

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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Saint Paul RC Church

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THE ORDER OF MASS

Please Stand

GATHERING SONG

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.

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

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
Peace be with you. **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

...Lord Have Mercy. **Lord Have Mercy.**

...Christ Have Mercy. **Christ Have Mercy.**

...Lord Have Mercy. **Lord Have Mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us
to everlasting life. **Amen.**

GLORIA

1. Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Refrain: All

Glo - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o, De - o.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

3. For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT

...God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Please Sit

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1 - 6

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

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 72



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

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

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2 - 3a, 5 - 6

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

Please Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Cantor *All*
Al-le-lu ia, al - le - lu-ia. Al-le-lu ia, al - le - lu-ia.

Cantor *All*
Al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Cantor *All*
Al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu-ia. Al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Gospel

Matthew 2:1 - 12

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Please Sit

HOMILY

Please Stand

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 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.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

...we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

...through Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Please Sit


LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY SONG


WHAT CHILD IS THIS

GREENSLEEVES

Verses




1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma-ry's lap is
2. Why lies he in such mean es-tate Where ox and ass are
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, Come peas-ant, king, to




1. sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While
2. feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here The
3. own him; The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let


Refrain



1. shep - herds watch are keep - ing? This, this is Christ the
2. si - lent Word is plead - ing.
3. lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



King, Whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing; Haste,



haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Ma - ry.

This song may be combined with *Child of the Poor*; use accompaniment and instructions found for *Child of the Poor*.

Text: 87 87 with refrain; Bramley and Stainer's *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871; William C. Dix, 1837–1898.
Music: Trad. English melody, 16th cent.; Bramley and Stainer's *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871.

Please Stand

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Pray, brethren ... acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

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. **And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right and just.**

SANCTUS

Cantor
All



Hol - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of ___ hosts. Hea - ven and earth are full ___

All

of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na ___ in the high - est, high - est. Ho -

Cantor
All

san - na in the high - est. Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the

Cantor
All

Lord, Ho - san - na ___ in ___ the ___ high - est, Ho - san - na ___

in the high - est, high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please Kneel

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Two staves of music in G major (one sharp). The first staff starts in 3/4 time, changes to 7/8, and ends in 3/4. The second staff starts in 3/4, changes to 5/8, and ends in 3/4. The lyrics are: "We pro-claim your Death O Lord, we pro-claim your Death O Lord, and pro-fess your Re-sur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain."

We pro-claim your Death O Lord, we pro-claim your Death O Lord, and pro-

fess your Re-sur-rec-tion un-til you come a-gain.

GREAT AMEN

Two staves of music in F major (one flat) and 2/2 time. The lyrics are: "A-men, A-men, A-men."

A-men, A-men, A-men.

A-men, A-men, A-men.

Please Stand

COMMUNION RITE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

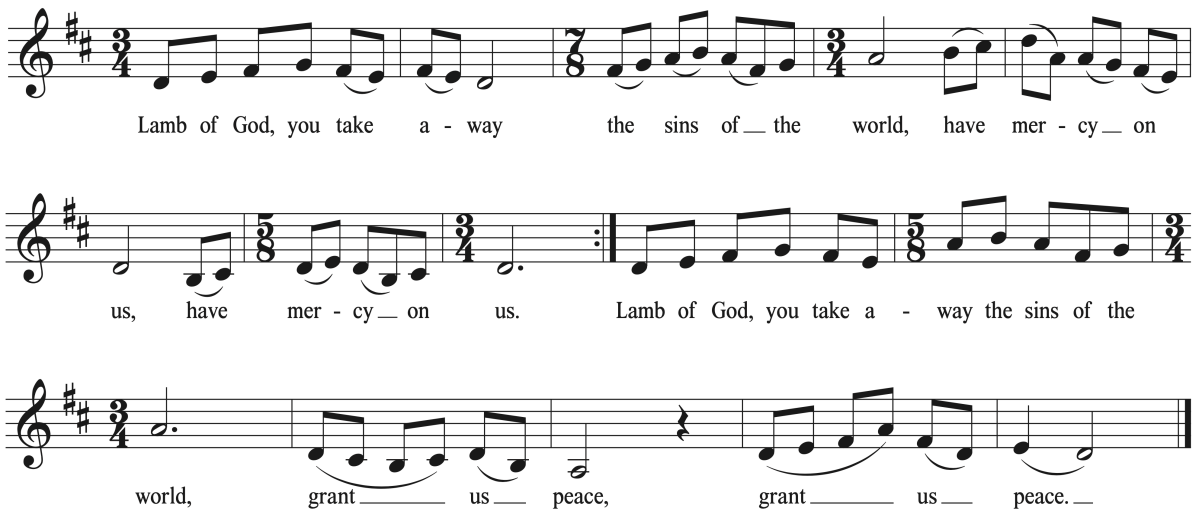
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

...and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And with your spirit.**



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on

us, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please Kneel

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.


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

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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.

COMMUNION MEDITATION: We Adore

FINAL BLESSING

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

...Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Go in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING SONG

JOY TO THE WORLD

ANTIOCH



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re -
2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns; Let us our
3. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the



1. ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
2. songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
3. na - tions prove The glo - ries of his righ - teous -



1. room, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
2. plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
3. ness, And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his



1. sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
2. joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
3. love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.

