



**+ Baptism of our Lord
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The season after Epiphany focuses on the image of God's Light coming into the world through Jesus Christ and revealed to the nations (as represented by the Magi) by the shining of a star. As we celebrate the gift of God's redemption to people around the world, St. Andrew's worship customarily features music from various places and cultures. In an effort to honor the people from which our hymns come, we will seek to provide background and context to one hymn each week throughout this season. This week's featured hymn is "Go Tell It on the Mountain." Please see the paragraph accompanying the text to learn more about this hymn.

+ Baptism of our Lord Order for Worship

Our re-creation in Baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit of God moved over the waters. Both Mark's gospel and the story in Acts make clear that it is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' Baptism from John's. The Spirit has come to us as to Jesus, calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

Prelude

Welcome

Introduction to This Week's Featured Hymn

Thanksgiving for Baptism and Blessing of Light

People of the congregation are invited to bring a candle to worship (especially one's baptismal candle if it is available) as we give thanks for the gifts of water and Holy Baptism, and as we seek God's blessing, that we may bear the Light of Christ in our daily lives.

P: God who sent the Light into our world, who shone in the Bethlehem manger, whose Spirit spreads the Light to all nations, be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks for the gift of Baptism.

We praise you, O God, for water – for our local waters:

the Allegheny, Monongahela, and Ohio Rivers,

for the rain that nourishes plants and animals,

for the water you give us for drinking and bathing.

We praise you, O God, for water.

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

P: We praise you, O God, for the waters of Jesus – being baptized in the River Jordan, turning water into wine, calming the Sea of Galilee, drinking from Jacob's Well,

washing the disciples' feet.

We praise you, O God, for water.

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

P: We praise you, O God, for the font of Holy Baptism and our water stories –

You have moved over these waters of new creation, you have washed away our sin,
you have called us your beloved children, and made us members of the Body of Christ.

We thank you that in this past year you brought Neil Joseph and Alaina Grace
into the new life of your peace and joy.

We praise you, O God, for Baptism.

C: We praise you, O God, for Baptism.

P: We worship you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
almighty, merciful, and gracious.

Well of forgiveness, you revive us.

Cup of cold water, you refresh us.

Pool of rebirth, you renew us.

To you we come in worship, thanksgiving, and praise, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: In the sacrament of Holy Baptism, God's call came to us:

“Let your light so shine before others,

that they may see your good works and glorify your God in heaven.”

We who have received the good news of Christ's Epiphany seek to answer that call,
inviting God's blessing on these candles, that we would carry the light of Christ with us
in our daily lives and vocations, for the sake of the world God so loves.

Let us pray. Everlasting God, the radiance of all faithful people,
you brought the nations to the brightness of your rising.

Fill the world with your glory, and shine your light on all people.

Bless these candles and those who bear them,

that we may reflect the light of Christ's love each day,

and that our lives would proclaim your good news through word and deed;

through the one who is the true light and the bright morning star,

your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved children of God,

what came into being in Christ was life, and the life was the light of all people.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

The light of Christ shine on you with grace and mercy

and fill you with joy and peace. (*John 1:1, 3-5*)

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise *ELW 310*

v. 1-2, 4



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise;
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, proph - et, priest, and king su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole weak - ened bod - y, faint - ing soul;
4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, pres - ent in thy ho - ly word;



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far,
and at Ca - na wed - ding guest in thy God - head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
grace to im - i - tate thee now and be pure, as pure art thou;



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem:
man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill:
that we might be - come like thee at thy great e - piph - a - ny,



an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed,
and may praise thee, ev - er blest,

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.
Music: SALZBURG, Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Reading – Genesis 1: 1-5

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness God called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

A cantor will sing the psalm.

People of the congregation are invited to respond with the verses indicated in bold.

¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,

ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God’s name;**

worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;

the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;**

the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;

the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,**

and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.

⁷The voice | of the LORD

bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;**

the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, “Glory!”

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;**

the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.

¹¹O LORD, give strength | to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.

Gospel – Mark 1: 4-11

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Word

Children's Song

Go Tell It on the Mountain

ELW 290

"Go Tell It on the Mountain" comes from the tradition of African-American spiritual songs. Amid unconscionable circumstances on plantations throughout the American South, enslaved Africans created and shared in singing that emphasized God's promises of good news and liberation as a source of comfort and hope. These songs developed into the rich hymnody now widely known as African-American spirituals. The Jubilee Singers of Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee were instrumental in introducing the spiritual tradition to a wider audience, and they began singing "Go Tell It on the Mountain" to public audiences as early as 1879. John Wesley Work, Jr., a student and later professor of Latin and Greek and choral director at Fisk, dedicated himself to the preservation and performance of spirituals. Intrigued by the chorus and medley of "Go Tell It on the Mountain," Work wrote two new stanzas for the song, and it became his custom to go caroling with students before sunrise on Christmas morning, singing "Go Tell It on the Mountain" from building to building on campus. Work's version was first published in 1907, and thankfully has been preserved and is now shared as a beloved Christmas hymn throughout the church today.

**1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light.**

Refrain

**Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and ev'rywhere;
go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!**

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872-1925, stanzas, alt.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Crashing Waters at Creation

ELW 455



1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,
2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives passed on through,
3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the one fore - told,
4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the soul.



first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death.
wash - ing off the chains of bond - age— chan - nel to a life made new.
o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old.
Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: STUTTGART, attr. Christian F. Witt, 1660–1716; adapt. Henry J. Gauntlett, 1805–1876

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Prayers of the People

P: Guided by the Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church,
the world, and all people in need.

After each petition

P: God of mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent,
for the sake of the one who dwells among us, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

P: Gathered as one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and forever. Amen.

Benediction

P: God the creator strengthen you;

Jesus the beloved accompany you;

and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✝ keep you in peace.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God!

Sending Hymn

Arise, Your Light Has Come!

v. 1-3

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1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893
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Abbreviations

P: Pastor/Presiding Minister

L: Lector

C: Congregation

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal

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Chris Atwood to record this week's Children's Word on the grounds of the camp.*

Those serving in worship today

Prelude	Luther Rinehart
Welcome	April and Jason Galyardt
Introduction to Featured Hymn	Chris Atwood
Gathering Hymn	Sue Gaugler, Piano
	Joy Givens, Vocals
Lector	Jennifer Stoyko
Psalm	Laura Reynolds
Children's Song	Joseph Paetz
Hymn of the Day	Joy Givens, Ukelele and Vocals
Sending Hymn	Sue Gaugler, Piano
	Joy Givens, Vocals
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