January 7, 2024 HYMNS

Opening Hymn: (H) 116 - "I come," the great Redeemer cries

- 1 "I come," the great Redeemer cries, "to do thy will, O Lord!" At Jordan's stream, behold! He seals the sure prophetic word.
- 2 "Thus it becomes us to fulfill all righteousness," he said.
 Then, faithful to the Lord's commands, through Jordan's flood was led.
- Hark, a glad voice! The Father speaks from heaven's exalted height: "This is my Son, my well-beloved, in whom I take delight."
- The Savior Jesus, well-beloved! His Name we will profess, like him desirous to fulfill God's will in righteousness.
- No more we'll count ourselves our own but his in bonds of love. Oh, may such bonds for ever draw our souls to things above!

Sequence Hymn: (H) 121 - Christ, when for us you were baptized

- 1 Christ, when for us you were baptized, God's Spirit on you came, as peaceful as a dove and yet as urgent as a flame.
- God called you his belovèd Son, called you his servant true, sent you his kingdom to proclaim, his holy will to do.
- 3 Straightway and steadfast until death you then obeyed his call freely as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.
- 4 Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord, your cross on us be signed, that, likewise in God's service we may perfect freedom find.

Offertory Hymn: (H) 448 - O love, how deep, how broad, how high

- O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how passing thought and fantasy, that God, the Son of God, should take our mortal form for mortals' sake.
- 2 For us baptized, for us he bore his holy fast and hungered sore; for us temptations sharp he knew; for us the tempter overthrew.
- For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his daily works he wrought: by words and signs and actions, thus still seeking not himself, but us.
- For us to wicked men betrayed, scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed, he bore the shameful cross and death; for us gave up his dying breath.
- For us he rose from death again; for us he went on high to reign; for us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.
- All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad; the Trinity whom we adore for ever and for evermore.

Communion Hymn: (LEVS) 152 - Let us break bread together on our knees

- Let us break bread together on our knees;When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,Oh Lord, have mercy on me.
- Let us drink wine together on our knees;When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,Oh Lord, have mercy on me.
- 3 Let us praise God together on our knees; When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, Oh Lord, have mercy on me.

Communion Hymn: (LEVS) 141 - Shall we gather at the river

- Shall we gather at the river, Where bright angel feet have trod; With its crystal tide forever Flowing by the throne of God? 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.
- 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*
- Soon we'll reach the shining river, Soon our pilgrimage will cease, Soon our happy hearts will quiver With the melody of peace. *Refrain*

Closing Hymn: (H) 616 – Hail to the Lord's Anointed

- Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son! Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free; to take away transgression, and rule in equity.
- He comes with succor speedy to those who suffer wrong, to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong; to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light, whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.
- He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth, and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth: before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go; and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.
- 4 Kings shall bow down before him, and gold and incense bring; all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing; to him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend; his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.
- O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest; from age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blest: the tide of time shall never his covenant remove; his Name shall stand for ever, his changeless Name of Love.