

**Gentle reminder:** When the lights have been lowered, please use this time for silent reflection. *The 5:30 pm Vigil and 8:15 am Sunday Masses are livestreamed.*

# Welcome to the Church of the Ascension

## EPIPHANY

**January 4, 2026**



### **We Three Kings**

We three kings of Orient are; Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain, Moor and mountain, Following yonder  
star. O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty  
bright; Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy  
perfect light.

Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;  
“Alleluia, Alleluia!” Sounds through the earth and skies. O star  
of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright;  
Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect  
light.

Txt: 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.

## Glory to God

Glory, glory to God in the Highest. Glory, glory  
to God in the Highest and on earth peace  
to people of good will.

1. 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.
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!

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

### *Isaiah 60: 1 – 6*

Darkness covers the earth, and heavy clouds hang over the people. But the light has come, and the glory of the Lord shines bright.

### Psalm 72/ Every Nation On Earth

Aaron Thompson

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

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

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

## SECOND READING

***Ephesians 3: 2 - 3a, 5 – 6***

In Christ Jesus, Gentiles and Jews are co-heirs and co-sharers in the saving promise.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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***Matthew 2: 1 – 12***

The magi from the east followed the star until it stopped still over the house. They entered, found the child with Mary, prostrated themselves, and did him homage.

## HOMILY

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

## NICENE 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 (***\*A SLIGHT BOW\****) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. (***\*PLEASE RISE\****)

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 PRAYERS**

### **JUBILEE PRAYER**

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within, both humanity and the whole cosmos, in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when with the powers of evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever.

**Clergy:** *We ask this through Christ our Lord* **All:** Amen.

# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## 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.

Text: 77 77 77; William C. Dix, 1837–1898.

Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872; adapt. by William H. Monk, 1823–1889.

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Steve Angrisano, Sarah Hart, and Curtis Stephan

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

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## COMMUNION SONGS

### The First Nowell

The first Nowell, the angel did say, was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay; In fields where they lay keeping their sheep, on a cold winter's night that was so deep. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

And by the light of that same star three wise men came from country far; to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

This star drew nigh to the northwest, O'er Bethlehem it took its rest, and there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

Then entered in those wise men three, fell rev'rently upon the knee, and offered there, in his presence, their gold and myrrh and frankincense. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heav'nly Lord; who with the Father we adore and Spirit blest for evermore. Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, born is the King of Israel.

Text: Irregular with refrain; trad. English carol, 17th cent.; verse 6, alt. Music: Trad. English carol, 17th cent.



## SENDING FORTH

### Angels We Have Heard on High

Angels we have heard on high Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply Echo back their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains  
prolong? Say what may the tidings be Which inspire your  
heav'nly song? Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Text: 77 77 with refrain; trad. French carol, ca. 18th cent.; tr. fr. Crown of Jesus Music, II, London, 1862; tr. by James Chadwick, 1813–1882, and others, alt. Music: Trad. French carol; arr. © 2013, Spirit & Song®, a division of OCP. All rights reserved.

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