



HYMN PREVIEW

Christ Begins

This Sunday we celebrate the Transfiguration of our Lord. One of the hymns we'll be singing is "Christ Begins," Hymn 385 in our new hymnal *Christian Worship*. Here's a preview of the hymn to help prepare you for worship.

Message:

Each stanza of "Christ Begins" invites singers to imagine themselves to be present at one of the scenes in the life and ministry of Jesus. The first three scenes we remember especially during the Epiphany season of the church year: Jesus' baptism at the Jordan River, the wedding at Cana, and the transfiguration. A repeating refrain after each stanza points out that on each occasion Jesus is revealed to be the Christ, our Savior, our Light, our Prophet, our Priest, and our King. The final scene in stanza four is Jesus' ascension into heaven, and the repeated refrain helps us appreciate his continuing work for us at the right hand of God.

Preview:

To become better acquainted with the music and the message of this hymn, and to help prepare yourself for worship this weekend, you're invited to watch and hear a choir of high school students sing "Christ Begins" as part of a video hymn sing posted by our synod's Commission on Worship. Copying and pasting the following link will take you to the point in the video where our hymn begins: <https://vimeo.com/600379384#t=1364s>. (The entire video is found at <https://vimeo.com/600379384>, "Christ Begins" starts at 22:44.)