



Epiphany 1

January 8, 9, 10, 2022

**Seasonal Theme for Epiphany – “Uncovered”  
Today’s Theme – “Anointing Uncovered”**

*We say we will believe something when we see it. But often what our eye sees differs from what God decrees. This is true of the life of Jesus, and also in the life of the Christian. Believers may appear to have more hardships as the devil tries to destroy us. To assure his children, God connects his grace, power, and blessing to something we can see – a visible sign: the anointing of baptism.*

**DIVINE SERVICE I**

**Hymn 374 v. 1-3, 5**

*The Star Proclaims the King Is Here*

**The star proclaims the King is here;  
But, Herod, why this senseless fear?  
For he who came from heaven’s throne  
Does not desire an earthly crown.**

**The eastern Magi saw from far  
And followed on his guiding star,  
And, led by light, to Light they pressed  
And by their gifts their God confessed.**

**Within the Jordan River stood  
The pure and holy Lamb of God;  
The Father’s voice, the Spirit-dove,  
Confirmed the Savior from above.**

**All glory unto Jesus be  
And praise for his epiphany,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit evermore.**

Text: Coelius Sedulius, 5th century, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit  
**C:** Amen.

**Confession of Sins**

**P:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** Holy and merciful Father I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

**LORD, HAVE MERCY**

*Kyrie*

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy  
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us. A - men.

**P:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Prayer and Praise**

**P:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

**GLORY TO GOD**

*Gloria in Excelsis*

Glo - ry to God in the  
high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.  
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - mighty God and



Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



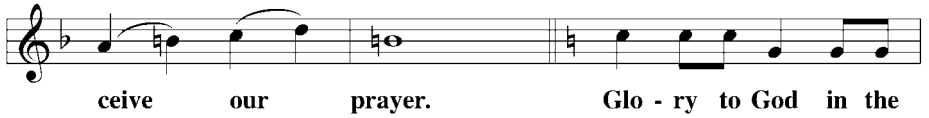
world; have mer - cy on us.



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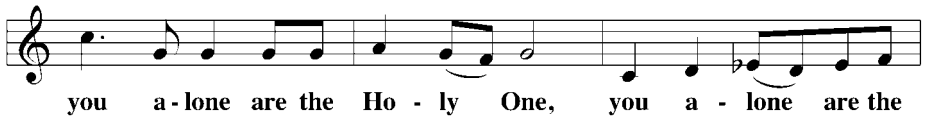
Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -



ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For



you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,



Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the



glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the



high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray together. . .

## PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Spoken together)*

**Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**



### First Lesson

### **1 Samuel 16:1-13**

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I see a king for myself among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me." The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will let you know what you are to do. You are to anoint for me the person that I point out to you."

So Samuel did what the LORD had told him to do and went to Bethlehem. Trembling with fear, the elders of the city came to meet him. They said, "Do you come in peace?" He said, "Yes, in peace. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." He consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they had come, he looked at Eliab and said, "Certainly this is the LORD's anointed." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at how tall he is, because I have rejected him. For the LORD does not look at things the way man does. For man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." Then Jesse had Shammah pass by. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel. Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these."

Samuel said to Jesse, "Is that all of the young men?" Jesse said, "There still is the youngest, but he is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him, for we cannot sit down to eat until he comes." He sent for him and brought him in. David had red hair and striking eyes, and was good-looking. The LORD said, "Get up! Anoint him, because this is the one." So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers. The Spirit of the LORD rushed on David with power from that day forward. After that Samuel set out and returned to Ramah.

**Psalm 2D, p.9 in the Psalter**

(sing responsively)

*Refrain*

Great are the works of the Lord. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le-  
lu - ia! Great are the works of the Lord.

*Psalm tone*

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Why do the nations conspire\*  
**and the peoples plot in vain?**

The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against  
the LORD\*  
**and against his Anointed.**

***Refrain***

The One enthroned in heaven laughs;\*  
**the Lord scoffs at them.**

He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath,  
saying,\*  
**“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy mountain.”**

***Refrain***

I will proclaim the Lord's decree:\*  
**He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become  
your Father.”**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

***Refrain***

## Second Lesson

**Titus 3:4-7**

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior toward mankind appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us - not by righteous works that we did ourselves, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and the renewal by the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, <sup>7</sup> so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs in keeping with the hope of eternal life.

## Verse of the Day

*Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.*  
*Alleluia. (Mark 1:11b)*



## Gospel

**Luke 3:15-17, 21-23**

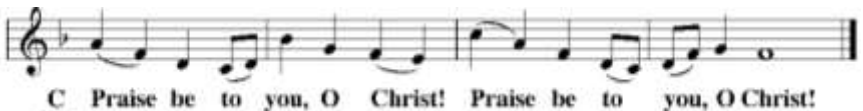


The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might be the Christ. <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But someone mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing shovel is in his hand, and he will thoroughly clean out his threshing floor. He will gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

<sup>21</sup> When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. While he was praying, heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with you."

<sup>23</sup> Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## NICENE CREED

**WE BELIEVE** in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

**WE BELIEVE** in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

**WE BELIEVE** in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

**WE BELIEVE** in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Hymn of the Day 377

*To Jordan's River Came Our Lord*

To Jordan's river came our Lord,  
The Christ, whom heav'nly hosts adored,  
The God from God, the Light from Light,  
The Lord of glory, pow'r, and might.

The Savior came to be baptized—  
The Son of God in flesh disguised—  
To stand beneath the Father's will  
And all his promises fulfill.

As Jesus in the Jordan stood  
And John baptized the Lamb of God,  
The Holy Spirit, heav'nly dove,  
Descended on him from above.



Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound  
Came God's own voice with words profound:  
"This is my Son," was his decree,  
"The one I love, who pleases me."

The Father's word, the Spirit's flight  
Anointed Christ in glorious sight  
As God's own choice, from Adam's fall  
To save the world and free us all.

Now rise, faint hearts: be resolute!  
This man is Christ, our substitute!  
He was baptized in Jordan's stream,  
Proclaimed Redeemer, Lord supreme.

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Sermon

Titus 3:4-7

*God Saved Us!*

Cre - ate in me a  
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -  
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your  
pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from

The musical score consists of four staves of music in treble clef. The first staff begins with a double bar line and contains the lyrics 'Cre - ate in me a'. The second staff contains 'pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -'. The third staff contains 'in me. Do not cast me a - way from your'. The fourth staff contains 'pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from'. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with clear lyrics underneath.

me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -

hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

### Prayers & 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.**

### The Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

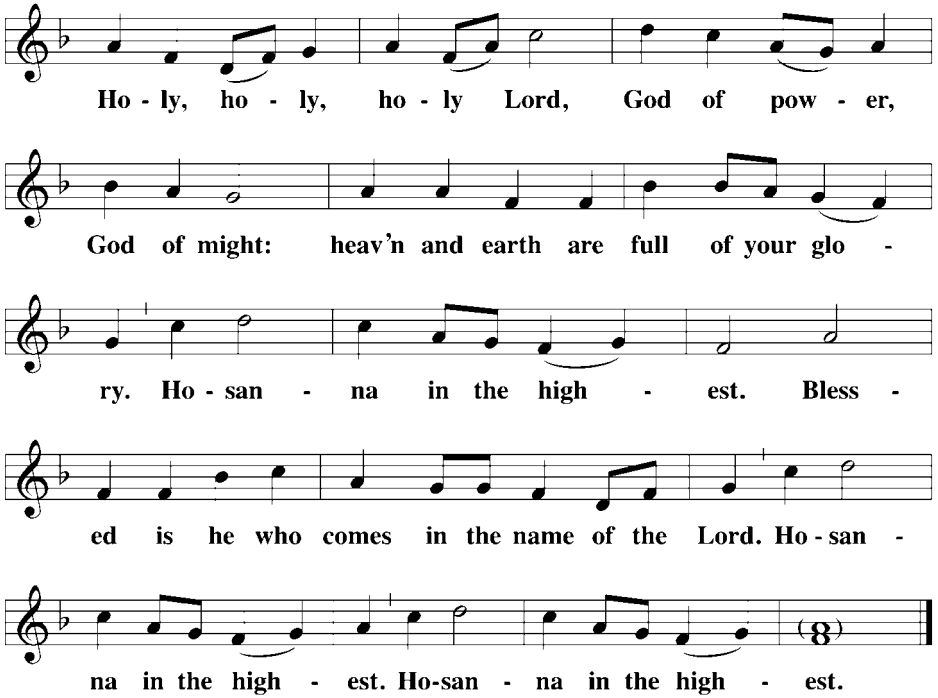
**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Sanctus**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,  
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -  
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -  
ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

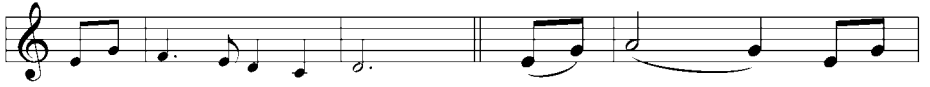
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

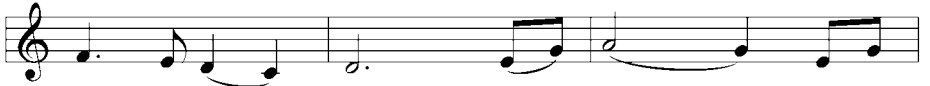
**O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD *Agnus Dei***



O Christ, Lamb of



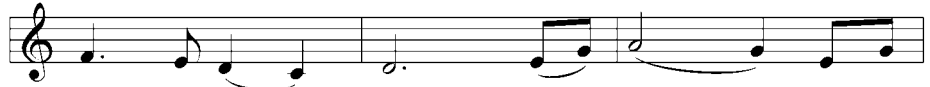
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

**Distribution**

***For our Visitors: "May I receive the Lord's Supper here today?"***

*Holy Communion will be celebrated in our service today. In this sacrament we receive Christ's very body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. Those who are not members of Woodlawn are asked to speak with our Pastor before partaking of this sacrament so that the unity of faith might be established. Thank you for honoring this request.*

**Hymn 661**

*Draw Near and Take the Body of Your Lord*

Draw near and take the body of your Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured.  
Saved by his body and his holy blood,  
With souls refreshed we give our thanks to God.

Christ our Redeemer, God's eternal Son,  
Has by his cross and blood the vict'ry won.  
He gave his life for greatest and for least,  
Himself the off'ring and himself the priest.

Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
Christ, who in this life all the saints defends,  
Gives all believers life that never ends.

With heav'nly bread he makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsty soul.  
Lord of the nations, to whom all must bow;  
In this great feast of love be with us now.

Text: Latin hymn, 7th century, abr.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-66, alt.

**Thanksgiving**

**SONG OF SIMEON *Nunc Dimittis***

In peace, Lord, you let your

ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my

eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for

ev-'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the  
glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C: And his mercy endures forever.**

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

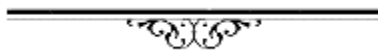
P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: A - men. A - men. A - men.**

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