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**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
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**Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

*Psalm 72*

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*Prelude Song* (verses 1-3)

## 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.

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES (GATHERING)

### Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Malachi 3:1; 1 Chronicles 29:12

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

### Entrance Hymn (verses 1 and 3) (Please stand.)

## 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: } Come and wor-ship,
4. Ev - 'ry knee shall then bow down:
5. To the e - ter - nal Three - in - One:



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.

## Greeting

**Priest:** *In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

(All make the Sign of the Cross.) **Amen.**

**Priest:** *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...be with you all. And with your spirit.*

## Penitential Act

**Priest/Deacon:** *Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.*

**Priest/Deacon:** *Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.*

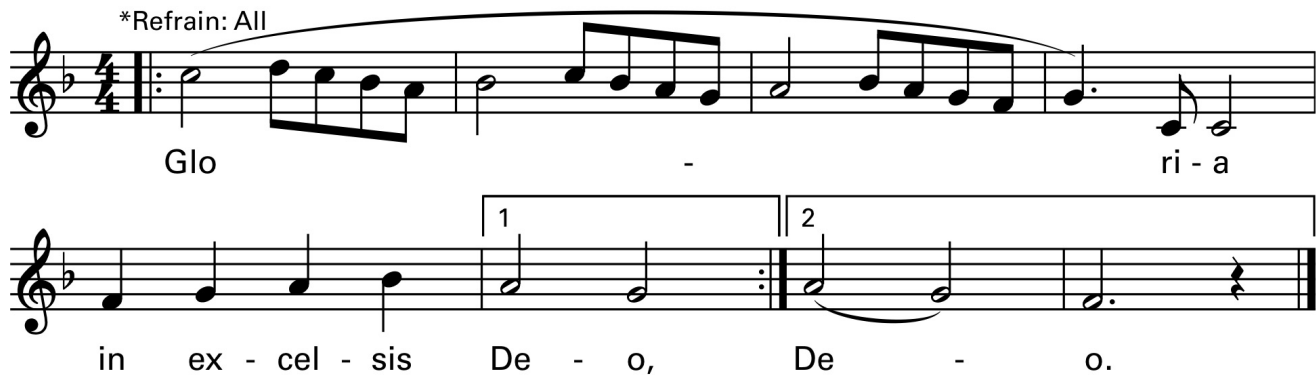
**Priest/Deacon:** *Lord have mercy. Lord have mercy.*

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

## Gloria

### A CHRISTMAS GLORIA

GLORIA



Music: Trad. French carol; verses arr. by Paul Gibson.

\*Verses available in accompaniment books.

**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

(After the Priest says the Collect, all respond.) **Amen.** (Please be seated.)

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

*A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah*

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.  
See, darkness covers the earth,  
and thick clouds cover the peoples;  
but upon you the LORD shines,  
and over you appears his glory.  
Nations shall walk by your light,  
and kings by your shining radiance.  
Raise your eyes and look about;  
they all gather and come to you:  
your sons come from afar,  
and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.  
Then you shall be radiant at what you see,  
your heart shall throb and overflow,  
for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you,  
the wealth of nations shall be brought to you.  
Caravans of camels shall fill you,  
dromedaries from Midian and Ephah;  
all from Sheba shall come  
bearing gold and frankincense,  
and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

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

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13, R. see v.11



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

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O God, with your judgment endow the king,  
and with your justice, the king's son;  
He shall govern your people with justice  
and your afflicted ones with judgment.  
**R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**  
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. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

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. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

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. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.**

### Second Reading

**Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6**

*A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians*

Brothers and sisters:

You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace  
that was given to me for your benefit,  
namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation.  
It was not made known to people in other generations  
as it has now been revealed  
to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:  
that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body,  
and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

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

### Gospel Acclamation and Verse

**Matthew 2:2**

(Please stand.)



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

## Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

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

*The reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,  
in the days of King Herod,  
behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,  
“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?  
We saw his star at its rising  
and have come to do him homage.”  
When King Herod heard this,  
he was greatly troubled,  
and all Jerusalem with him.  
Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people,  
He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.  
They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea,  
for thus it has been written through the prophet:  
*And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
since from you shall come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.*”  
Then Herod called the magi secretly  
and ascertained from them the time of the star’s appearance.  
He sent them to Bethlehem and said,  
“Go and search diligently for the child.  
When you have found him, bring me word,  
that I too may go and do him homage.”  
After their audience with the king they set out.  
And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them,  
until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.  
They were overjoyed at seeing the star,  
and on entering the house  
they saw the child with Mary his mother.  
They prostrated themselves and did him homage.  
Then they opened their treasures  
and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.  
And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod,  
they departed for their country by another way.

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

**Epiphany Proclamation** (Please remain standing.)

**Homily** (Please be seated.)

### *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,**

*(At the words that follow, up to and including "and became man," 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.**

### *Universal Prayer (Prayers of the Faithful)*



## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Hymn for Presentation of the Gifts and Preparation of the Altar (verses 1-3)

(Please be seated.)

#### 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.

### Presentation of the Gifts and Preparation of the Altar

**Priest:** ...that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father,"

(Please stand.) **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.**

### Prayer over the Offerings

**Amen**

## Preface

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

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

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

## Holy

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

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

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(Please kneel.)

## Prayer

### Mystery of Faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -

claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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## Prayer

## Amen



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(Please stand.)

## Our Father

**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.**

**Priest:** *Deliver us, Lord ... the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ.*

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.**

**Priest:** *Lord Jesus Christ ... Who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen*

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

## Sign of Peace

### Lamb of God

Musical notation for the Lamb of God. It is written on a single staff in G major (one flat) and 3/4 time. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final half note and a double bar line. The lyrics "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the" are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. Above the staff, the words "Cantor:" and "Assembly:" are written. Below the staff, the words "world, have mer - cy on us." are written. Above the staff, the words "To repeat" are written. Below the staff, the words "world, grant us peace." are written. Above the staff, the words "Last time" are written.

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(Please kneel.)

## Communion

**Priest:** *Behold the Lamb of God ... 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.**

## Act of Spiritual Communion

**I wish my Lord to receive You with the purity, humility, and devotion with which Your most Holy Mother received You, with the spirit and fervor of the Saints. Amen.**

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

Communion Hymns (verses 1 and 3, alternating between *Child of the Poor* and *What Child is This*)

## CHILD OF THE POOR

Scott Soper

Verses



1. Help-less and hun-gry, low-ly he lies, wrapped in the
2. Who is the strang-er here in our midst, look-ing for
3. Bring all the thirst-y, all who seek peace; bring those with



1. chill of mid-win-ter; comes now a-mong us, born in-to
2. shel-ter a-mong us? Who is the out-cast? Who do we
3. noth-ing to of-fer. Strength-en the fee-ble, say to the



1. pov-er-ty's em-brace, new life for the world.
2. see a-mid the poor, the chil-dren of God?
3. fright-ened heart: "Fear not: here is your God!"

Refrain



Who is this who lives with the low-ly, shar-ing their sor-rows,



know-ing their hun-ger? This is Christ, re-vealed to the



world in the eyes of a child, a child of the poor.

This song may be combined with "What Child Is This." Use instructions in accompaniment books.  
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# 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.

## Prayer after Communion

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

### Announcements

### Greeting and Blessing

(Please stand.)

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

**Priest:** *May almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen*

### Dismissal

**Deacon/Priest:** *Go in peace. Thanks be to God.*

### Recessional Hymn (verses 1 and 4)

## GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

GO TELL IT



1. While shep-herds kept their watch-ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,
2. The shep-herds feared and trem-bled When high a - bove the earth
3. And lo, when they had heard it, They all bowed down and prayed;
4. Down in a low - ly man - ger The hum - ble Christ was born,



1. Be - hold, through-out the heav-ens There shone a ho - ly light.
2. Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
3. They trav - eled on to - geth - er To where the Babe was laid.
4. And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: 76 76 with refrain; fr. *American Negro Songs and Spirituals*, 1940; John W. Work, Jr., 1872–1925, alt.  
Music: Spiritual.