

“God Manifested in the Infancy of Jesus”



5 PRAY THE PSALM OF THE WEEK **Isaiah 6:1. Revelation 19:6; Psalm 100:1-5**

I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and | lifted up,*
 And the train of His robe filled the | temple.
 And I heard the voice of a great multitude, | saying,*
 “Alleluia! For the Lord God Omni- | potent reigns!
 Make a joyful shout to the Lord, | all you lands!*
 Serve the Lord with | gladness;
 Know that the Lord, | He is God;*
 it is He who has made us, and not | we ourselves;
 enter into His gates with thanks- | giving,*
 and into His | courts with praise.
 For the Lord is good; His mercy is ever- | lasting,*
 and His truth endures to all gener- | ations.

6 SAY TOGETHER THE VERSE OF THE WEEK **Isaiah 60:1**
 “Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.”

7 READ THE SCRIPTURE AND DEVOTION (OTHER SIDE OF THE PAGE)

8 PRAY THE PRAYER OF THE WEEK
 Lord, we implore You, give ear to our prayers and lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You now live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

9 PRAYER FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

10 SING OR SAY THE HYMN OF THE WEEK **O Jesus, King of Glory** TLH 130
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1. O Jesus, King of Glory,
 Both David's Lord and Son!
 Thy realm endures forever,
 In heaven is fixed Thy throne.
 Help that in earth's dominions,
 Throughout from pole to pole,
 Thy reign may spread salvation
 To each benighted soul.

6. And bid Thy Word within me
 Shine as the fairest star;
 Keep sin and all false doctrine
 Forever from me far.
 Help me confess Thee truly
 And with Thy Christendom
 Here own Thee King and Savior
 And in the world to come.

1 BLESS YOURSELF WITH THE HOLY CROSS AND SAY:
 In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

2 SAY THE APOSTLES' CREED
 I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth.
 And 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 sits at
 the right hand of God, the Father
 Almighty. From thence 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.

3 PRAY 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 and
 the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.

4 PRAY THE MORNING OR EVENING PRAYER

Morning. I thank You, my
 heavenly Father, through Jesus
 Christ, Your dear Son, that You
 have kept me this night from all
 harm and danger; and I pray that
 You would keep me this day also
 from sin and every evil, that all my
 doings and life may please You.
 For into Your hands I commend
 myself, my body and soul, and all
 things. Let Your holy angel be with
 me, that the evil foe may have no
 power over me. Amen.

Evening. I thank you, my
 heavenly Father, through Jesus
 Christ, Your dear Son, that You
 have graciously kept me this day;
 and I pray that You would forgive
 me all my sins where I have done
 wrong, and graciously keep me this
 night. For into Your hands, I
 commend myself, my body and
 soul, and all things. Let Your holy
 angel be with me, that the evil foe
 may have no power over me. Amen.

THEME OF THE WEEK: God Manifested in the Infancy of Jesus

Epiphany means “appearance” or “manifestation.” In the season of Epiphany, which begins with the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6, the Church remembers and celebrates that the Child born in Bethlehem, our Lord Jesus Christ, manifested Himself as the only-begotten Son of God in Word and deed. Furthermore, this season teaches us that Christ came for all nations, that all might be saved through Him. Therefore, what we heard during the Christmas season is expounded in Epiphany: Jesus is Immanuel, God-with-us. This good news of great joy is for all the people. We have seen the glory of the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us.

SUN

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 3:13-17 – Manifest in Jordan’s Stream

John had proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, but Jesus had no sins, and thus no need for repentance or forgiveness. Nevertheless He sought baptism, for in it wonderful blessings would be given. The Trinity was manifested: the Father spoke from heaven, the Son went up from the water, and the Holy Spirit descended like a dove. Through Jesus’ Baptism, God sanctified and instituted all waters—including our own baptisms—to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin. *Glory to You, O Lord, for the blessed gift of Holy Baptism. Amen.*

MON

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 96 – Manifest in the Splendor of Holiness

God’s splendor is His holiness, which is His perfection and sinlessness. We poor sinners could never dare to worship Him in such splendor by our own merit, for we surely deserve nothing but punishment. But our Lord Jesus came in the likeness of sinful flesh to satisfy God’s holiness with His holy blood and death. Therefore, in Christ alone we have boldness and confidence to worship the Lord in His splendor as we sing to Him and tell of His salvation. *Glory to You, O Lord, for You have reconciled us to God by Your holy death. Amen.*

TUE

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 60:1-6 – Manifest to All Nations

Without the Gospel, all people are in darkness. Natural man cannot grasp anything having to do with God, and apart from the Gospel we dwell only in the shadow of death. But arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! God wills that the Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ be proclaimed to the whole creation. By faith, which comes from hearing the Word of Christ, we come to the Light of the Lord. *Glory to You, O Lord, for You have caused Your Gospel to be preached to us. Amen.*

WED

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 49:1-7 – Manifest in the Cross

Jesus is the “Light to lighten the Gentiles, and the Glory of [God’s] people Israel,” yet He was deeply despised and abhorred. He was delivered over to the chief priests and the scribes, who condemned Him to death and handed Him over to the Gentiles to be crucified. However, by His suffering and death, Christ won salvation for the world, and by the preaching of the cross His salvation reaches to the end of the earth, that whoever believes in Him shall be saved. *Glory to You, O Lord, for You were crucified for the sins of the world. Amen.*

THU

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2:1-12 – Manifest by the Gospel

God used means to announce the birth of His Son Jesus. Angels proclaimed good news of great joy to the shepherds. A star arose and shone upon wise men, calling them to come and worship Him who had been born King of the Jews. Today God still calls us to worship His Son—not through angels or a star, but through the preaching of the Gospel. With the wise men, then, let us rejoice and fall down and worship our King, born for us. *Glory to You, O Lord, for You have manifested Yourself to us in Your Word. Amen.*

FRI

SCRIPTURE: Romans 3:23-31 – Manifest in Grace Alone

Giving all glory to God means keeping none for ourselves. If we could do anything for our salvation, even just a bit, then some glory would be ours. Of course, we cannot contribute to our salvation in any way, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. But we are justified by God’s grace as a gift through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, received by faith apart from works of the Law. Therefore, all glory truly belongs to God alone! *Glory to You, O Lord, for You have saved us by Your grace alone. Amen.*

SAT

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 72 – Manifest as Our Mediator

Though He was born, lived, and died in humility, the Lord Jesus is King of Kings. Now He is exalted, risen from the grave, ascended into heaven, and seated at the Father’s right hand. Nevertheless our Lord still regards the poor, weak, and needy. As our only Mediator, having made atonement for our sins, He has pity on those who call upon Him. Therefore, let us draw near to His throne with confidence, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Glory to You, O Lord, for You hear and answer our prayers. Amen.*

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