

The Epiphany of the Lord

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OPENING HYMN: #117 (MI)

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.

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GLORIA (Sing Heritage Mass)

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.**

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. Amen

FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

PSALM 72: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, ALL YEARS



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- 1.) O God, with your judgement endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgement. **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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA NO. VII



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

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

HOMILY

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.*

PETITIONS



~ HOLY FAMILY PRAYER ~

O Lord Jesus,
you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth.
There you grew in age, wisdom and grace
as you prepared to fulfill your mission
as our Redeemer.
We entrust our family to you.

O Blessed Mary,
you are the Mother of our Savior.
At Nazareth you cared for Jesus
and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home.
We entrust our family to you.

O Saint Joseph,
you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary,
and gave us a model of fatherhood
while showing us the dignity of work.
We entrust our family to you.

Holy Family,
we consecrate ourselves and our family to you.
May we be completely united
in a love that is lasting, faithful
and open to the gift of new life.
Help us to grow in virtue,
to forgive one another from our hearts,
and to live in peace all our days.
Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer,
diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need.
May our home, O Holy Family,
truly become a domestic church
where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!



Mass setting: *Mass of Creation* #865 (MI)

Mem. Acclam: "When we eat this Bread..."

OFFERTORY HYMN: #113 (Music Issue)

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.

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ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the
most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and
I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You Sacramentally, come at least into my
heart. I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself
wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. *Amen.*



COMMUNION HYMN: #115 (Music Issue)

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.

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PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;

And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world, seeking the ruin of souls. *Amen.*



HAIL, HOLY QUEEN

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope!
To Thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to Thee do we send up
our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn, then, most
gracious advocate, Thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

R/. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

St. Joseph, the Worker, **pray for us.**

Blessed Fr. Solanus Casey, **pray for us.**



CLOSING HYMN: #114 (Music Issue)

ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

REGENT SQUARE



1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, Wing your flight o'er
2. Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, Watch - ing o'er your
3. Sag - es, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, Bright - er vi - sions
4. Though an in - fant now we view him, He shall fill his
5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther,



1. all the earth; Ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry,
2. flocks by night, God on earth is now re - sid - ing;
3. beam a - far; Seek the great De - sire of Na - tions,
4. Fa - ther's throne, Gath - er all the na - tions to him;
5. Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing,



1. Now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 2. Yon - der shines the in - fant light:
 3. Ye have seen his na - tal star:
 4. Ev - 'ry knee shall then bow down:
 5. To the e - ter - nal Three - in - One:
- } Come and wor - ship,



1-5. come and wor - ship, Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

Text: 87 87 87; verses 1-3, James Montgomery, 1771-1854; verse 4, *Christmas Box*, 1825;
verse 5, *Salisbury Hymn Book*, 1857. Music: Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879.

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