

Processional Hymn #103
On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry

*On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.*

*Then cleansed be every breast from sin:
make straight the way for God within.
Prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.*

*For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge, and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.*

*To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.*

*All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent doth thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Ghost for evermore.*

Gradual Hymn #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.*

Offertory Hymn #148 See Amid the Winter's Snow

*See, amid the winter's snow,
born for us on earth below,
see, the tender Lamb appears,
promised from eternal years!*

Refrain:

*Hail, thou ever blessed morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem.*

*Lo, within a manger lies
he who built the starry skies;
who throned in height sublime
sits amid the cherubim.*

Refrain

*Say, ye holy shepherds, say,
what your joyful news today;
wherefore have ye left your sheep
on the lonely mountain steep?*

Refrain

*"As we watched at dead of night,
Lo, we saw a wondrous light;
angels singing 'Peace on earth'
told us of the Savior's birth."*

Refrain

*Sacred Infant, all divine,
what a mighty love was thine,
thus to come from highest bliss
down to such a world as this!*

Refrain

Communion Hymn #48
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for, with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to us approacheth,
our full homage to demand.*

*King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood.
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.*

*Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.*

*At His feet the six-winged seraph,
cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
“Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord Most High!”*

Recessional Hymn #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.*