

## 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.

**Hymns:**

[Epiphany Hymn \(REGENT SQUARE\)](#)

[Epiphany Hymn \(HELMSLEY 2\)](#)

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