price of your own blood,



7 and bring us with your saints to glory ev - er - last - ing.

Be seated

Offering

750 We Give Thee but Thine Own

CW 750

- 1 We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.
- 2 May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our firstfruits give.

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Lord, Have Mercy

CW 213

Musical notation for the hymn "Lord, Have Mercy". The first line shows the beginning of the melody in G major, starting with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (F major), and a common time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics "Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and answer me." are written below the first line. The second line continues the melody with a similar rhythmic pattern. The lyrics "Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy." are written below the second line.

Hear my voice when I call, O Lord; be merciful and answer me.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Prayers of intercession, seasonal prayers, and the Prayer of the Day may follow.

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's Son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death.

You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.

Prince of peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.

Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn.

Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

Special intercessions

Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

Amen.

The following prayer is said:

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

Amen.

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.



Let us praise the Lord.



Thanks be to God.



The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



A - men.

384 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

CW 384

- 1 Hail to the Lord's anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,

his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

2 He comes with rescue speedy
to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy
and bid the weak be strong,
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light
whose souls, condemned and dying,
are precious in his sight.

3 Kings shall bow down before him
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing.
To him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend,
his kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

4 O'er ev'ry foe victorious,
he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand forever—
that name to us is Love.

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