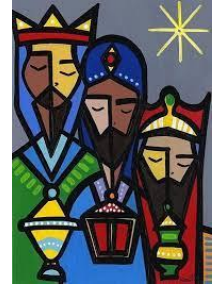




# The Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2026



Gathering Song:

## WE THREE KINGS

KINGS OF ORIENT



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; Bear - ing gifts we
2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold I bring to
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: In - cense owns a
4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a life of
5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and



1. tra - verse a - far Field and foun - tain, Moor and moun - tain,
2. crown him a - gain, King for - ev - er, Ceas - ing nev - er
3. De - i - ty nigh; Prayer and prais - ing Glad - ly rais - ing,
4. gath - er - ing gloom; Sor - rowing, sigh - ing, Bleed - ing, dy - ing,
5. Sac - ri - fice; "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!"



1. Fol - low - ing yon - der star. O star of won - der,
2. O - ver us all to reign.
3. Wor - ship him, God on high.
4. Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
5. Sounds through the earth and skies.



star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright; West - ward



lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to thy per - fect light.

Text: 88 44 6 with refrain; based on Matthew 2:1-11.

Text and music: *Carols, Hymns and Songs*, 1863; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891, alt.

## Introductory Rites

Sign of the Cross

Greeting

Act of Penitence

## Gloria

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace, peace to  
peo-ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we  
glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord  
God, heav-en-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, On - ly Be-got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Fa - ther, you take a-way the sins of the world, have  
mer-cy on us; you take a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our  
prayer; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have

mer-cy on us. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the  
Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men, a - men.

## Opening Prayer

# Liturgy of the Word

## .Reading I

Is 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

See, darkness covers the earth,  
and thick clouds cover the peoples;  
but upon you the LORD shines,  
and over you appears his glory.

Nations shall walk by your light,  
and kings by your shining radiance.

Raise your eyes and look about;  
they all gather and come to you:

your sons come from afar,  
and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see,  
your heart shall throb and overflow,  
for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you,  
the wealth of nations shall be brought to you.

Caravans of camels shall fill you,  
dromedaries from Midian and Ephah;  
all from Sheba shall come

bearing gold and frankincense,  
and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

## Psalm:

### Psalm 72: Every Nation on Earth

Refrain

Ev - 'ry na - tion on earth will a - dore you, Lord;

ev - 'ry na - tion on earth will a - dore you, Lord.

Verses

1. O God, with your judgment endow the king;  
with your justice endow the king's son.  
With justice he will govern your people,  
your afflicted ones with right judgment.
2. Justice shall flow'r in his days,  
lasting peace 'til the moon be no more.  
May he rule from sea to sea,  
from the river to the ends of the earth.
3. The kings of Tarshish and the Isles offer gifts,  
those from Seba and Arabia bring tribute.  
All kings shall pay him their homage,  
all nations shall serve him.
4. He rescues the poor when they cry out,  
the afflicted with no one to help.  
The lowly and poor he shall pity,  
the lives of the poor he will save.

Text: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Michael Joncas  
Music: Michael Joncas  
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## Reading II

**Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6**

Brothers and sisters:

You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace  
that was given to me for your benefit,  
namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation.  
It was not made known to people in other generations  
as it has now been revealed  
to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:  
that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body,  
and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

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## Gospel

Mt 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,  
in the days of King Herod,  
behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,  
“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?

We saw his star at its rising  
and have come to do him homage.”

When King Herod heard this,  
he was greatly troubled,  
and all Jerusalem with him.

Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people,  
He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea,  
for thus it has been written through the prophet:

*And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
since from you shall come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.”*

Then Herod called the magi secretly  
and ascertained from them the time of the star’s appearance.

He sent them to Bethlehem and said,  
“Go and search diligently for the child.

When you have found him, bring me word,  
that I too may go and do him homage.”

After their audience with the king they set out.

And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them,

until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.  
They were overjoyed at seeing the star,  
and on entering the house  
they saw the child with Mary his mother.  
They prostrated themselves and did him homage.  
Then they opened their treasures  
and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.  
And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod,  
they departed for their country by another way.  
The Gospel of the Lord

## Homily

### Nicene Creed

#### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven and by the (all kneel) Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Universal Prayer (Prayer of the Faithful)

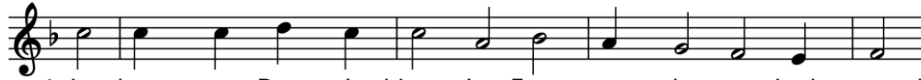
Please respond: Lord, Dwell with us.

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Preparation Song:

### LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING

ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN



1. Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing From ten - der stem hath sprung!
2. I - sai - ah 'twas fore - told it, This Rose I have in mind,
3. O Flow'r, whose fra-grance ten - der With sweet-ness fills the air,



1. Of Jes-se's lin-eage com - ing, As those of old have sung.
2. With Ma - ry we be - hold it, The Vir - gin Moth - er kind.
3. Dis - pel in glo-rious splen-dor The dark-ness ev - 'ry-where;



1. It came, a flow - er bright, A - mid the
2. To show God's love a - right, She bore to
3. True man, yet ver - y God, From sin and



1. cold of win - ter, When half spent was the night.
2. us a Sav - ior, When half spent was the night.
3. death now save us, And share our ev - 'ry load.

Text: 76 76 6 76; based on Isaiah 11:1; Trad. German Carol, 15th cent.; tr. by Theodore Baker, 1851-1934, alt.  
Music: *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1599.

## Invitation to Pray

Pray brothers and sisters ...

Response: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name, for our good  
and the good of all his holy Church.

## Preface Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

Response: And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

Response: We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Response: It is right and just.

## Eucharistic Acclamations – Mass for Our Lady

### Holy



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.  
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

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### Memorial Acclamation



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -  
claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a - gain.

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## Amen

Musical notation for 'Amen' in 4/4 time, featuring two staves. The melody is in a minor key (three flats). The lyrics are: A - men, a - men, a - men.

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## COMMUNION RITE

### The Lord's Prayer Sign of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
Response: And with your Spirit

### Breaking of the Bread

Musical notation for 'Agnus Dei' in 4/4 time, featuring three staves. The melody is in a minor key (three flats). The lyrics are: A-gnus De - i, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. A-gnus De - i, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, O grant us peace.

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### Invitation to Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.  
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Response: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

# Communion Song:

## THE FIRST NOWELL

THE FIRST NOWELL

Verses



1. The first No - well, the an - gel did say,
2. They look - ed up and saw \_\_\_ a star
3. And by the light of that \_\_\_ same star
4. This star drew nigh to the \_\_\_ north - west,
5. Then en - tered in those wise \_\_\_ men three,
6. Then let us all with one \_\_\_ ac - cord



1. Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
2. Shin - ing in \_\_\_ the east, \_\_\_ be - yond \_\_\_ them far;
3. Three \_\_\_ wise \_\_\_ men came \_\_\_ from coun - try far;
4. O'er \_\_\_ Beth - le - hem \_\_\_ it took \_\_\_ its rest,
5. Full \_\_\_ rev - 'rent - ly \_\_\_ up - on \_\_\_ the knee,
6. Sing \_\_\_ prais - es to \_\_\_ our heav - 'nly Lord;



1. In fields where \_ they lay keep - ing their sheep,
2. And to the \_\_\_ earth it gave \_\_\_ great light,
3. To seek for a king was their \_\_\_ in - tent,
4. And there it \_\_\_ did both stop \_\_\_ and stay,
5. And of - fered \_\_\_ there, in his \_\_\_ pres - ence,
6. Who with the \_\_\_ Fa - ther we \_\_\_ a - dore



1. On a cold win - ter's night \_\_\_ that was \_\_\_ so deep.
2. And \_\_\_ so it con - tin - ued both day \_\_\_ and night.
3. And to fol - low the star \_\_\_ wher - ev - er it went.
4. Right \_ o - ver the place \_\_\_ where Je - sus lay.
5. Their \_ gold \_\_\_ and myrrh \_\_\_ and frank - in - cense.
6. And \_\_\_ Spir - it blest \_\_\_ for ev - er - more.

Refrain



No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,



Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

Text: Irregular with refrain; trad. English Carol, 17th cent.; verse 6, alt. Music: Trad. English Carol, 17th cent.

# Prayer After Communion

Announcements

Dismissal

**Sending Song**

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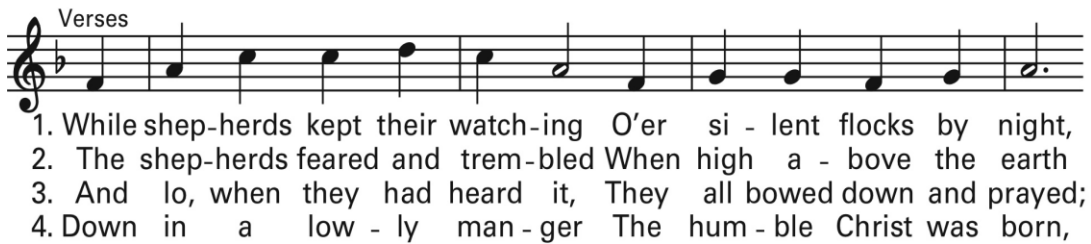
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Refrain

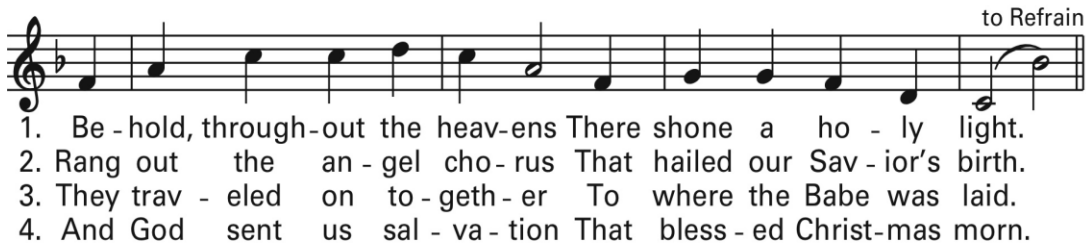


Go, tell it on the moun - tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry -  
where; Go, tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born.

Verses



1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled When high a - bove the earth  
3. And lo, when they had heard it, They all bowed down and prayed;  
4. Down in a low - ly man - ger The hum - ble Christ was born,



to Refrain

1. Be - hold, through-out the heav-ens There shone a ho - ly light.  
2. Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
3. They trav - eled on to - geth - er To where the Babe was laid.  
4. And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: 76 76 with refrain; fr. *American Negro Songs and Spirituals*, 1940; John W. Work, Jr., 1872–1925, alt.  
Music: Spiritual.

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