

The Baptism of Christ

Hymns and readings

Hymn 212

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name.
And in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his love as he told me to.

*He said: 'Freely, freely you have received;
freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe,
others will know that I live.*

All pow'r is giv'n in Jesus' name,
in earth and heav'n in Jesus' name.
And in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his pow'r as he told me to.

God gives us life in Jesus' name,
he lives in us in Jesus' name.
And in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his peace as he told me to.

*Come and
join us
around
the font*

Reading Acts 19: 1-7



³⁴Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius. 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

You are the God of new beginnings;
you bless and free us from the past,
and when its grip is long forgotten,
your touch will last.

*Dip your finger
in the water
and make
the sign
of the cross*

You are the God of second chances;
though all the world declares we're
done,
your love restores us then invites us
to rise and run

You are the God of great tomorrows,
brighter than all our yesterdays.
Your heaven dwarfs our former glory,
its promise stays.

You are the Alpha and Omega,
our source of life and journey's end,
and through the changes that you call us
remain our friend.

**Then let your Holy Spirit lead us
as we, attentive to your word,
achieve more than we dare imagine
through Christ our Lord.**



Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesu, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee address,
God in man made manifest.

*Come and
join us
around
the altar*

Manifest at Jordan's stream,
prophet, priest, and King supreme;
and at Cana wedding-guest
in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine,
changing water into wine:
anthems be to thee address,
God in man made manifest.

*Share
the Peace
with people
as you walk*

Manifest in making whole
palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to thee address,
God in man made manifest.

Sun and moon shall darkened be,
stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee;
Christ will then like lightning shine,
all will see his glorious sign;
all will then the trumpet hear,
all will see the judge appear:
thou by all wilt be confest,
God in man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
mirrored in thy holy word;
may we imitate thee now,
and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we like to thee may be
at thy great Epiphany;
and may praise thee, ever blest,
God in man made manifest.