



## Epiphany

January 4, 2026



## Welcome All!

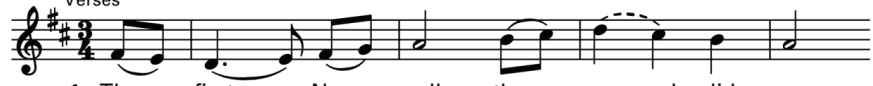
**Our Mass begins with a welcome to all, online and in person, by one of our Members.**  
**For our Virtual Guests and Members:** We encourage you to have bread and wine for communion wherever you are!

### THE FIRST NOWELL


THE FIRST NOWELL

## Opening Song

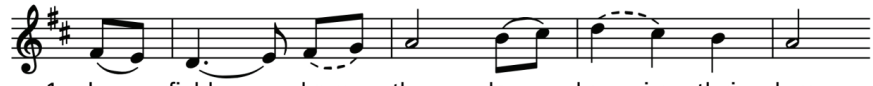
Verses



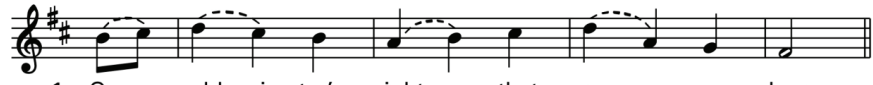
1. The first No - well, the an - gel did say,  
2. They look - ed up and saw a star  
3. And by the light of that same star  
4. This star drew nigh to the north - west,  
5. Then en - tered in those wise men three,  
6. Then let us all with one ac - cord



1. Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;  
2. Shin - ing in the east, be - yond them far;  
3. Three wise men came from coun - try far;  
4. O'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,  
5. Full rev - 'rent - ly up - on the knee,  
6. Sing prais - es to our heav - 'nly Lord;

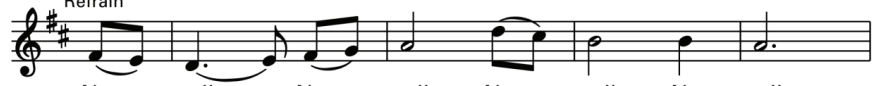


1. In fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep,  
2. And to the earth it gave great light,  
3. To seek for a king was their in - tent,  
4. And there it did both stop and stay,  
5. And of - fered there, in his pres - ence,  
6. Who with the Fa - ther we a - dore

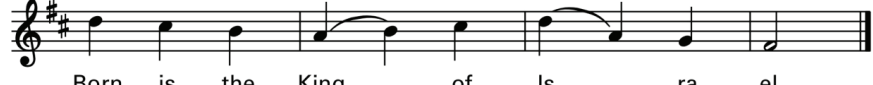


1. On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
2. And so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
3. And to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.  
4. Right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
5. Their gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.  
6. And Spir - it blest for ev - er - more.

Refrain



No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,



Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

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

## Greeting



Our God is with you.  
**And also with you.**

The grace of Jesus  
Christ, Emmanuel, the  
Love of God, and the  
Communion of the  
Holy Spirit be with all  
of you.

**And also with you.**

*Welcome*

## Reconciliation with God and Each Other

Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts: Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love: Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living word: Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

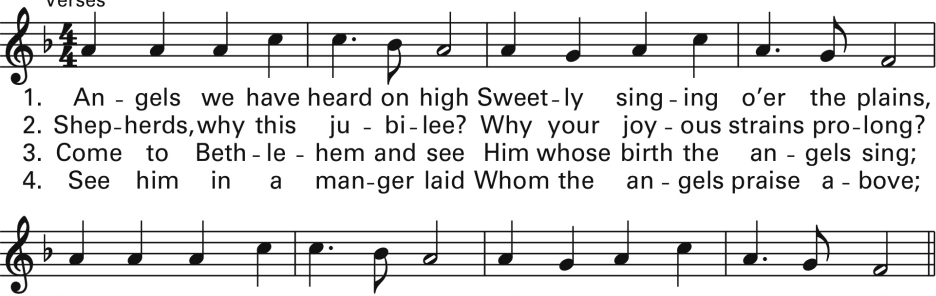
May our loving God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us all to everlasting life. **Amen.**

## Gloria

### ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

GLORIA


Verses



1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet-ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
2. Shep-herds, why this ju - bi-lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?  
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
4. See him in a man-ger laid Whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

1. And the moun-tains in re - ply Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
2. Say what may the tid - ings be Which in-spire your heav'n-ly song.  
3. Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new-born King.  
4. Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain



Glo - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De-o!  
Glo - ri - a in ex-cel-sis De - o!

## Opening Prayer

Let us Pray: Almighty God and Star of Wonder, today you reveal to all people of faith the resplendent fact of the Word made flesh. Your light is strong; your love is near. Draw us beyond the limits which this world imposes, to the life where your Spirit makes all life complete. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

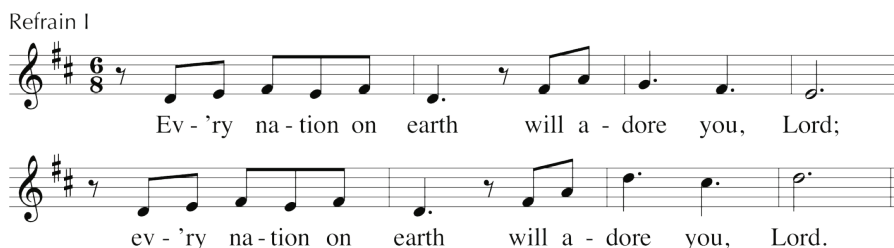
## Liturgy of the Word

### First Reading

### Psalm 72: Every Nation on Earth

#### Psalm

Refrain 1



Ev - `ry na - tion on earth will a - dore you, Lord;

ev - `ry na - tion on earth will a - dore you, Lord.

### Second Reading:

### Gospel

## Prayer of Belief

**I believe in God, the creator of the universe,  
who spoke, “Let there be light!” and there was light,  
setting in motion all of creation and blessing it to this day.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, the light of the world  
That shines in the darkness. The darkness cannot overcome it.  
He embodied humanity in the image of God.  
In kindness, truthfulness, humility and devotion,  
He suffered for the greater good.  
He was and is the Son of God.  
He died on the cross for us,  
God’s saving grace!  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The guiding light of God in our world.  
Through his spirit, God penetrates and reveals  
The darkness of human sin, helps people grow and  
Become the people they are meant to be.  
I believe in the power of transformation,  
Through God’s spirit and light,  
Here in this world and in the world to come.  
Amen.**

## Prayers of the Faithful

*Our response is “**Lord Hear Our Prayer.**”*

## Presentation of the Gifts

Presider: Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Pray, my family in Christ, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty and Holy One. **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at our hands, for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good, and the good of all the Church.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise**

Almighty and ever-living God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks. In wonder of your expansive embrace, we give you praise, O God. Through your radical welcome, you reveal the limitations of our own imaginations. You break down walls and boundaries we don't even realize we have erected.

Like the magi guided by the light of star through foreign territory, you call us all towards you. You lead your people across borders of hate and into lands of curious and different. You strengthen us as we journey, learning and unlearning stories about one another. Gathered in your presence, we come to recognize the gifts of community rich in diversity.

Therefore we join our voices with your people on earth and all the company of the heavens, singing praise to you, Holy, holy, holy, Lord...

**Concelebrant:** Lord, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness. Let your Spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy, so that they may become for us the body + and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Before he was given up to death, a death he freely accepted,

**He took bread and gave you thanks and praise; he broke the bread, gave it to those gathered around him, and said: Take this, all of you, and eat it: This is my body, which will be given up for you.**

**When supper was ended, he took the cup; again he gave you thanks and praise, he gave the cup to his disciples, and said: Take this all of you and drink from it. This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving (cont.)

In memory of his death and resurrection, we offer you, holy God, this life-giving bread, this saving cup. We thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. May all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit. Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

**Presider:** Lord, remember your Church throughout the world; make us grow in love, together with Pablo our presiding bishop and all your faithful people who love and serve you. Remember our loved ones who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again; bring them and all the departed into the light of your presence. Have mercy on us all; make us worthy to share eternal life with Mary, the Mother of God, Joseph her husband, the apostles, and all the saints and ancestors who have done your will throughout the ages. May we praise you in union with them, and give you glory through your son Jesus Christ. For we believe that it is: **Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, forever and ever.**

Let us pray for the coming of the kingdom as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name  
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever.  
Amen.**

Lord, in the power of your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world.

### **Lamb of God...**

This is the table not of the Church but of the Christ, and all are welcome.... We come, because it is Christ's will that we meet him here. **For this is the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and we, though many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread and the one cup. Amen.**

*Our table is open to all who long for a relationship with the living Christ.*

*We pass the bread and wine, presenting them with the words, "the Body of Christ" and "the Blood of Christ." to which we answer, "Amen."*



## Communion Song

### WHAT CHILD IS THIS

GREENSLEEVES

Verses



1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On  
2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate Where  
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, Come

1. Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with  
2. ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for  
3. peas - ant, king, to own him; The King of kings sal -

1. an - thems sweet, While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
2. sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
3. va - tion brings, Let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain



This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

3

4. This child is born the Prince of Peace  
To all whose hearts are broken.  
To love and heal the wounded soul,  
God's mighty Word is spoken.
5. In joy a mother lulls her babe,  
This child of hope and promise;  
An angel's call received her yes,  
God's love poured out upon us.
6. A father guards this holy babe  
Who's sleeping in a manger,  
Protecting him from earthly harm,  
And keeping him from danger.

#### Communion verses

7. This child shall be the Bread of Life,  
A feast for hungry nations.  
To manger low from heav'n on high  
God shines upon creation.
8. This King of Love for all will be  
The Cup of Life from heaven,  
Whose blood will save a people lost,  
That all may be forgiven.
9. Let all who eat, let all who drink  
Draw near the Son of Justice;  
To live as one, to live as Christ  
In one another's service.

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## Prayer after Communion

### Community Life

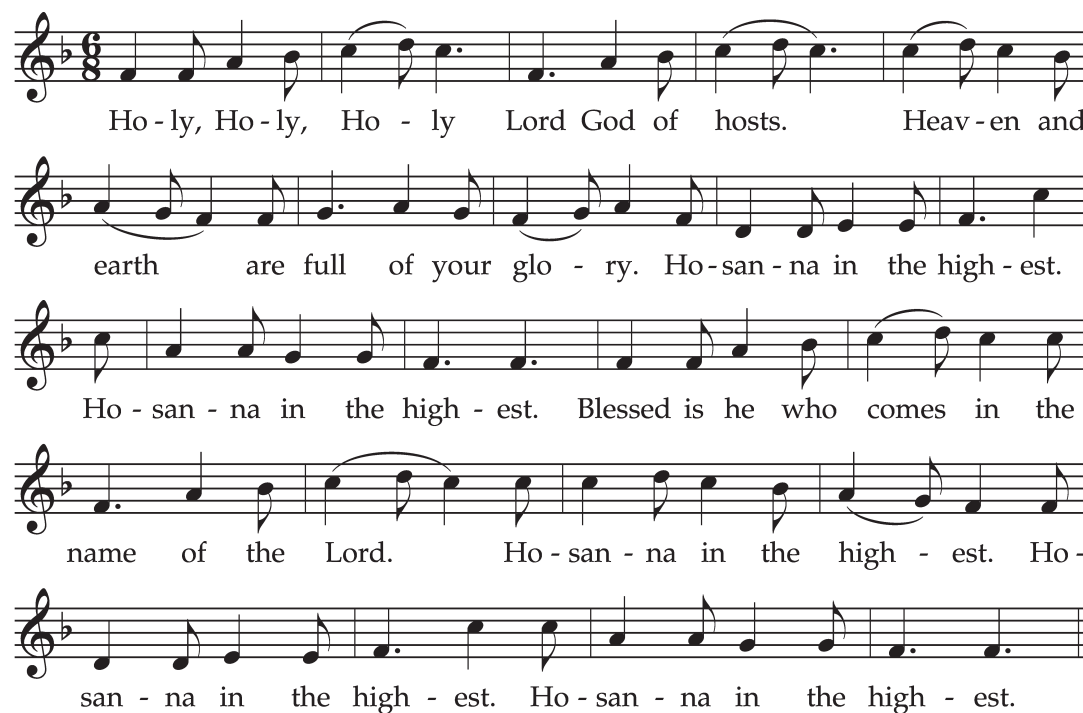
- Please take your worship aid home and use it during the week or give it away!
- Please be sure to read Trish's mailing each week, and **consider reposting** the Charis posts to your social media sites!

## CELTIC ALLELUIA

*Celtic Mass*  
Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker



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

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*Cantor*  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,  
*All*  
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.  
*Cantor*  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world,  
*All*  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

RESONET IN LAUDIBUS  
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## Final Blessing and Closing Song

Our God is with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us...to love and serve  
the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### WE THREE KINGS

KINGS OF ORIENT  
Arranged by Tom Booth

Verses



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



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



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

Refrain



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 thy per - fect light.

Text: 88 44 6 with refrain; based on Matthew 2:1-11; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891, alt.  
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