

Rejoice!

This Epiphany journey with Jesus started from the shores of the Jordan at his Baptism. Before we begin the season of Lent and the journey to the cross, we will get a taste of his glory on the Mount of Transfiguration. Our lives are filled with blessings and challenges, mountains and valley. But clinging to Christ and what he has done for us, in his ministry, in his substitution for us and in his death and rising we can truly rejoice. Join us in praising God for the many reasons we can Rejoice!

Preservice Music (Listed on page 15)

Congregation This Is the Day the Lord Has Made CW 225:1,5

1 This is the day the Lord has made; He
5 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains The
calls the hours his own. Let heav'n re - joice; let
Church on earth shall raise; The high - est heav'ns, in
earth be glad And praise sur - round the throne.
which he reigns, Shall give him no - bler praise.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Tune: NUN DANKET ALL (CM) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

Stand

- M: How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news,
- C: Who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings,**
- M: Who proclaim salvation,
- C: Who say to Zion, “Your God reigns!”** (Isaiah 52:7)
- M: Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem,
- C: For the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.**
- M: The Lord will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations,
- C: And all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.** (Isaiah 52:9-10)



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Our mission is to
Glorify God
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Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

Restrooms are located in the basement. Hearing loop headphones and Large Print Hymnals are available from an usher.

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Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: All of us have become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous acts are like filthy rags;
we all shrivel up like a leaf,
and like the wind our sins sweep us away.** (Isaiah 64:6)

M: No one calls on your name
or strives to lay hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us
and have given us over to our sins. (Isaiah 64:7)

**C: Do not be angry beyond measure, LORD;
do not remember our sins forever.
Oh, look on us, we pray,
for we are all your people.** (Isaiah 64:9)

ABSOLUTION - TRUTH OF FORGIVENESS

M: Jesus went down from the Mount of Transfiguration to take your sins on him:

Surely he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:4-5)

Jesus has fulfilled the words spoken by Isaiah the prophet that bring us true comfort.

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to preach good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,
to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn. (Isaiah 61:1-2)

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Congregation

How Good, Lord, to Be Here CW 95



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry
2 How good, Lord, to be here Your beau - ty
3 Ful - fill - er of the past, Prom - ise of
4 Be - fore we taste of death, We see your
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may



fills the night; Your face and gar - ments, like
to be - hold, Where Mo - ses and E - li -
things to be, We hail your bod - y glo -
king - dom come; We long to hold the vi -
not re - main; But since you bid us leave



the sun, Shine with un - bor - rowed light.
jah stand, Your mes - sen - gers of old.
ri - fied And our re - demp - tion see.
sion bright And make this hill our home.
the mount, Come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.
Tune: POTSDAM (SM) J. S. Bach, 1685–1750, adapt.

I. We Rejoice That We Have a Savior

Reading

Acts 8:26-34

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” ²⁷ So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”

³⁰ Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked.

³¹ “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

³² This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

“He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb before its shearer is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

³³ In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.

Who can speak of his descendants?

For his life was taken from the earth.”^[Isaiah 53:7-8]

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” ³⁵ Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus. (NIV)

First Song of Isaiah

Combined Choirs

*(Refrain) Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.*

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
From the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say,
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Refrain

Make his deeds known among the peoples;
See that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
And this is known in all the world.
Refrain

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion,
Ring out your joy,
For the great one in the midst of you
Is the Holy One of Israel.
Refrain

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II. We Rejoice That We Have the Word Of God

Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵ “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty.”

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷ With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”
And I said, “Here am I. Send me!” (NIV)

This is My Word

Choir

As the snow falls from heaven as it comes in swirling showers from the sky,
so is my Word.

As the rains bring the water to the earth that is thirsty and dry, so is my Word.

*(Refrain) And the Word of my mouth, it shall not return empty;
it will bless the earth wherever it is heard.*

This is my Word.

As the rains bring renewal and the tender buds begin to come alive, so is my Word.
Giving seed to the sower, and the bread to the hungry ‘til they thrive, so is my Word.

Refrain

O Lord, when I am weary, when I feel the days I’m living are in vain,
my God, help me be faithful to the Word You have given to proclaim.
Proclaim the Word and you will go out in joy and be led forth in peace, and the hills
will break before you into song.

So be faithful, brave, and true, for I will go before you.

And when your earthly journey here is done, I’ll say well done.

As the snow falls from heaven and the rain comes in showers from the sky, this is my
Word.

Congregation

Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening CW 283



1 Speak, O Sav - ior; I am lis - t'ning, As a ser - vant
 2 Oh, what bless - ing to be near you And to lis - ten
 3 Lord, your words are wa - ters liv - ing Where I quench my
 4 As I pray, dear Je - sus, hear me; Let your words in



to his lord. Let me show re - spect and hon - or
 to your voice! Let me ev - er love and fear you;
 thirst - y needs. Lord, your words are bread life - giv - ing;
 me take root. May your Spir - it e'er be near me



To your ho - ly, pre - cious Word, That each day, my
 Let your Word still be my choice. Man - y hard - ened
 On your words my spir - it feeds. Lord, your words will
 That I bear a - bun - dant fruit. May I dai - ly



whole life through, I may serve and fol - low
 sin - ners, Lord, Flee in ter - ror at your
 be my light Through death's cold and drear - y
 sing your praise, From my heart glad an - thems



you. Let your Word e'er be my plea - sure
 Word, But to all who feel sin's bur - den
 night; Yes, they are my sword pre - vail - ing
 raise, Till my high - est praise is giv - en



And my heart's most pre - cious trea - sure.
 You give peace and words of par - don.
 And my cup of joy un - fail - ing.
 In the end - less joy of heav - en.

Text: Anna Sophia of Hesse-Darmstadt, 1638-83, abr.; tr. composite.
 Tune: WERDE MUNTER (87 87 77 88) Johann Schop, c. 1590-1667.

III. We Rejoice That God Cares for Us

Reading

Philippians 4:4-9

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. (NIV)

Rejoice

Junior Choir

Rejoice in the Lord now and always. Sing it again, we rejoice.
Delight in the love He has shown us; gratefully lift up your voice.
His gentleness among us will join our hearts with praise.
We gather in His goodness, a family of grace.

(Refrain) With each breath He's given, praise the Lord.

In these times we live in, we will praise the Lord.

Throughout ev'ry season, I am sure

We have ev'ry reason to praise the Lord.

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing, praying for all that you need.
Come with a song of thanksgiving; lay your requests at his feet.
His peace will fall upon us to guard our hearts and minds
In Christ who reigns eternal, the Shepherd of our lives.

Refrain

Rejoice in the Lord now and always; tell of the good He has done.
Worship the Lord to remember all of the joy yet to come.
The hope that burns within us the dark cannot destroy.
With praise that's never ending, we say again, "rejoice!"

Refrain

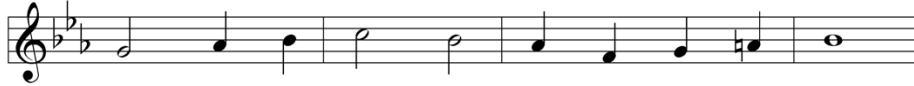
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Congregation

Abide with Me CW 588:1,5-7



1 A - bide with me; fast falls the e - ven - tide.
5 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour.



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
What but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?



Help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me!
Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me!

6 I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if thou abide with me.

7 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847, abr., alt.
Tune: EVENTIDE (10 10 10 10) William H. Monk, 1823–89.

IV. We Rejoice That God Is Holding Us in His Loving Arms

He Will Hold Me Fast

Choir

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*(Refrain) He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those he saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
Refrain

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!
Refrain

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V. We Rejoice in His Love Even in Death

Reading

Psalm 103 (select verses)

- ¹ Praise the Lord, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
- ² Praise the Lord, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits—
- ³ who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,
- ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,
- ⁸ The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
- ¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
- ¹⁵ The life of mortals is like grass,
they flourish like a flower of the field;
- ¹⁶ the wind blows over it and it is gone,
and its place remembers it no more.
- ¹⁷ But from everlasting to everlasting
the Lord's love is with those who fear him,
and his righteousness with their children's children— (NIV)

10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

Choir

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the ev'ning comes.

*(Refrain) Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name. Sing like never before,
O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.*

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger;
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.
Refrain

And on that day when my strength is failing;
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore!
Refrain

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Offering

Stand

Please sign the friendship register located in your pew.
Guests please don't feel a necessity to give an offering today. *"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver"* (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Prayer

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.

Be Seated

V. We Rejoice in Who Jesus Is

Reading

Mark 9:2-9

²After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. ³His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

⁵Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁶(He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

⁷Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!”

⁸Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. (NIV)



Farewell to Alleluia

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we gather for worship again the day will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of the season of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn Lenten journey to the Savior’s cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, the Christian Church has omitted its most jubilant songs during the season, including the song Alleluia, which means, “Praise the Lord.”

Now for a time we shall say farewell to Alleluia. With this we prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. But the Alleluias will return on Easter dawn, as we gather to shout our songs of praise to the risen Lord.

Congregation

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain CWS 712:1,4-5



1 Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain where, with Pe - ter,
4 Take us to that oth - er moun - tain where we see you
5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, ris - en and as -



James, and John, we are daz - zled by your glo - ry,
glo - ri - fied, where you shout - ed, "It is fin - ished!"
cend - ed Lord, can - not help but tell the sto - ry,



light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us
where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -
all that we have seen and heard, say with Pe - ter,



for the night by the vi - sion of that sight.
tu - ri - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"
James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

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We Rejoice in All Your Ways

Choir

A firm Foundation, Thou art Christ,
the everliving Sacrifice!
The Prince of Peace You are to me,
and King of kings You'll ever be!

O Lord, we thank You for Your love,
for life and breath and heav'n above,
For You alone are worthy of
our hymn of joy and grateful praise!
Lord, we rejoice in all Your ways!

Amazing pow'r and majesty!
True wisdom only comes from Thee!
Your sweet, sweet Spirit fills the air,
Your loving Presence ev'rywhere!

O Lord, we thank You for Your love,
for life and breath and heav'n above;
For You alone are worthy of
our hymn of joy and grateful praise.
We lift our hymn of grateful praise!
Lord, we rejoice in all Your ways!

Praise You, Lord!
Alleluia, how we praise You!
Praise You, Lord!
We lift our hymn of grateful praise!
Lord, we rejoice in all Your ways.

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VI. We Rejoice in God's Peace

Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:22-24

²³ May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it. (NIV)

Congregation

May the Peace of God CWS 745

I May the peace of God our heav'n - ly Fa -
peace which pass - es un - der - stand -

ther, And the grace of Christ the ris - en
ing, And this grace which makes us what we

Son,
are, And the fel - low-ship of God the
And this fel - low-ship of his Com -

Spir - it Keep our hearts and minds with - in his
mun - ion Make us one in spir - it and in

Refrain
love. And to him be praise for his
heart.

glo - rious reign From the depths of earth to the

heights of heav'n. We de - clare the name of the

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Lamb once slain - Christ eternal, the King of". The second staff continues the melody for the second line: "kings.". The third staff shows a second ending for the word "kings.", marked with a "2" above the staff. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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Music by the Church Band

Preservice Music

- Faith Triumphant – band
- Nearer My God to Thee - low instruments
- Jesus Loves Me - woodwind ensemble
- For the Beauty of the Earth - trumpets
- Amazing Grace - woodwind ensemble
- Swedish Hymn of Praise - band

Musical Offering

Pastoral Ballad

Postlude

Chorale and Scherzo

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