

(Topics, Lead-in, and Lead-in Devotional Reading below)

Epiphany Hymn

TUNE: Angels, from the Realms of Glory (REGENT SQUARE)

Matthew 2:1-11; 3:13-17; 17:1-8; Mark 1:9-11; 9:2-8;

Luke 3:21-22; 9:28-36; John 1:29-34

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Ab Ab/C Ab Ab/Eb Eb/Db Ab/C Db Ab/C Fm Eb/G Eb7 Ab

1. God is light! The heav - ens o - pen! See the star an - nounce the Son!
2. God is light! The heav - ens o - pen! See our Sav - ior bear our sin.
3. God is light! The heav - ens o - pen! Glimpse what eyes have nev - er seen:

Ab Ab/Eb Ab/C Eb7/Bb Ab Eb7/Bb Fm/C C Fm C Fm/Ab C^{7sus}/F Fm Eb/Bb Bb7 Eb

God tran-scend-ent lives a - mong us. See the dis - tant na - tions come.
Dy - ing here in Jor - dan's wa - ters, See His sac - ri - fice be - gin.
God the Son in all His splen - dor, Flesh in heav - en's maj - es - ty.

Eb Ab Ab⁹ Db Bbm Ab/C Bbm Eb7/Fm Db/F Ab/Eb EbEb7Ab

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! All our race in Him is one.
Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! All who come are cleansed in Him.
Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! See our glo - rious des - ti - ny!

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TOPICS: Epiphany; Life of Christ; Light; Transfiguration

LEAD-IN: *"I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."* (John 8:12, NASB)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

When the Heavens Open

When God opens the heavens,
He shows us what He is doing.
He shows us our world as He sees it.

When Jesus was born, God opened the heavens.
He sent us a special star to announce that
the magnificent, transcendent God was
now living among us.
The star drew worshipers from
a far-away land and
a different religion.
They were the first sign that the One who had come was
the Light of all the nations and
the King of all Kings.

When Jesus was baptized, God opened the heavens.
As Jesus' ministry began, His first act was to publicly
take all our sins upon Himself.
The Sinless One lined up with the sinners and
symbolically died beneath Jordan's waters,
bearing the sins of the whole world.
At this crucial moment,
the Father spoke and
the Spirit appeared.
Together they testified that
this was indeed the pure and perfect Son of God.

When Jesus was on the mount of transfiguration,
God opened the heavens.
As Jesus approached His death,
the Father gave three disciples a fleeting glimpse of
the Christ as He truly was,
in His eternal splendor,
human yet heavenly.
The law and the prophets visibly testified to Him.

On all three occasions, God opened the heavens to show us
unmistakably,
unforgettably
that His own Son had come to us,
the Light of the World.
He had taken on our flesh and blood
to bear away all our sin.
He had come so that every one of us might
share fully and forever in Him.