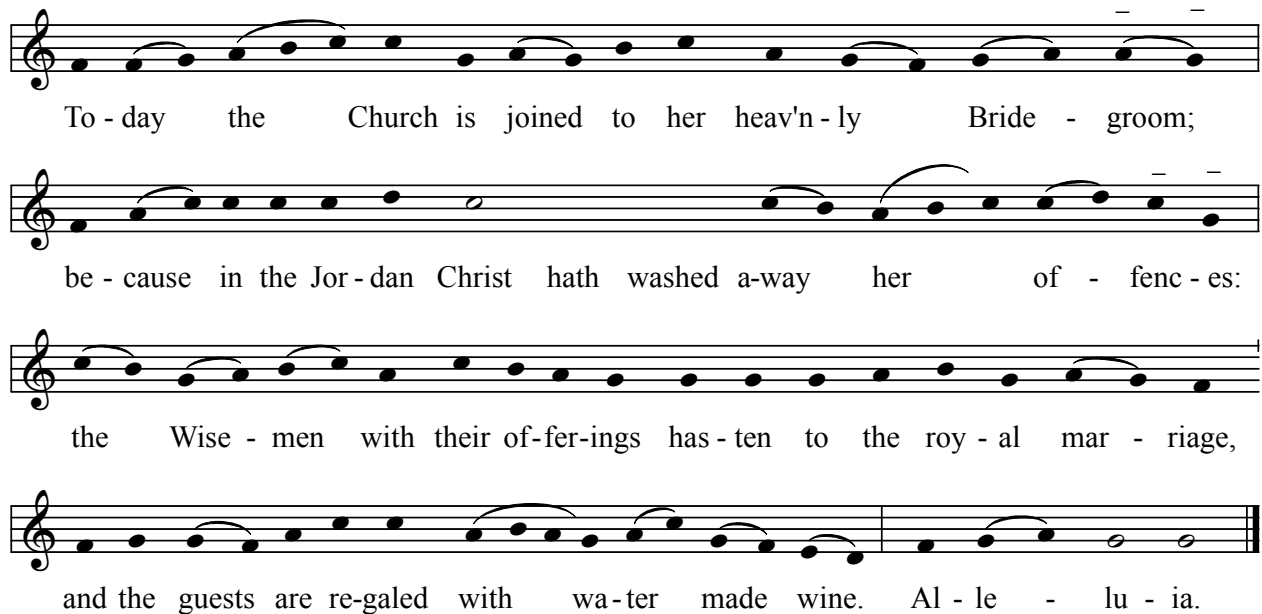


Epiphany Blessing of Water

Antiphon on the Benedictus



To - day the Church is joined to her heav'n - ly Bride - groom;
be - cause in the Jor - dan Christ hath washed a-way her of - fenc - es:
the Wise - men with their of-fer-ings has - ten to the roy - al mar - riage,
and the guests are re-galed with wa-ter made wine. Al - le - lu - ia.

Benedictus

Tone VIII 1



BLESSED be the Lord God of / Israel, * for he hath visited and redeem/ed his people;
AND HATH raised up a mighty salvation / for us * in the house of his / servant David,
AS HE spake by the mouth of his holy / prophets, * which have been / since the world began:
THAT WE should be saved from our / enemies, * and from the hand of / all that hate us;
TO PERform the mercy promised to our / forefathers, * and to remember his / holy covenant;
TO PERform the oath which he swore to our forefather / Abraham, * that / he would give us,
THAT WE being delivered out of the hand of our / enemies * might / serve him without fear,
IN HOLiness and righteousness be/fore him, * all the / days of our life.
AND THOU, child, shalt be called the prophet of the / Highest, * for thou shalt go before the
face of the Lord / to prepare his ways;
TO GIVE knowledge of salvation unto his / people * for the re/mission of their sins,
THROUGH THE tender mercy of our / God, * whereby the dayspring from on high hath /
visited us;
TO GIVE light to them that sit in darkness † and in the shadow of / death, * and to guide our
feet in/to the way of peace.
GLORY be to the Father, and / to the Son, * and / to the Holy Ghost.
AS IT was in the beginning, † is now and ever / shall be, * world / without end. Amen.

Repeat Antiphon