



Saints Faith, Hope & Charity Parish
The Epiphany of the Lord
January 2, 2022

OPENING HYMN *Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly*

We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts, we traverse afar
Field and fountain,
Moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising,
Gladly raising,
Worshipping God on high.

O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to the perfect Light.

Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing,
Bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stonecold tomb.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown him again;
King forever,
Ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

Text: Matthew 2:1-11; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891, alt.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

GLORIA

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Is 60:1-6*

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.

FIRST READING (Cont.) *Is 60:1-6*

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13*

Refrain: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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.

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.

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.

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.

SECOND READING Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL *Mt 2:1-12*

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.*"

GOSPEL (Cont.) *Mt 2:1-12*

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.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

OFFERTORY HYMN *Epiphany Carol*

Ev'ry nation sees the glory
Of a star that pierced the night.
As we tell the wondrous story
We are bathed in radiant light.
Star sent forth from highest heaven,
Dancing light of God's design,
Shine upon the gift that's given:
Word made flesh now born in time.

Ev'ry tongue shall sing the praises
Of his birth in deepest night.
He is healing for the ages;
He is Christ, our God's delight.
He proclaims within his being
All our hopes, our great desires.
He shall die to rise, redeeming
All who follow with their lives.

OFFERTORY HYMN (Cont.) *Epiphany Carol*

Once again may we discover
Word made flesh sent from above.
In our neighbor, sister, brother,
In the lonely and unloved.
May we touch him, may we hold him,
May we cradle him with care
As we learn to love each other,
Bringing hope from out despair.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - THE LORD'S PRAYER - SIGN OF PEACE - LAMB OF GOD - COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN *What Child Is This?*

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?

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

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: William C. Dix, 1827-1898

CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

CLOSING HYMN *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.

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.

Text: English Carol, 17th C

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