

Welcome & Notices

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel
who has come to his people
and set them free.

**Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**

The peace of the Lord
be always with you
And also with you

You are the King of glory
A&M 164 HOAN 570

Coming together as God's family, with
confidence let us acknowledge the many
ways in which we fail to live the fullness
of what we believe.

Christ came in humility to share our lives:
forgive our pride.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ came with good news for all people:
forgive our silence.

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Christ came in love to a world of suffering:
forgive our indifference.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us
from our sins, and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name, through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Collect

God of heaven, you send the gospel to the
ends of the earth and your messengers to
every nation: send your Holy Spirit to
transform us by the good news of
everlasting life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Come to a wedding
Tune A&M 545 HOAN 337

***Come to a wedding,
Come to a blessing,
Come on a day when happiness sings!
Come rain or sun,
Come winter or summer,
Celebrate love and all that it brings.***

***Thanks for the love,
That holds us together,
Parent and child, and lover and friend;
Thanks to the God,
Whose love is our centre,
Source of compassion, knowing no end.***

***Love is the gift,
And love is the giver,
Love is the gold that
Makes the day shine;
Love forgets self to care for the other,
Love changes life from water to wine.***

Psalm 36:5–10 and John 2:1–11

Voice 1: On the third day there was a
wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the
mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his
disciples had also been invited to the
wedding.

Voice 2: Your steadfast love, O LORD,
extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to
the clouds.

Voice 1: When the wine gave out, the mother
of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."
And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what
concern is that to you and to me?"

Voice 2: Your righteousness is like the
mighty mountains, your judgements are
like the great deep; you save humans and
animals alike, O LORD.

Voice 1: Jesus said to her, "My hour has not
yet come."

Voice 2: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

Voice 1: His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.”

Voice 2: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

Voice 1: And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it and the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew).

Voice 2: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

Voice 1: The steward called the bridegroom and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.”

Voice 2: O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart.

All: Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Today's Reflection: What time is it?

Let us declare our Epiphany faith in God.

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Lord the light of your love
A&M 719 HOAN 317*

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is always right to give you thanks, God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong. You made us and the whole universe, and filled your world with life. You sent your Son to live among us, Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child. He suffered on the cross; he died to save us from our sins; he rose in glory from the dead. You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world, and clothe us with power from on high. And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth
are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Father, on the night before he died, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took the bread, and thanked you. He broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood, the new promise of God's unfailing love. Do this to remember me.

Father, as we bring this bread and wine, and remember his death and resurrection, send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts may be fed by Christ's body and his blood. Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another, work for the healing of the earth, and share the good news of Jesus, as we wait for his coming in glory. For honour and praise belong to you, Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit: one God, for ever and ever.
Amen!

We say the Lord's Prayer together

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

This is Christ's table.
He welcomes all.
Come and be fed.
**Voices old and new.
Lives young and old.
This is who we are.
This is who we are becoming.
Amen! Together we come!**

Adoramus Te Domine HOAN 7

Dear friends, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

(Verses from Luke 2:22–40)

Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed.

There was also a prophet, Anna, who never left the temple but worshipped there night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Alleluia, alleluia.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to Christ our Saviour.

Alleluia, alleluia.

*Let us pray to the Father through Christ
who is our light and life.*

Father, your Christ is acclaimed as the
glory of Israel: look in mercy on your
Church, sharing his light.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Father, your Christ in his temple brings
judgement on the world: look in mercy on
the nations, who long for his justice.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Father, your Christ, who was rich, for our
sakes became poor: look in mercy on the
needy, suffering with him.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Father, your Christ is the one in whom
faithful servants find their peace: look in
mercy on the departed, that they may see
your salvation.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Father, your Christ is revealed as the one
destined to be rejected: look in mercy on
us who now turn towards his passion.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord God, you kept faith with Simeon and
Anna, and showed them the infant King.
Give us grace to put all our trust in your
promises, and the patience to wait for their
fulfilment; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Our hymn of sending is The Nunc Dimittis

Now Lord, let your servant

Leave this life in peace:

For your word has taught us –

Love will never cease.

Eyes with wonder seeing

In this moment's rite,

Israel's promised glory,

Every nation's light.

Holy people waiting

For Christ's light to shine:

Temple prayers now answered –

Jesus is God's sign.

Sign and Son and saviour

Held in Mary's arms:

Promise for all peoples

Sung in Israel's psalms.

Words of blessing are shared

Father, we have sung your praise with
kings and shepherds and angels: may
Christ be born in our hearts today.

Praise to Christ our light.

Father, we have heard your voice declaring
Jesus as your beloved Son at his baptism:
may Christ speak words of life to us afresh.

Praise to Christ our light.

Father, we marvelled at the wine that
flowed at the wedding feast in Cana: keep
transforming the poverty of our nature by
the riches of your grace.

Praise to Christ our light.

We have shared in the joy of Simeon and
Anna; help us, like them, to trust your
word.

Praise to Christ our light.

We have greeted Jesus, the light of the
world: may we be filled with the light of
your love.

Praise to Christ our light.

Our annual journey through Advent,
Christmas and Epiphany is completed
today: may Christ be our light and our
salvation, as we now turn with him from
the crib to the cross.

Praise to Christ our light.