

Epiphany – Year C

Preaching Perspectives – LTSG

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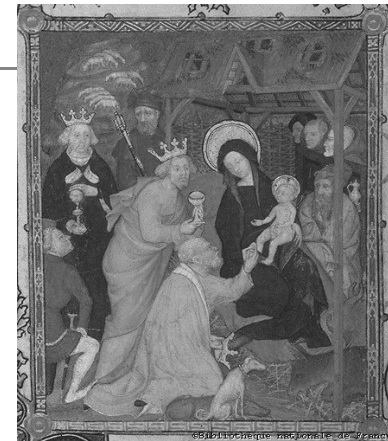
Are we ready for Sunday?

Epiphany

- Revelation
- Light
- Global mission
- Ah ha! / Epiphany moment
- Gifts
- Caught in the spotlight



Day of Epiphany C Matthew 2.1-12



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Day of Epiphany C Matthew 2.1-12

- What is Herod frightened about?
Competition, an uprising, challenge to his authority, written in the stars!
- How can a baby challenge a king's authority?
- Fear of diversity, identity, of the other
- What is the epiphany moment in this text?
 - When Herod 'gets it'
 - When the wise men left by another way (*Home by Another Way* – Barbara Brown Taylor)

Day of Epiphany C Matthew 2.1-12

- What is the epiphany moment in this text?
 - When Herod understands that there is another "king of the Jews" / Messiah
- "Invasion" from the east
- Powerlessness of the supposedly powerful one
- One born to be king (not designated) is God's chosen one

Day of Epiphany C Matthew 2.1-12

- What makes the wise men open in the first place to identify and seek this king?
 - Not threatened
 - Nations drawn to the light
 - Experts in recognizing the truth
 - Willing to leave the 'east'
- The "hospitality of the manger"
- Why did these foreigners (?) worship the king of the Jews?

Day of Epiphany C Matthew 2.1-12

- Epiphany happens in the face to face encounter with Jesus >> going home by another way
- Is that the road less traveled?

Baptism of Our Lord

Isaiah 43.1-7 / Luke 3.15-17, 21-22



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Isaiah 43.1-7

- What is the imagery for danger?
Fire and water >> means of destruction > means of salvation
- What overwhelms us?
- The importance of simply hearing our names

Baptism of Our Lord

Luke 3.21-22

- When Jesus prays, God acts
- How do you relate Jesus' baptism to our Baptisms?
 - Affirmation of baptismal vows
 - Jesus identifies with us – in Baptism we identify with Jesus
 - The public identification as a child of God
 - Beloved (>> cross)

Baptism of Our Lord

Luke 3.21-22

- Why did Jesus have to be baptized?
 - Identification for our sake
 - A kind of conversion from ordinary life to designated mission
 - (Why does Luke de-emphasize it?)
- Jordan baptism is a prefiguring / preparing for the other "baptism" on the cross
- Connection with Transfiguration (with Paul's conversion)

Epiphany 2C
Isaiah 62.1-5 /
John 2.1-11



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Isaiah 62.1-5

- I will not keep silent...
- Future of HOPE, no longer forsaken

Epiphany 2C
John 2.1-11

- What is Jesus' role? Mary's role?
- How do you preach this?
- Mary: "Do whatever he [Jesus] tells you."
- Water / wine – old / new
- Mary knows that Jesus will do what's necessary
- Jesus doesn't *do* anything, only speaks


Epiphany 2C
John 2.1-11

- Jesus revealed in a minor event
- Saving the best for last >> is it appreciated?
- Miracle as an act of hospitality, Jesus becomes the host
- Transformation: not a single moment but the transforming of one's life, and an overwhelming one at that!
- Followed by an overturning experience
- Transformation >< confusion
- Dis / Re / Orientation
- Status change

	<p>Epiphany 3C Luke 4.14-21</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ How can you preach vv. 14-21 without getting into next Sunday's 21-30? ■ The greatest temptation of all: All spoke well of him ■ Jubilee?

	<p>Epiphany 4C Luke 4.21-30</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way... ■ The "total recall" text ■ How do we understand authority in a postmodern age? ■ Telling the truth (Truly I tell you...)

	<p>Epiphany 5C Isaiah 6.1-8 / Luke 5.1-11</p>
	 <p>http://www.nga.gov/feature/artnation/bassano/</p>

Epiphany 5C Isaiah 6.1-8 / Luke 5.1-11

- Coming undone (Isaiah, Peter)
- Oriented to a life of fishing >> disoriented > reoriented to following Jesus and fishing for people
- What about the fish?
- Are we cashing in on the fish? If so, how change?
- Note parallel with John 2: revelation of abundance that is left unused

Epiphany 5C Isaiah 6.1-8 / Luke 5.1-11

- Wouldn't most people simply be satisfied with fish?
- The perfect catch did not satisfy
- Maintenance or Mission?
- All previous strivings can be left behind
- Are we asking for more fish?

Epiphany 9C

- The Reversal of Fortune
- The end of the world as we know it; the beginning of the world as God knows it

Transfiguration

- Transformed by the awareness of Christ's love

