

*Music for The Baptism of the Lord*  
*"Come, Open Your Hearts to Christmas."*

**Gathering Hymn:** Worship Fourth Edition #457

1. To Jordan Jesus humbly came,  
His gospel mission to proclaim;  
On earth, in heav'n, God's will was done  
By God's beloved only Son.
2. John plunged him in that wat'ry grave;  
Christ chose to teach and heal and save,  
To show us how to die to sin  
And share eternal life with him.
3. God's thund'ring voice the heavens rends,  
The Spirit's might on him descends;  
The Word-made-Flesh, with grace infused,  
Anointed, goes to bring Good News.
4. God names us sons and daughters, too,  
In font and Spirit born anew;  
In Christ we die, with Christ we rise,  
Through Christ we enter paradise.

Text: Alan J. Hommerding, b. 1956, © 2004,  
World Library Pub.

**Response:** You will draw water joyfully from the springs  
of salvation.

Text: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Verses, New American Bible,  
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refrain, Lectionary for Mass, © 1969, 1981, 1997, ICEL  
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**Presentation Hymn:** Worship Fourth Edition #458

1. When John baptized by Jordan's river  
In faith and hope the people came,  
That John and Jordan might deliver  
Their troubled souls from sin and shame.  
They came to seek a new beginning,  
The human spirit's ageless quest,  
Repentance, and an end of sinning,  
Renouncing ev'ry wrong confessed.
2. There as the Lord, baptized and praying,  
Rose from the stream, the sinless one,  
A voice was heard from heaven saying,  
'This is my own beloved Son.'  
There as the Father's word was spoken,  
Not in the pow'r of wind and flame,  
But of his love and peace the token,  
Seen as a dove, the Spirit came.
3. O Son of Man, our nature sharing,  
In whose obedience all are blest,  
Savior, our sins and sorrows bearing,  
Hear us and grant us this request:  
Daily to grow, by grace defended,  
Filled with the Spirit from above;  
In Christ baptized, beloved, befriended,  
Children of God in peace and love.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b.1926, ©1984,  
Hope Publishing Co.

**Communion Song:** Worship Fourth Edition #451

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise,  
Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,  
Manifested by the star  
To the sages from afar;  
Branch of royal David's stem  
In your birth at Bethlehem;  
Anthems be to you address,  
God in flesh made manifest.
2. Manifest at Jordan's stream,  
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;  
And at Cana, wedding guest,  
In your Godhead manifest;  
Manifest in pow'r divine,  
Changing water into wine;  
Anthems be to you address,  
God in flesh made manifest.

3. 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 you address,  
God in flesh made manifest.
4. Grant us grace to see you, Lord,  
Mirrored in your holy word;  
May we imitate you now,  
And on us your grace endow;  
That we like to you may be  
At your great epiphany;  
And may praise you ever blest,  
God in flesh made manifest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885

**Communion Hymn:** Worship Fourth Edition #584

1. Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

**Refrain:** Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!

**Shine in your church gathered today.**

2. Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice. **Refrain**
3. Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed. **Refrain**
4. Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone. **Refrain**
5. Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come. **Refrain**

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**Concluding Hymn:** Worship Fourth Edition #866

1. Shall we gather at the river,  
Where bright angel feet have trod,  
With its crystal tide for ever  
Flowing by the throne of God?

**Refrain:** Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
The beautiful, the beautiful river,  
Gather with the saints at the river  
That flows by the throne of God.

2. On the margin of the river,  
Washing up its silver spray,  
We will walk and worship ever,  
All the happy golden day. **Refrain**
3. Ere we reach the shining river,  
Lay we ev'ry burden down;  
Grace our spirits will deliver,  
And provide a robe and crown. **Refrain**
4. Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver  
With the melody of peace. **Refrain**

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

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