

# Epiphany 3



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**W**elcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word.

## **Prayer before worship**

Grant us, O Lord, to live this day in gladness and peace, without stumbling and without stain, that reaching the evening victorious over all temptation, we may praise you, the eternal God, for you govern all things and are praised now and forever. Amen.

## THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY

“Epiphany” is a word that means to “reveal, show.” We rejoice to see Jesus reveal himself as the Son of God and Son of Man, the Savior of the world.

Let's get to know  
Jesus



**THEME FOR TODAY:** Let's get to know Jesus, the Light of the world!

## OPENING HYMN

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## Hail to the Lord's Anointed



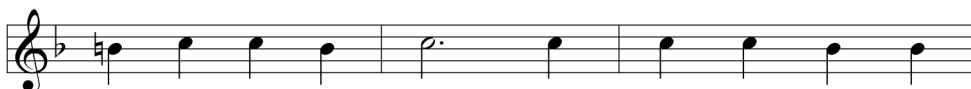
1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, Great Da - vid's great - er  
 2 He comes with res - cue speed - y To those who suf - fer  
 3 Kings shall bow down be - fore him And gold and in - cense  
 4 O'er ev - 'ry foe vic - to - rious, He on his throne shall



Son! Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, His reign on  
 wrong, To help the poor and need - y And bid the  
 bring; All na - tions shall a - dore him; His praise all  
 rest, From age to age more glo - rious, All bless - ing



earth be - gun! He comes to break op - pres - sion, To  
 weak be strong, To give them songs for sigh - ing, Their  
 peo - ple sing. To him shall prayer un - ceas - ing And  
 and all - blest. The tide of time shall nev - er His



set the cap - tive free, To take a - way trans -  
 dark - ness turn to light Whose souls, con - demned and  
 dai - ly vows as - cend, His king - dom still in -  
 cov - e - nant re - move; His name shall stand for -



gres - sion, And rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 dy - ing, Are pre - cious in his sight.  
 creas - ing, A king - dom with out end.  
 ev - er— That name to us is Love.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, abr., alt.

Tune: FREUT EUCH, IHR LIEBEN CHRISTEN (76 76 D) Leonhart Schröter, c. 1532–c. 1601.

## **STAND**

**M:** The grace of our Lord (✠) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C:** Amen.

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**M:** Let us pray.

*The minister says the Prayer of the Day.*

**C:** Amen.

## **BE SEATED**

# THE WORD



## FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 60:1-5*

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD is dawning upon you. <sup>2</sup>Look, darkness covers the earth, and deep darkness covers the peoples, but the LORD will dawn upon you, and his glory will be seen over you. <sup>3</sup>Nations will walk to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. <sup>4</sup>Look up. Look all around and see! All of them have been gathered. They are coming to you. Your sons will come from far away, and people will carry your daughters on their side. <sup>5</sup>Then you will look and be radiant. Your heart will race with excitement and burst with joy. For great riches from the sea will be delivered to you. The wealth of the nations will come to you.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

**PSALM 72**

### *Refrain*



Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.



Let all the peo - ple praise you.

*Endow the King with your justice, O God,  
the royal Son with your righteousness.*

*He will defend the afflicted among the people  
and save the children of the needy.*

*He will endure as long as the sun,  
as long as the moon, through all generations.*

*He will be like rain falling on a mown field,  
like showers watering the earth.*

***Refrain***

*All kings will bow down to him,  
and all nations will serve him.*

*All nations will be blessed through him,  
and they will call him blessed.*

*Praise be to the LORD God, who alone does marvelous deeds.  
May the whole earth be filled with his glory.*

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

***Refrain***



## SECOND LESSON

**Romans 10:14-18**

<sup>14</sup> So then, how can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one about whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without a preacher? <sup>15</sup> And how can they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news of peace, who preach the gospel of good things!" <sup>16</sup> But not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who believed our message?" <sup>17</sup> So then, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message comes through the word of Christ. <sup>18</sup> But I ask, did they not hear? Of course, they certainly did. The sound of their voice went out to all the earth, and their words to the farthest parts of the world.

### VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. I will appoint you to be a light for the nations, so that my salvation will be known to the end of the earth. Alleluia.

(Isaiah 49:6)

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**STAND**



## **GOSPEL**

**Luke 2:25-32**

<sup>25</sup> Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, waiting for the comfort of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. <sup>27</sup> Moved by the Spirit he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what was customary according to the law, <sup>28</sup> Simeon took him into his arms and praised God. He said, <sup>29</sup> Lord, you now dismiss your servant in peace, according to your word, <sup>30</sup> because my eyes have seen your salvation, <sup>31</sup> which you have prepared before the face of all people, <sup>32</sup> a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**BE SEATED**

# HYMN OF THE DAY

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## O Light of Gentile Nations



1 O Light of Gen - tile na - tions, O  
 2 Dear Lord, your ser - vants meet you In  
 3 Lord, when life's trou - bles touch us, You  
 4 Let us, O Lord, be faith - ful Like



Sav - ior from a - bove, Drawn by your Spir - it's  
 ev - 'ry ho - ly place Where your true Word has  
 seem to hide your face, And through our tears we  
 Sim - eon to the end So that his prayer ex -



lead - ing, We come with joy and love In -  
 prom - ised That we should see your face. To -  
 of - ten Can scarce - ly sense your grace. Then  
 ul - tant May from our hearts as - cend: "O



to your ho - ly tem - ple And wait with  
 day you still al - low us Who gath - er  
 be our joy and bright - ness, Our cheer in  
 Lord, now let your ser - vant De - part in



rev - 'rent mind As Sim - eon once had  
 round you here In arms of faith to  
 pain and loss, Our sun in dark - est  
 peace, I pray, Since I have seen my



wait - ed His God and Lord to find.  
 hold you As did that a - ged seer.  
 ter - ror, The glo - ry round our cross.  
 Sav - ior And here be - held his day."

**SERMON:** *Luke 2:25-32*

## **See What Simeon Saw in the Baby Jesus**

**STAND**

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**BE SEATED**

# THANKSGIVING

**OFFERING** *(Thank you all who have mailed, dropped off or electronically given your gifts to our Lord. Offering baskets are in the back of Church for your convenience. May God continue to bless you with all you need, just as he promised.)*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH/INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS (10:00 AM)**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**M/C: 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**

# HYMN

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## Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc -  
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made And end - less  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Praise his great  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: The pris - 'ner  
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Wor - ship and



ces - sive jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from  
 prais - es crown his head; His name like sweet per -  
 love with sweet - est song, And in - fant voic - es  
 leaps, un - loosed his chains, The wea - ry find e -  
 hon - or to our King; An - gels de - scend with



shore to shore Till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume shall rise With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
 ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, abr., alt.

Tune: TRURO (LM) *Psalmodia Evangelica*, Part II, London, 1789.

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



## CLOSING HYMN

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### Hail, O Source of Every Blessing



1 Hail, O Source of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Fa - ther of our  
2 Once far off but now in - vit - ed, We ap - proach your  
3 Hail, O all - in - vit - ing Sav - ior! Gen - tiles now their



hu - man race! Gen - tiles now, your grace pos - sess - ing,  
sa - cred throne, In your cov - e - nant u - nit - ed,  
of - f' rings bring, In your tem - ples seek your fa - vor,



In your courts ob - tain a place. Grate - ful now, we fall be -  
Rec - on - ciled, re - deemed, made one. Now re - vealed to east - ern  
Je - sus Christ, our Lord and King. May we, bod - y, soul, and



fore you, In your Church re - joice to live, See your glo -  
sa - ges, See the star of mer - cy shine, Mys - t'ry hid  
spir - it, Live de - vot - ed to your praise, Glo - rious realms



ry and a - dore you, Thank - ful for the grace you give.  
in for - mer a - ges, Mys - t'ry great of love di - vine.  
of bliss in - her - it, Grate - ful an - thems ev - er raise.

Text: Basil Woodd, 1760–1831, alt.

Tune: O DURCHBRECHER ALLER BANDE (87 87 D) Freylinghausen, *Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch*, Halle, 1704, alt.

