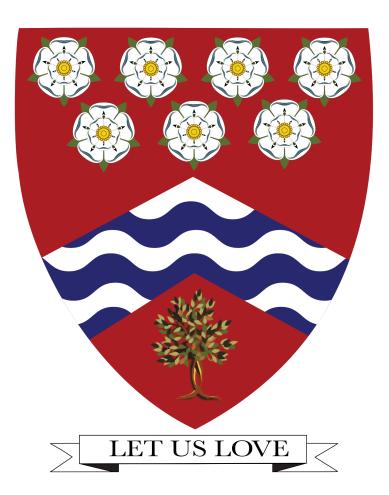
# **Church of the Little Flower** Berkeley Heights, NJ



# Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord January 4-5, 2025

#### **Entrance Hymn**

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

MENDELSSOHN



Text: 77 77 D with refrain; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; adapt. by William H. Cummings, 1831–1915.

CANTOR VERSION

#### MASS OF SAINT ANN

Gloria (Through-Composed)

Ed Bolduc





### First Reading Isaiah 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.

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**

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (20) Response: (Organ/SATB) **Optional Descant** Ş 2 P P P . a - dore will you. Lord, all the earth С Dm С Fmaj7 Dm7 G [G] 6 R tion earth will a - dore you. Lord, ev - 'ry na on 0 0 0

Verses: (Cantor or SATB)

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1. O God, with your judgment en - He shall govern your	dow the people with	king, justice
2. Justice shall May he rule from	flower in his sea to	days, sea,
3. The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall All kings shall	offer pay him	gifts; homage,
4. For he shall rescue the poor when He shall have pity for the	he cries lowly and the	out, poor;
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1. And with your justice, the	king's	son;
And your afflicted	ones with	judgment.
2. And profound peace, till the And from the River to the	moon be no ends of the	more. earth.
3. The kings of Arabia and Seba	shall bring	tribute.
All	nations shall	serve him.
4. And the afflicted when he has	no one to	help him.
The lives of the	poor he shall	save.

### Second Reading Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters:

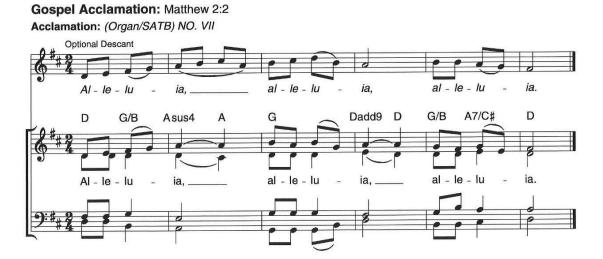
You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation.

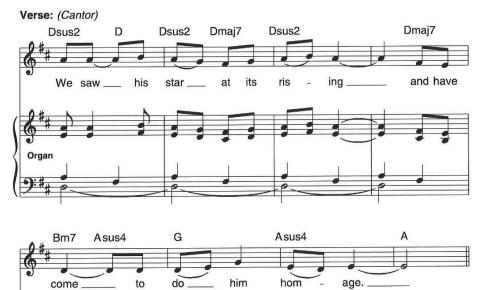
It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

# **Gospel Acclamation**

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, cont. (2)







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## <u>Gospel</u> Matthew 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."

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.

#### 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,

#### 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.

#### **Preparation of the Gifts**

#### WE THREE KINGS

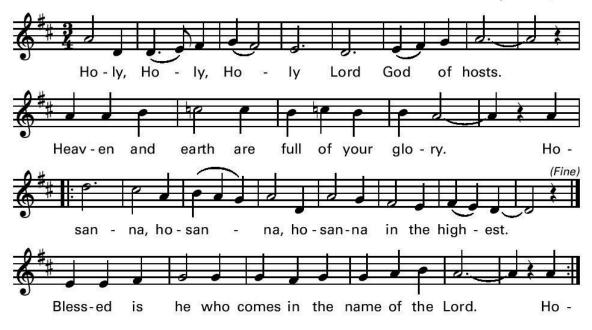
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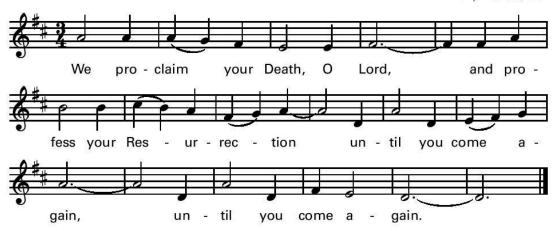
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AMEN

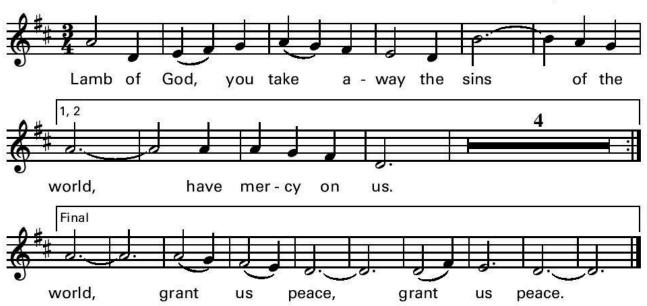
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#### **Communion**

THE FIRST NOWELL

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Verses did well, 1. The first No the an - gel say, star 2. They look ed up and saw\_ a of same star 3. And by the light that \_\_\_\_\_ north - west, 4. This star drew nigh to the\_ men three, 5. Then en tered in those wise \_\_\_ ac - cord 6. Then let us all with one \_\_\_ shep-herds in lay; 1. Was to fields as they poor cer - tain them far; the be yond \_ 2. Shin-ing in east, \_\_\_ far; from try 3. Three \_\_\_\_ wise \_ men came \_\_\_\_ coun its rest, Beth le - hem \_\_\_\_\_ it took\_ 4. O'er \_\_\_\_ the knee, 'rent - ly\_ up on\_ 5. Full \_\_\_\_\_ rev our heav 'nly Lord; 6. Sing \_\_\_\_ prais es to. -keep - ing their sheep, 1. In fields where \_ they lay gave \_\_\_\_ great light, 2. And to the \_\_\_\_ earth it in - tent, 3. То seek for a king was their \_\_\_\_ did both and stay, 4. And there it\_ stop \_\_\_\_ pres - ence, 5. And of fered \_\_\_ there, in his\_ Fa a - dore 6. Who with the \_\_\_\_ ther we\_ deep. night \_\_\_\_ that 1. On a cold win-ter's was \_ so night. con - tin - ued both day \_\_\_\_ and 2. And \_\_\_\_ SO it went. 3. And to the wher - ev er it fol - low star \_\_\_\_\_ Je sus lay. 4. Right \_ o - ver the place \_\_\_\_ where in - cense. and frank and myrrh \_\_\_\_ 5. Their \_ gold\_ er - more. it for 6. And \_\_\_\_ Spir blest \_\_\_\_ ev Refrain well, No - well, well, No No No well, of Is el. Born is the King ra .... -

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



Text: 77 77 with refrain; trad. French Carol, ca. 18th cent.; tr. fr. Crown of Jesus Music, II, London, 1862; English tr. by James Chadwick, 1813–1882; Spanish tr., anon. Music: trad. French Carol.

# **Spiritual Communion Prayer**

My 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.0 Amen.



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#### **Recessional**

# JOY TO THE WORLD

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Text: CM with repeats; based on Psalm 98; Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Music: T. Hawkes' Collection of Tunes, 1833; George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759.

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