

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2026



ENTRANCE HYMN

WE THREE KINGS

Verses

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!"

Refrain

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.

GREETING

Presider: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Assembly: **Amen.**

Presider: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

GLORIA



Music: Trad. French carol; verses arr. by Paul Gibson.

COLLECT

Presider: Let us pray.

THE PRIEST COLLECTS THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE. WE RESPOND.

Assembly: **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 60:1-6

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 128



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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Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God**

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.

Cantor: *We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.*

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 2:1-12

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH – APOSTLE’S CREED

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

At the words that follow, up to and including “the Virgin Mary” all bow.

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Assembly:

Lord, hear our prayer.



PREPARATION OF GIFTS

WHAT STAR IS THIS?

1. What star is this, with beams so bright, More love - ly
 2. 'Tis now ful - filled what God de - creed, "From Ja - cob
 3. O Je - sus, while the star of grace Im - pels us
 4. To God the Fa - ther, heav'n - ly Light, To Christ, re -

1. than the noon - day light? 'Tis sent to an - nounce a
 2. shall a star pro - ceed"; And lo! the _ east - ern
 3. on to seek thy face, Let not our _ sloth - ful
 4. vealed in earth - ly night, To God the _ Ho - ly

1. new - born king, Glad tid - ings of our God to bring.
 2. sag - es stand To read in heav'n the Lord's com - mand.
 3. hearts re - fuse The guid - ance of thy light to use.
 4. Spir - it raise An end - less song of thank - ful praise!

Text: LM; Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. by John Chandler, 1806–1876, alt.

Music: adapt. by Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621.

Presider: ...that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father,

Assembly: **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.**

Presider: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: **And with your spirit**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly: **It is right and just.**

SANCTUS

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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. 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.

Text: ICEL, © 2010
Music: *Mass of Creation*, Marty Haugen, © 1984, 1985, 2010, GIA Publications, Inc.

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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GREAT AMEN

A - men, a - men, a - men!

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LORD'S PRAYER

SIGN OF PEACE

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG

WOOD OF THE CRADLE

Verses



3. Star in the heavens bearing new light,
4. Come, all who hunger, come, all who thirst;



Guiding the sages and ages this night:
Come, all who seek him, God's joy on the earth.



Where will you lead us?
Find him a shelter, Where bright, can he be, The



child born of mystery who died on a tree?
See in all people his love being born.

Refrain



This, this is Jesus the Lord, Here in the body and



blood out-poured. Come, come, walk in his ways. Kneel at the



man-ger and rise from the grave.

Text: Francis Patrick O'Brien, b.1958

Tune: ABINGTON, 9 10 9 10 with refrain; Francis Patrick O'Brien, b.1958

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presider: Let us pray...

Assembly: Amen.

GREETING AND FINAL BLESSING

Presider: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: **And with your spirit.**

Presider: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Assembly: **Amen.**

Presider: Go in peace.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God!**

CLOSING HYMN

GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

GO TELL IT

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.

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to Refrain

Final

Je - sus Christ is born. 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,

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; John W. Work, Jr., 1872–1925, alt.; from *American Negro Songs and Spirituals*, 1940.
Music: Spiritual.

God's inclusive love proclaimed here!



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