

EPIPHANY 2 SUNDAY

January 16, 2022

Piano Prelude: Jesu, joy of man's desiring

J. S. Bach

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

CALL TO WORSHIP:

When 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), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine... But you have kept the good wine until now." (John 2:9-10)

We gather for worship as people looking for signs: whether we know what to expect or are caught off-guard, God's signs point us toward God's goodness.

We come this day as people in need of abundant love and grace: whether we feel certain or doubtful, we come to be reminded of God's steadfast love.

We gather to be reminded of who the source of our abundance is; God our Creator is revealed as the source of all that is good in our world.

We worship this day as people who confess Jesus as our Lord and seek to recognize the gifts God provides abundantly through Christ, our greatest gift.

Let us worship our God who gives abundantly!

Hymn: Songs of thankfulness and praise

No. 176

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise

Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,
God revealed by guiding star
to the sages from afar,
branch of royal David's stem,
in your birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to you addressed,
God in Christ made manifest.

2. God revealed at Jordan's stream

God's beloved Son supreme,
and at Cana, wedding guest,
in your power manifest,
God revealed in works divine,
changing water into wine:
anthems be to you addressed,
God in Christ made manifest.

3. God revealed in making whole
weakened limbs and fainting soul,
God revealed in valiant fight
quelling all the devil's might,
God revealed in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to you addressed,
God in Christ made manifest.

5. Grant us grace to see you, Lord,
mirrored in your holy word;
may we imitate you still
and obey your perfect will,
that we like to you may be,
at your great Epiphany:
may your glory be confessed,
God in Christ made manifest.

4. Manifest on mountain height,
shining in resplendent light,
where disciples filled with awe
your transfigured glory saw;
from that place you went with them
steadfast to Jerusalem;
cross and Easter day attest
God in Christ made manifest.

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

Special Music: All praise to you, O Lord H. W. Beadon, W. H. Monk, arr. B. Nasmith
soloists Radostina Borisova & Elias Theocharidis

Scripture Readings: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

12 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be
uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to
idols that could not speak. 3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by

the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

John 2:1-11

2 On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2 Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3 When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” 4 And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” 5 His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” 6 Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7 Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. 8 He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.” So they took it. 9 When 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), the steward called the bridegroom 10 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.” 11 Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

We are listening, O God;
Speak to us!

Sermon:

SEEING THE SIGNS OF ABUNDANCE

Rev. Rebecca

Special Music: Lord Jesus lived and gave his love

words & arr. B. Nasmith & B. Wren

soloists Radostina Borisova & Elias Theocharidis

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

1. God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

3. Treasure too you have entrusted,
gain through pow'rs your Grace conferred:
Ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call.
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

2. Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labour,
lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Organ postlude: Impromptu Gigue

Bruce Nasmith



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