

# Hymns for January 9, 2022 – The Baptism of the Lord

## Opening Hymn: CP 380 O Worship the King

O worship the King, all glorious above;  
O gratefully sing his power and his love;  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;  
his chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,  
hath established it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;  
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

O measureless Might, ineffable Love,  
while angels delight to hymn thee above,  
the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

**Gradual Hymn:**  
**CP 163 When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known**

When Christ's appearing was made known,  
King Herod trembled for his throne;  
but he who offers heavenly birth  
sought not the kingdoms of this earth.

The eastern sages saw from far  
and followed on his guiding star;  
by light their way to Light they trod,  
and by their gifts confessed their God.

Within the Jordan's sacred flood  
the heavenly Lamb in meekness stood,  
that he, to whom no sin was known,  
might cleanse his people from their own.  
And O what miracle divine,  
when water reddened into wine!  
He spake the word, and forth it flowed  
in streams that nature ne'er bestowed.

All glory, Jesus, be to thee  
for this thy glad Epiphany:  
whom with the Father we adore  
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

## Offertory Hymn: CP 40 O Spirit of the Living God

O Spirit of the living God,  
in all the fullness of thy grace,  
wherever human foot hath trod,  
descend on our rebellious race.

Give tongues of fire and hearts of love  
to preach the reconciling word;  
give power and unction from above,  
where'er the joyful sound is heard.

Be darkness at thy coming light;  
confusion, order in thy path;  
souls without strength inspire with might;  
bid mercy triumph over wrath.

O Spirit of the Lord, prepare  
all the round earth its God to meet;  
breathe thou abroad like morning air,  
till hearts of stone begin to beat.

Baptize the nations; far and nigh  
the triumphs of the cross record;  
the name of Jesus glorify,  
till every kindred call him Lord.

## Hymn during Communion: CP 647 Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the Living God,  
move among us all;  
make us one in heart and mind,  
make us one in love:  
humble, caring, selfless, sharing –  
Spirit of the Living God,  
fill our lives with love!

Spirit of the Living God,  
fall afresh on me;  
Spirit of the Living God,  
fall afresh on me;  
break me, melt me, mould me, fill me –  
Spirit of the Living God,  
fall afresh on me.

## Closing Hymn: CP 162 Sing of God Made Manifest

Sing of God made manifest  
in a child robust and blest,  
to whose home in Bethlehem  
where a star had guided them,  
magi came and gifts unbound,  
signs mysterious and profound:  
myrrh and frankincense and gold  
grave and God and king foretold.

Sing of God made manifest  
when at Jordan John confessed,  
"I should be baptized by you,  
but your bidding I will do."  
Then from heaven a double sign –  
dove-like Spirit, voice divine –  
hailed the true Anointed One:  
"This is my beloved Son."

Sing of God made manifest  
when Christ came as wedding-guest  
and at Cana gave a sign,  
turning water into wine;  
further still was love revealed  
as he taught, forgave, and healed,  
bringing light and life to all  
who would listen to God's call.

Sing of God made manifest  
on the cloud-capped mountain's crest,  
where both voice and vision waned  
until Christ alone remained:  
glimpse of glory, pledge of grace,  
given as Jesus set his face  
towards the waiting cross and grave,  
sign of hope that God would save.