

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord, / always and everywhere, / that we may perceive with clear sight / and revere


with true affection / the mystery in which you have willed us to participate. / Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL


St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN


As with Gladness Men of Old



1. As with glad - ness men of old Did the guid - ing star be - hold, As with joy they
2. As with joy - ful steps they sped To that low - ly man - ger bed There to bend the
3. As they of - fered gifts most rare At that man - ger rude and bare; So may we with



1. hailed its light Lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright, So, most glo - rious Lord, may we
2. knee be - fore Him whom heav'n and earth a - dore; So may we with will - ing feet
3. ho - ly joy, Pure and free from sin's al - loy, All our cost - liest treas - ures bring,



1. Ev - er-more be led to thee.
2. Ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
3. Christ, to thee, our heav'n -ly King.

Text: William C. Dix. Melody: DIX, 7.7.7.7.7.7; Conrad Kocher.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 4, 2026

WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC CHURCH
Please help maintain a reverent silence before and after the Liturgy.



Cf. Mal 3: 1; 1 Chron 29: 12


ENTRANCE CHANT

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


✠. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, / and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, / world without end. Amen.
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OPENING HYMN

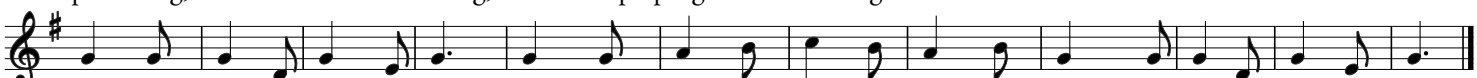
We Three Kings of Orient Are



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; Bear - ing gifts we trav - erse a - far, Field and
2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain Gold I bring to crown him a - gain, King for
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; In - cense owns a De - i - ty nigh; Prayer and



1. foun - tain, moor and moun - tain, Fol - low - ing yon - der star.
2. ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er O - ver us all to reign. O star of won - der, star of night,
3. prais - ing, voic - es rais - ing, Wor - ship - ping God on high.



Star with roy - al beau - ty bright, West - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to thy per - fect light.

Melody: KINGS OF ORIENT, 8.8.8.6 with refrain. Text and Melody: John H. Hopkins, Jr.

KYRIE

Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.
Christe, eléison. Christe, eléison.
Kýrie, eléison. Kýrie, eléison.

GLORIA

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.
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. 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

O God, who on this day / revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations / by the guidance of a star, / grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, / may be brought to behold the

beauty of your sublime glory. / Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, / who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, / God, for ever and ever.

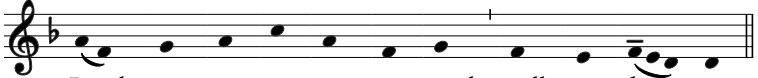
LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Is 60: 1-6

RESPONSORIAL PSALM




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

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SECOND READING

Now it has been revealed that the Gentiles are coheirs of the promise.

ALLELUIA



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

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

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GOSPEL

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

HOMILY

CREED

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

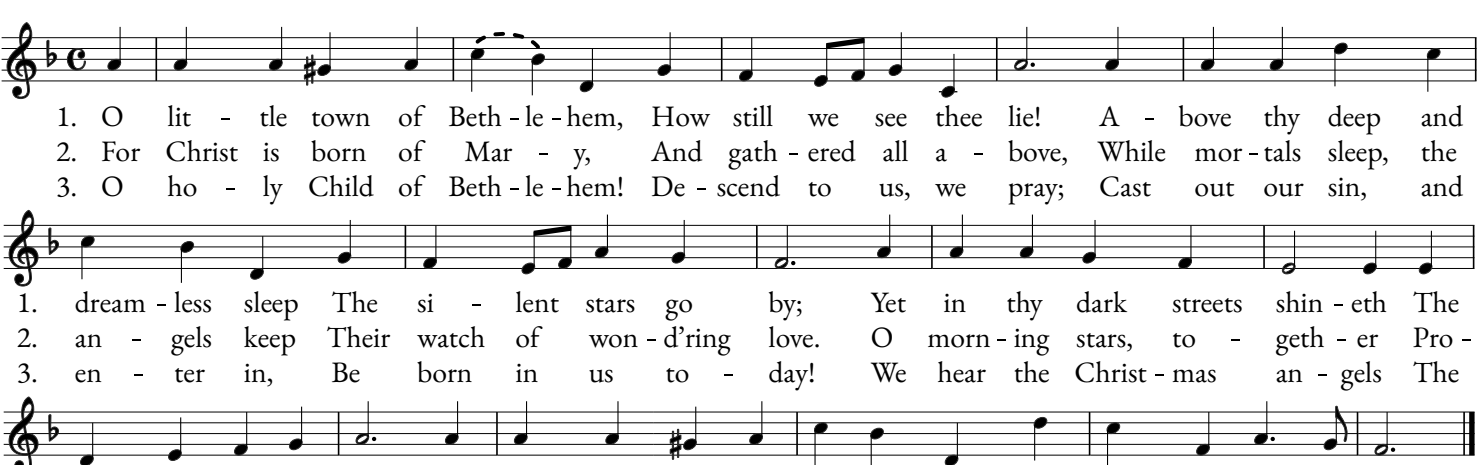
accordance with the Scriptures. / He ascended into heaven / and is seated at the right hand of the Father. / He will come again in glory / to judge the living and the dead / and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, / who proceeds from the Father and 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.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

℟. Lord, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee lie! A - bove thy deep and
2. For Christ is born of Mar - y, And gath - ered all a - bove, While mor - tals sleep, the
3. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem! De - scend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin, and
1. dream - less sleep The si - lent stars go by; Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The
2. an - gels keep Their watch of won - d'ring love. O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er Pro -
3. en - ter in, Be born in us to - day! We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The
1. ev - er - last - ing Light; The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night!
2. claim the ho - ly birth, And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth!
3. great glad tid - ings tell; O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord, Em - ma - nu - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks. Melody: ST. LOUIS, 8.6.8.6.7.6.8.6; Lewis H. Redner.

Cf. Ps 72 (71): 11 · I

Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2: 2 · VII

Mt 2: 1-12

O Little Town of Bethlehem

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look with favor, Lord, we pray, / on these gifts of your Church, / in which are offered now not gold or frankincense or myrrh, / but he who by them is proclaimed, / sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ. / Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. / Heaven and earth are full of your glory. / Hosanna in the highest. / Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. / Hosanna in the highest.

MYSTERY OF FAITH

Save us, Savior of the world, / for by your Cross and Resurrection / you have set us free.

DOXOLOGY AND AMEN

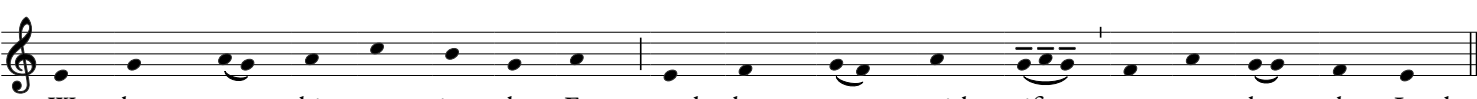
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

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 CHANT

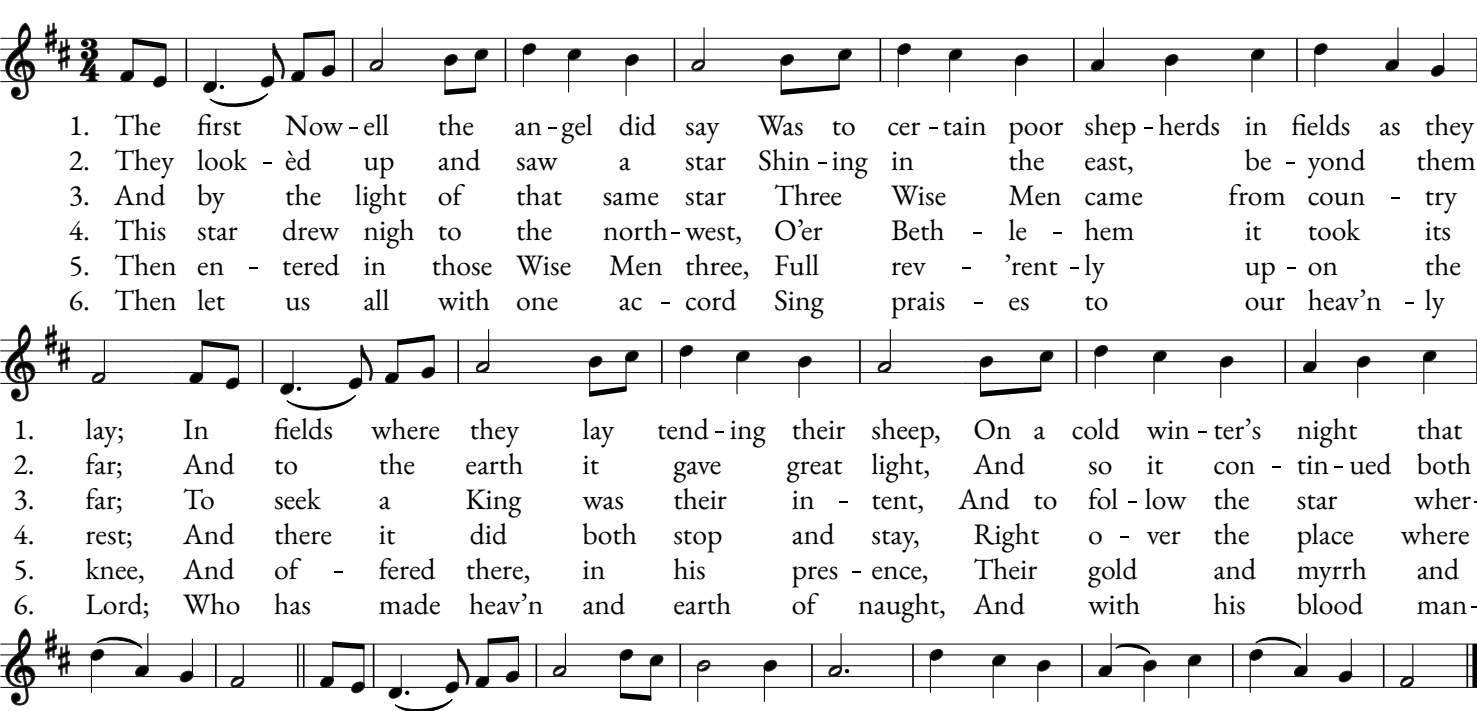


We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to a - dore the Lord.

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Cf. Mt 2: 2 · IV

COMMUNION HYMN



1. The first Now - ell the an - gel did say Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they
2. They look - èd up and saw a star Shin - ing in the east, be - yond them
3. And by the light of that same star Three Wise Men came from coun - try
4. This star drew nigh to the north - west, O'er Beth - le - hem it took its
5. Then en - tered in those Wise Men three, Full rev - 'rent - ly up - on the
6. Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing prais - es to our heav'n - ly
1. lay; In fields where they lay tend - ing their sheep, On a cold win - ter's night that
2. far; And to the earth it gave great light, And so it con - tin - ued both
3. far; To seek a King was their in - tent, And to fol - low the star wher -
4. rest; And there it did both stop and stay, Right o - ver the place where
5. knee, And of - fered there, in his pres - ence, Their gold and myrrh and
6. Lord; Who has made heav'n and earth of naught, And with his blood man -
1. was so deep.
2. day and night.
3. e'er it went. Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Born is the King of Is - ra - el.
4. Je - sus lay.
5. frank - in - cense.
6. kind has bought.

Text: 18th c. English. Melody: THE FIRST NOWELL, Irregular; Trad. English.