

# EPIPHANY SUNDAY

January 10, 2021

Organ Prelude: Prelude in A major

J. S. Bach

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

## CALL TO WORSHIP:

“John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people... were going out to him, and were baptized by him... confessing their sins... He also proclaimed, ‘The one who is more powerful than me is coming after me... I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’” (Mark 1:4-5,7-8)

**We gather for worship to be awakened to our need for repentance, for inner change, growth and transformation.**

We gather for worship in order to open ourselves to a greater power to sustain and empower our ongoing transformation.

**We gather for worship to shed our illusions that on the one hand, we can do it all by ourselves, and on the other, that we can't really change who we are because it's part of our personalities.**

We gather for worship because we want to believe in a transformation that is ongoing even when we fail and fall all too often.

**ALL: We worship you, O Holy One, and open ourselves to a fresh flow of your Spirit this hour. Let us worship God together!**

Hymn: “Christ, when for us you were baptized”

No. 183

1. Christ, when for us you were baptized,  
God's Spirit on you came,  
as peaceful as a dove,  
and yet as urgent as a flame.

sent you the kingdom to proclaim,  
God's holy will to do.

2. God called you the beloved Son,  
called you the servant true:

3. Straightway and steadfast until death  
you then obeyed the call,  
freely as Son of Man to serve and give  
your life for all.

4. Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord;  
your cross on us be signed,

that likewise in God's service  
we may perfect freedom find.

Prayer of Approach, Confession & The 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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Peace of Christ be with you all;  
**And also with you.**

Children's Theme for Church School

Special Music: But the Lord is mindful of His own

Mendelssohn

*soloist Elias Theocharidis, pianist Bruce Nasmith*

Scripture Readings: Mark 1:4-11; Acts 19:1-7

Mark 1:4-11

4John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 5And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 7He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than me is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. 8I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. 10And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. 11And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Child, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' Amen.

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. 2He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' 3Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' 4Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in

the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.’ 5On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— 7altogether there were about twelve of them. Amen.

We are listening, O God;  
**Speak to us!**

Sermon: DO YOU HAVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT? Dr. Harris

Special Music: The gift of love Cor. 13 arr. by Hal Hopson  
*soloists Radostina Borisova and Bruce Nasmith*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

Hymn: “Lord, the light of your love is shining” No. 376

1. Lord, the light of your love is shining  
in the midst of the darkness, shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us.  
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me; shine on me.

2. Lord, I come  
to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance;  
by your blood I may enter your brightness.  
Search me, try me,  
consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me; shine on me. (Refrain)

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine;  
fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow;  
flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your word,  
Lord, and let there be light!

3. As we gaze on your kingly brightness,  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory:  
mirrored here may our lives tell your story.  
Shine on me; shine on me. (Refrain)

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude: Fugue in A major J. S. Bach



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