



# Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord (observed)

JANUARY 7, 2024

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## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

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### Proclamation

“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...

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...


Then entered in those wise men three,  
Full rev'rently upon their knee,  
And offered there in his presence  
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense. Nowell...

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,  
Who made the heavens and earth of naught,  
And with his blood our life has bought. Nowell...

## Sign of the Cross & Greeting

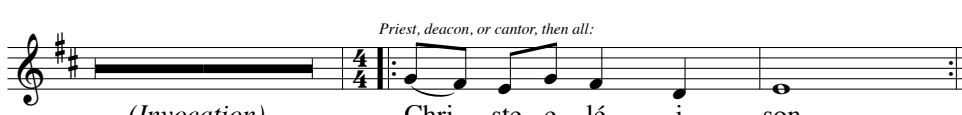
### Penitential Act

*Priest, deacon, or cantor, then all:*




(Invocation) Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.

*Priest, deacon, or cantor, then all:*



(Invocation) Chri - ste, e - lé - i - son.

*Priest, deacon, or cantor, then all:*




(Invocation) Ký - ri - e, e - lé - i - son.

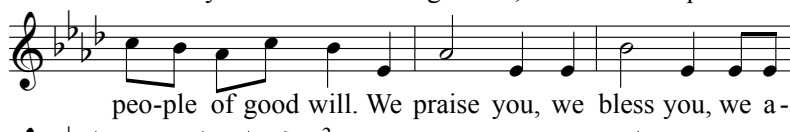
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### Glory to God


*All:*



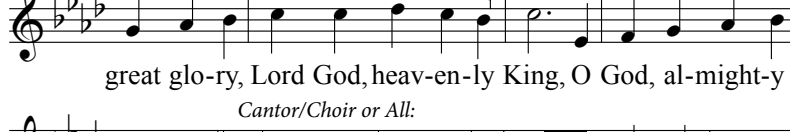
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to



peo-ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-




dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your



great glo-ry, Lord God, heav-en-ly King, O God, al-might-y

*Cantor/Choir or All:*



Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son,

The music is continued on the following page.

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a -  
 way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us; you  
 take a - way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer;  
 you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have  
*All:*  
 mer - cy on us. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,  
 you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most- High,  
 Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of  
 God the Fa-ther. A - men, a - men, a - men.

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## Collect

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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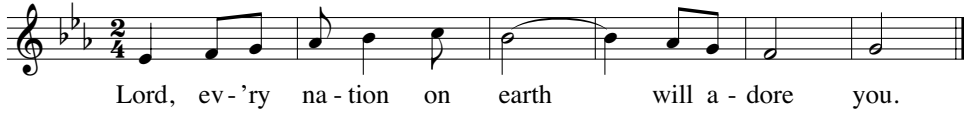
### First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 72



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### Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Now it has been revealed that the Gentiles are coheirs of the promise.

### Gospel Acclamation

Mass for John Carroll



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### Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

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

### Homily

Rev. R.J. Fichtinger, S.J.

## Profession of Faith

## The 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,

**(Bow during the following two lines.)**

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

**R/.** Lord, hear our prayer.

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## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Preparation of the Gifts

4:30 p.m. & 8 a.m., "What Star Is This"



1. What star is this with beams so bright, More love - ly
2. 'Tis now ful - filled what God de - creed, "From Ja - cob
3. O Je - sus, while the star of grace Im - pels us
4. To God Cre - a - tor, heav'n - ly light, To Christ, re -



than the noon - day light? 'Tis sent to an - nounce a  
 shall a star pro - ceed"; And lo! the east - ern  
 on to seek your face, Let not our sloth - ful  
 vealed in earth - ly night, To God the Spir - it



new - born king, Glad tid - ings of our God to bring.  
 sag - es stand, To read in heav'n the Lord's com - mand.  
 hearts re - fuse The guid - ance of your light to use.  
 blest we raise An end - less song of thank - ful praise!

Text: *Quem stella sole pulchrior*, Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. by John Chandler, 1806–1876, alt.  
 Tune: PUER NOBIS, LM; adapt. by Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

10:30 a.m., "Jesus Christ the apple tree"  
Words from "Divine Hymns or Spiritual Songs"  
compiled by Joshua Smith (New Hampshire, 1784)  
Music by Elizabeth Poston (1905-1987)

The tree of life my soul hath seen,  
Laden with fruit and always green:  
The trees of nature fruitless be  
Compared with Christ the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:  
By faith I know, but ne'er can tell,  
The glory which I now can see  
In Jesus Christ the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,  
And pleasure dearly I have bought:  
I missed of all; but now I see  
'Tis found in Christ the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,  
Here I will sit and rest awhile:  
Under the shadow I will be,  
Of Jesus Christ the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,  
It keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be  
With Jesus Christ the apple tree.

## Holy, Holy, Holy

## A Community Mass

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and common time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a quarter rest. The second staff has a half note 'Ho' at the end. The third staff ends with a quarter rest. The fourth staff ends with a half note 'Ho'. The fifth staff ends with a quarter note and a quarter rest.

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## Memorial Acclamation


When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-  
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

The musical score is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and common time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a half note 'pro-'. The second staff ends with a quarter note and a quarter rest.

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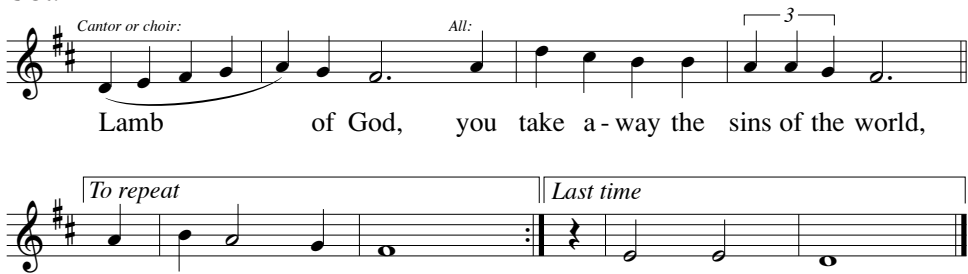
Great Amen



A - men, a - men, a - men.

Music: *A Community Mass*, Richard Proulx (adapt.), © 1971, 2011, GIA Publications, Inc.

Lamb of God



*Cantor or choir:* Lamb of God, *All:* you take a - way the sins of the world, *To repeat* have mer-cy on us. *Last time* grant us peace.

Music: *Holy Cross Mass*, David Clark Isele, © 1979, GIA Publications, Inc.

Communion Antiphon

We have seen his star in the East,  
and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.  
Cf. Matthew 2:2

# Communion Song

"We Three Kings of Orient Are"



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; Bear - ing  
 2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold I  
 3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; In - cense  
 4. Myrrh is mine: its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a  
 5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



gifts, we trav - erse a - far Field and foun - tain,  
 bring to crown him a - gain; King for - ev - er,  
 owns a De - i - ty nigh; Prayer and prais - ing,  
 life of gath - er - ing gloom; Sor - rowing, sigh - ing,  
 God and Sac - ri - fice; "Al - le - lu - ia,



Moor and moun - tain, Fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
 Ceas - ing nev - er, O - ver us all to reign.  
 Glad - ly rais - ing, Wor - ship - ing God on high.  
 Bleed - ing, dy - ing, Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Sounds through the earth and skies.



O star of won - der, star of night, Star with



roy - al beau - ty bright, West - ward lead - ing,



still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to the per - fect Light.

Text: Matthew 2:1-11; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891, alt.  
 Tune: KINGS OF ORIENT, 88 44 6 with refrain; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891

## **Reflection**

“Bogoroditse Devo” from “All-Night Vigil” Op. 37  
by Sergei Rachmaninov, 1915

Rejoice, O Virgin Mother of God,  
Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee:  
blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,  
for thou hast borne the Saviour of our souls.

## **Prayer after Communion**

————— THE CONCLUDING RITES —————

## **Blessing & Dismissal**

## **Recessional**

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”  
The music may be found on the following page.



1. Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to  
 2. Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph - et, Priest, and  
 3. Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole Weak - ened bo - dy,  
 4. Grant us grace to see you, Lord, Mir - rored in your



you we raise, Man - i - fest - ed by the star  
 King su - preme; And at Ca - na, wed - ding guest,  
 faint - ing soul; Man - i - fest in val - iant fight,  
 ho - ly word; May we im - i - tate you now,



To the sag - es from a - far; Branch of roy - al  
 In your God - head man - i - fest; Man - i - fest in  
 Quell - ing all the dev - il's might; Man - i - fest in  
 And on us your grace en - dow; That we like to



Da - vid's stem In your birth at Beth - le - hem;  
 pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
 gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
 you may be At your great e - piph - a - ny;



An - thems be to you ad - drest, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
 An - thems be to you ad - drest, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
 An - thems be to you ad - drest, God in flesh made man - i - fest.  
 And may praise you ev - er blest, God in flesh made man - i - fest.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807–1885

Tune: SALZBURG, 77 77 D; Jakob Hintze, 1622–1702, alt.; harm. by J. S. Bach, 1685–1750









## News & Announcements

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### **An Ecumenical Dialogue during a Time of War**

JANUARY 12, 7 PM, ST. IGNATIUS HALL

Rev. John Paul, SJ is a member of the Midwest Province of the Society of Jesus who currently serves as the Rector of the Tantur Ecumenical Institute in Jerusalem. This mission was entrusted to the University of Notre Dame by Pope Paul VI, and strives to welcome Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox participants to encounter the sacredness of the Holy Land and to live and study in Tantur's rich ecumenical environment. Fr. Paul, SJ, will talk about his experience of encounter, learning, prayer, and hospitality amidst the immense geo-political complexity of this part of the world. Visit [www.morecommunity.org/tantur](http://www.morecommunity.org/tantur) to register.

### **Groundings–Wading in the Waters of Belovedness**

JANUARY 16, 1 – 3 PM, ST. IGNATIUS HALL

Groundings is a monthly lecture series offered by Sacred Ground in collaboration with Loyola Spirituality Center and the Ignatian Spirituality Center at Saint Thomas More. They look forward to welcoming Osheta Moore—a trained spiritual director and appointed Moravian pastor—this January. Race is one of the hardest topics to discuss in America. Many Christians avoid talking about it altogether. In “Wade in the Water of Belovedness” Osheta will help explore the intersection of contemplation and activism through the lyrics of a cherished Negro Spiritual. You will find a link to register in our newsletter.

### **Collection for Second Stork**

JANUARY 3 – 31

Our parish is collecting baby items for Second Stork, a local organization that provides essential newborn items to new parents in need. A list of items in need can be found on our website and on the posters in the gathering space. You may drop your items in the collection box in the gathering space. Thank you for your generosity!



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