

## OPENING 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.

Reading I

Is 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Reading II

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

Alleluia

Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia

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

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia



EPIPHANY

Gospel

Mt 2:1-12

**SONG DURING THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS**

**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.

**Mystery of Faith:**

We proclaim your death O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.

**COMMUNION SONG:****O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM**

ST. LOUIS



1. O lit - tle town of Beth-le-hem, How still we see thee lie!  
2. For Christ is born of Ma - ry, And gath - ered all a - bove,  
3. How si - lent-ly, how si - lent-ly, The won-drous gift is giv'n!  
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth-le-hem! De - scend to us, we pray;



1. A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep The si - lent stars go by;  
2. While mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their watch of won-dring love.  
3. So God im-parts to hu - man hearts The bless-ings of his heav'n.  
4. Cast out our sin and en - ter in; Be born in us to - day.



1. Yet in thy dark streets shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light:  
2. O morn-ing stars, to - geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth!  
3. No ear may hear his com - ing, But in this world of sin,  
4. We hear the Christ-mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;



1. The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.  
2. And prais - es sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.  
3. Where meek souls will re - ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.  
4. O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em-man - u - ell!

Text: 86 86 76 86; Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893. Music: Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908.

## CLOSING SONG

## THE FIRST NOWELL

THE FIRST NOWELL

Verbs

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.