

SEASON OF EPIPHANY – JANUARY 12, 2025

"Come, Oh Come, O Quickening Spirit"

Words: Heinrich Held

Music: Joshua Bennetch

Come, Oh come, O quickening Spirit, God before the dawn of time. Fire our hearts with holy ardor, Blessed comforter sublime. Let your radiance fill our night-Turning darkness into light.

Only that which you desire Be our object, with your hand Lead our every thought and action, Let them be at Your command. All our sinfulness erase-With the increase of Your grace.

Blessed Spirit still renewing All who dwell upon the earth, When the evil one assails us, Help us prove our heavenly birth; Arm us with Your mighty sword— In the legions of the Lord.

Help us keep the faith forever, Let not Satan, death, or shame Draw us from you or deprive us Of the honor of Your name. When the foe would lure us hence— Be, O God, our sure defense.

CALL TO WORSHIP - from Psalm 67

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise

People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Leader: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

All: God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"Come, Thou Fount"

Words: Robert Robinson

Music: Asahel Nettleton

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God: He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let thy grace, Lord like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

"Spirit of God"

by George Croly and Karl Digerness

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart, Wean it from earth, through all its pulses move; Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art, And make me love Thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet-ecstasies;
No sudden rending of the veil of clay;
No angel vision, no opening skies;
But take the dimness of my soul away.

Teach me to feel that Thou art always nigh;
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh;
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Hast Thou not bid me love Thee, God and King?

All all Thine own soul, heart

and strength and mind;

I see thy cross there teach me to cling;

O let me seek Thee, and O let me find.

Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame:
The presence of Thy descended Dove,
My heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 42:1-9

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit of God,

All: and search our hearts with the light of Christ.

Leader: Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this:

'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All: Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Come, let's return to the Lord and say:

All: Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call. Our love for you is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgment; bind up our wounds and revive us; in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON – Psalm 66:20

Hear this good news:

Blessed be God, because he has not rejected our prayer or removed his steadfast love from us!

"Build My Life"

by Brett Younker, Karl Martin, Kirby Kable, Pat Barrett, and Matt Redman Worthy of every song we could ever sing Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe We live for You

Jesus the name above every other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

Holy there is no one like You There is none beside You Open up my eyes in wonder And show me who You are And fill me with Your heart And lead me in Your love to those around me Worthy of every song we could ever sing Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe We live for You

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Holy there is no one like You There is none beside You Open up my eyes in wonder And show me who You are And fill me with Your heart And lead me in Your love to those around me I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

Holy there is no one like You There is none beside You Open up my eyes in wonder And show me who You are And fill me with Your heart And lead me in Your love to those around me

GREETING

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you!

People: And also with you!

Leader: Let us share His peace with one another.

Children may leave for lesson (ages 4-6).

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As the leader directs, the congregation is invited to pray for those for whom they are burdened.

Pray aloud and by name or silently if you prefer.

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

"It Is Well With My Soul"

by Horatio G. Spafford and Philip Paul Bliss

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul);
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed his own blood for my soul.

It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul);
It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul);
It is well, it is well with my soul.

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend; Even so, it is well with my soul.

It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul);
It is well, it is well with my soul.

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you!

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Wine is in the outer circles of cups; the inner circle contains grape juice. Gluten-free bread is in its own tray.

As the usher directs, please come forward one row at a time to pick up your cups.

Please hold your elements until all are served so that we may all partake together, as one body.

"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

Words: John Newton

Music: Laura Taylor

Let us love and sing and wonder;
Let us praise the Savior's name.
He has hushed the law's loud thunder;
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame.

He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God. Let us love the Lord Who bought us,
Pitied us when enemies,
Called us by His grace and taught us,
Gave us ears and gave us eyes.

He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God. Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down,
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqueror's crown.

He, Who washed us with His blood, He, Who washed us with His blood, He, Who washed us with His blood, Soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder, grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store.
When through grace in Christ our trust is,
Justice smiles and asks no more.

He Who washed us with His blood, He Who washed us with His blood, He Who washed us with His blood, Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus Of the saints enthroned on high. Here they trusted Him before us; Now their praises fill the sky.

Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, Thou art worthy Lamb of God.

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

Announcements

Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen (4x)



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