

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 2, 2022

### **GATHERING SONG:**            *The First Nowell*

1. 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. Nowell...
2. 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...
3. 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...
4. 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...
5. Then entered in those wise men three, full rev'rently upon the knee,  
And offered there, in his presence, their gold and myrrh and frankincense. Nowell...
6. 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...

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

### **GLORIA:**            *Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

### **LITURGY OF THE WORD** Readings [HERE](#)

**Responsorial Psalm 72:** Ev'ry nation on earth will adore you, Lord!

**Prayer of the Faithful:** *You may un-mute and share your prayers.*

### **Prayer of Pope Francis**

O Mary, you shine always on our way as a sign of our safety and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the foot of the cross  
bound yourself to the suffering of Jesus, keeping strong in your faith.  
O Advocate for All People, you know what we need  
and we are sure that you will provide it for us, just as at Cana of Galilee  
the joy and feasting could return after that moment of trial.  
Mother of Divine Love, help us to conform ourselves to the will of the Father  
and to do what Jesus tells us, He who took upon Himself our sufferings  
and is marked by our sorrows and so leads us, toward the Cross,  
to the Joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

## **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **My Sunday Offering to God**



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### **Preparation of the Gifts**

### ***We Three Kings***

1. 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.
2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, Ceasing never over us all to reign.
3. Frankincense to offer have I: incense owns a Deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising Gladly raising, worship him, God on high.
4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
Sorrowing, sighing, Bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

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.

### **Spiritual Communion Prayer**

Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there

and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

**Communion Song:**

***What Child Is This***

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

*Refrain*

This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

2. Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come peasant, king, to own him;  
The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him.

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.

**Sending Forth Song:**

***Joy to the World!***

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room, and heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns: let us, our songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,  
And wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Text: Psalm 98; Isaac Watts, 1674-1748