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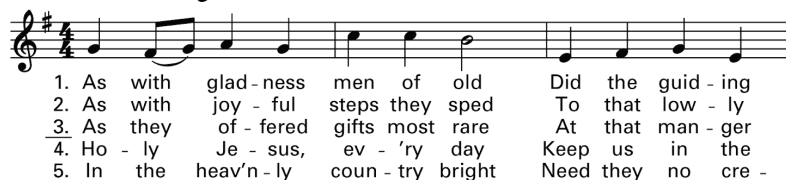
The Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2026

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Malachi 3:1; 1 Chronicles 29:12

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

Entrance Hymn As With Gladness Men of Old - DIX



1. As with glad-ness men of old Did the guid-ing
2. As with joy-ful steps they sped To that low-ly
3. As they of-fered gifts most rare At that man-ger
4. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day Keep us in the
5. In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright Need they no cre-



1. star be-hold, As with joy they hailed its light,
2. man-ger-bed, There to bend the knee be-fore
3. rude and bare; So may we with ho-ly joy,
4. nar-row way; And, when earth-ly things are past,
5. at-ed light; Thou, its light, its joy, its crown,



1. Lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright, So, most gra-cious
2. Him whom heav'n and earth a-dore; So may we with
3. Pure and free from sin's al-loy, All our cost-liest
4. Bring our ran-somed souls at last Where they need no
5. Thou its sun which goes not down; There for ev-er



1. Lord, may we Ev-er-more be led to thee.
2. will-ing feet Ev-er seek the mer-cy-seat.
3. trea-sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heav'n-ly King.
4. star to guide, Where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.
5. may we sing Al-le-lu-ias to our King.

Let Heaven Rejoice - Bob Dufford, SJ

Refrain



Let heav-en re-joyce and earth be glad; let all cre-a-tion sing. Let



chil-dren pro-claim through ev-'ry land: "Ho-san-na to our King."

Verses 1-3

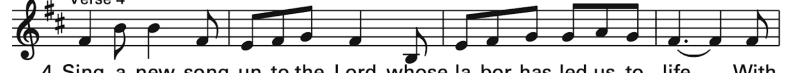


1. Sound the trum-pet in-to the night; the day of the Lord is
2. Rise in splen-dor; shake off your sleep; 7 put on your robes of
3. Raise your voic-es, be not a-fraid. Pro-claim it in ev-'ry



1. near. Wake your peo-ple, lift your voice, pro-claim it to the world.
2. joy. And in the morn-ing you shall see the glo-ry of the Lord.
3. land. Christ has died, but he has ris-en; he will come a-gain.

Verse 4



4. Sing a new song un-to the Lord, whose la-bor has led us to life. With



4. grate-ful hearts and joy-ful danc-ing, play be-fore the Lord.



Gloria

Heritage Mass - Owen Alstott



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth 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'n-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
you take a-way the



sins of the world, have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the
sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer;



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.

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13



R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, with your judgment endow the king,
and with your justice, the king's son;
he shall govern your people with justice
and your afflicted ones with judgment. **R**
2. Justice shall flower in his days,
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.
May he rule from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth. **R**
3. The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts;
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.
All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him. **R**

4. For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;
the lives of the poor he shall save. **R**

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

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. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 2:2

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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

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, (**all bow**) and by the 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.

Offertory Hymn We Three Kings - KINGS OF ORIENT

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.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Matthew 2:2

We have seen his star in the East,
 and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.



Communion Hymn The Body of Christ - Sarah Hart

Verses

1-3. This is the Bod - y of Christ, beau - ti - ful, bro - ken and
word be - come flesh by his
gath - ered in hope and in

1. blessed; mir - a - cle of the great - est of loves, 2.
2. grace; mir - a - cle of a mys - t'ry no tongue 3.
3. faith; bound by this love, this Bod - y and Blood he

1. pres - ence of God in our midst. This is the Cup that he
2. ev - er could ful - ly ex - plain. This is the Blood of the
3. of - fers a - gain and a - gain. All of the hun - ger we

1. shares, end - less - ly emp - tied and poured; sac - ri - fice
2. Lamb, gift of a heart o - pen wide; poured from the
3. have, sat - is - fied on - ly by this; so we re -

1. made so that we might be saved 2. now and for - ev - er - more.
2. Cross to the al - tar where love 3. com - forts and fills and pro - vides.
3. ceive, we re - mem - ber, be - lieve and share so that oth - ers may live.

Refrain

A - men, a - men! We are healed by the Bread of life.

A - men, a - men! We are one in the Bod - y of Christ.

We are one in the Bod - y of Christ.

Recessional Hymn Songs of Thankfulness and Praise - SALZBURG

1. Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to thee we raise,
2. Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph - et, Priest, and King su - preme;
3. Grant us grace to see thee, Lord, Mir - rored in thy ho - ly Word;

1. Man - i - fest - ed by the star To the sag - es from a - far;
2. And at Ca - na, wed - ding guest, In thy God - head man - i - fest;
3. May we im - i - tate thee now, And be pure, as pure art thou;

1. Branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem In thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
2. Man - i - fest in pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
3. That we like to thee may be At thy great E - pi - pha - ny;

1. Prais - es be to thee ad - dressed,
2. Prais - es be to thee ad - dressed, 3. God in flesh made man - i - fest.
3. And may praise thee, ev - er - blessed,

Go, Tell It on the Mountain

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.

Stewardship Prayer Prayer written by Fr. Philip M. Forlano

Heavenly Father, we come to you in thanksgiving knowing that all we are and all we have are gifts from you. In faith and love, help us to do your will.

Speak your words into our hearts, that we may hear you clearly, and that our hearts may be conformed to the heart of your Son, Jesus.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us that we, as a parish family, may be united and renewed in your grace and reveal the face of Christ to the world. Kindle in us the fire of your love and the desire to be generous stewards in placing our time, talent, and treasure at the service of others.

Through the intercession of Mary, our Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and St. Charles Borromeo, make us attentive to the needs of others, fervent in charity, and abounding in good works. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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