

# Singing Our Faith

## 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 20, 2019

### Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1. Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to  
 2. Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph-et, Priest, and  
 3. Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole Pal - sied limbs and  
 4. Grant us grace to see you, Lord, Pres - ent in your



you we raise, Man - i - fest - ed by the star  
 King su - preme; And at Ca - na, wed - ding guest,  
 faint - ing soul; Man - i - fest in val - iant fight,  
 ho - ly word. By that grace which you en - dow,



To the sag - es from a - far; Branch of roy - al  
 In your God - head man - i - fest; Man - i - fest in  
 Quell - ing all the dev - il's might; Man - i - fest in  
 Help us im - i - tate you now, That we, pure like



Da - vid's stem In your birth at Beth - le - hem;  
 pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
 you, may be At your great e - piph - a - ny;



An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
 An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
 An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
 And may praise you, ev - er blest, God in flesh made man - i - fest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885, alt.  
 Tune: SALZBURG, 77 77 D; Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702, alt; harm. by J. S. Bach, 1685–1750

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Deacon John Gomez shared a reflection on the Christmas season at the end of choir rehearsal last night. His focus was how the Christmas season and its surrounding feasts are an Epiphany of the Holy Trinity: God the Spirit overshadowing Mary and conceived Jesus in her womb, Jesus being born as God the Son, and God the Father speaking at the Baptism of Jesus, revealing him as the Messiah. I had never thought of this profound, gradual revealing of the Holy Trinity throughout the Christmas season.

Similar to Deacon John's reflection is the expanded idea of the Solemnity of the Epiphany. This holy day commonly focuses on the Magi from the East who brought gifts to the Christ Child, **revealing** that Christ was born to save people of all nations. The following feasts share the common thread of **revealing** Jesus in different ways. Last week, God the Father spoke in the Gospel: "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased," **revealing** Jesus as his Son. In this Sunday's gospel reading, Jesus performs his first miracle, turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana in Galilee, **revealing** the beginning of his public ministry to the wedding guests. These little "epiphanies" continue in the weeks of Ordinary Time that follow the Christmas Season.

The hymn above ties all these "epiphany" events together into what the Eastern Church calls the "Theophany" or the manifestation of Jesus' divinity. The word "manifest" appears 10 times in the hymn! The textbook definition of manifest: display or show by one's acts or

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appearance. Each stanza of the hymn concludes with the phrase “God in flesh made manifest”—the radical belief of God becoming a human unfolds with each one of these miracles. As we venture into Ordinary Time, this hymn reminds us that nothing is ordinary or plain when we celebrate the Mass. In this season of Ordinary Time, let us look at Jesus’ gradual manifestation with new eyes—recall and embrace the wonder that the people of his day must have felt as they witnessed these first signs and miracles of Jesus.

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