



+ Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
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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 "Thy Holy Wings." Please see the paragraph accompanying the text to learn more about this hymn

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In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

Prelude

Welcome

Introduction to This Week's Featured Hymn

Thanksgiving for Baptism

People of the congregation are invited to gather near a source of water, or to bring a receptacle filled with water along with them to worship, as we remember and give thanks for God's gift of Holy Baptism.

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.

As we gather at the font, O God, creator of oceans and rivers, rain and snow,
we thank you for the water you provide us each day.

We praise your Spirit, hovering over the waters.

We bless you for this cleansing water of rebirth,

this flood of endless mercy,

this fount of blessing and hope.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life, in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as your children,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Thy Holy Wings

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The hymn “Thy Holy Wings” comes partially from a Swedish folk tune entitled “Bred Dina Vida Vingar,” which translates to “Spread Your Wide Wings.” Karolina Sandell, who wrote the text, was from Fröderyd, Sweden and was the daughter of a Lutheran pastor. “Thy Holy Wings” refers to biblical images found in Psalm 51: 10, Psalm 91: 4, Psalm 119: 14, and Luke 13: 34. The text was first published in 1866 in “Korsblomman” (Cross Flower), as “Children’s Evening Prayer.” The connection of the text with the “Bred Dina Vida Vingar” tune goes back to 1889, when they were published together in a hymnal entitled “Sionstoner” (Melodies of Zion). Portions of our current version of “Thy Holy Wings” were translated by Gracia Grindal, Professor Emeritus at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. The text and tune of “Thy Holy Wings” evoke tenderness, comfort and strength, drawing on Luke’s portrayal of Jesus as a mother hen who gathers her chicks under the protection of her wings.





1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent-ly o - ver me,
 2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down-y breast
 3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No-ah's cleans-ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
 where I will find sweet com-fort and peace with - in thy nest.
 Give me a will-ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid-ing place,
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
 Oh, take in - to thy keep-ing thy chil-dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with-in thy grace.
 for I am but a new - born and need thy ten-der care.
 and while we sweet-ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite

Music: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune

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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.

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Reading – Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

[Moses said:] ¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: “If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.” ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: “They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 111

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with | my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

²**Great are your | works, O LORD,
pondered by all who de- | light in them.**

³Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds,
and your righteousness en- | dures forever.

⁴**You cause your wonders to | be remembered;
you are gracious and full | of compassion.**

⁵You give food to | those who fear you,
remembering forev- | er your covenant.

⁶**You have shown your people the power | of your works
in giving them the lands | of the nations.**

⁷The works of your hands are faithful- | ness and justice;
all of your pre- | cepts are sure.

⁸**They stand fast forev- | er and ever,
because they are done in | truth and equity.**

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- | nant forever;
holy and awesome | is your name.

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the begin- | ning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en- | dures forever.

Gospel – Mark 1: 21-28

P: The holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

Refrain

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

**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 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness ELW 843



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight,
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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Prayers of the People

A: 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

A: God of mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: 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.

Lord's Prayer

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

A: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God!

Sending Hymn

Rise, Shine, You People!

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1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
 3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
 he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
 your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
 wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
 world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

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Abbreviations

P: Pastor/Presiding Minister

L: Lector

A: Assisting Minister

C: Congregation

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal

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