

# CHURCH OF THE *A*SSUMPTION

## ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR *The Epiphany of the Lord*

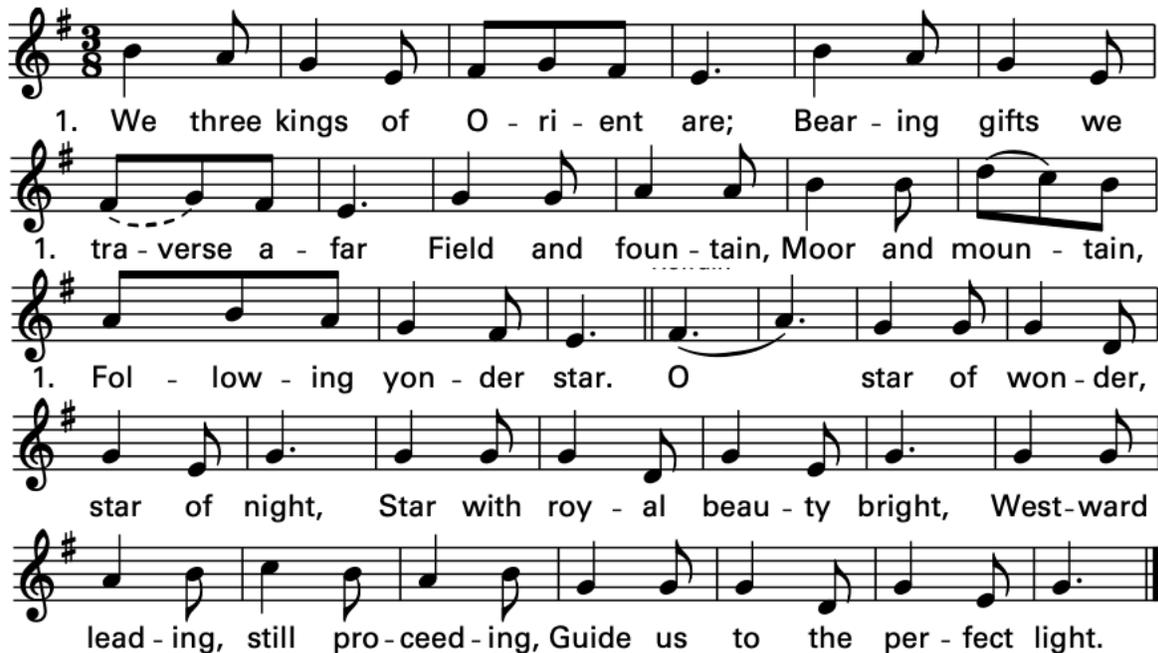
January 2, 2021

\*If you are worshipping with us from home, you are invited to sing the hymns. If you are with us at church, please refrain from singing out loud for everyone's safety.

### *The Introductory Rites*

#### OPENING HYMN

*We Three Kings*



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; Bear - ing gifts we  
1. tra - verse a - far Field and foun - tain, Moor and moun - tain,  
1. Fol - low - ing yon - der star. 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 and Music by John H. Hopkins, Jr. Tune: KINGS OF ORIENT

#### GLORIA FOR CHRISTMAS

*Angels We Have Heard On High*  
GLORIA

# *The Liturgy of the Word*

## 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.

## PSALM

Psalm 72  
Perry

## SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:2-3a, 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

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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.

## HOMILY

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

*The Liturgy of the Eucharist*

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

*What Child Is This? (Verse 3)*



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



1. shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
2. si - lent Word is plead ing. This, this is Christ the  
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.

Text Bramley and Stainer's *Christmas Carols New and Old*, Tune: GREENSLEEVES

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for those worshipping with us at home)

**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.  
Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

## *The Concluding Rites*

DISMISSAL

RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

*The Holy Boy*  
John Ireland

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