

Solemnity: Epiphany of the Lord —Cycle B—January 3, 2021

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

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Psalm 72: Every Nation on Earth

Refrain I



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



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

Refrain II



In his days jus - tice will flou - rish;



in his days full - ness of peace for - ev - er - more.

Verses

- O God, with your judgment endow the king;
 with your justice endow the king's son.
 With justice he will govern your people,
 your afflicted ones with right judgment.
- Justice shall flow 'r in his days,
 lasting peace 'til the moon be no more.
 May he rule from sea to sea,
 from the river to the ends of the earth.
- The kings of Tarshish and the Isles offer gifts,
 those from Seba and Arabia bring tribute.
 All kings shall pay him their homage,
 all nations shall serve him.
- He rescues the poor when they cry out,
 the afflicted with no one to help.
 The lowly and poor he shall pity,
 the lives of the poor he will save.

Text: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Michael Joncas
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Reading 1

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.

Reading 2

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 revela-
 tion.
 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

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.

Epiphany Carol

Today's response will be: *Send Us Your Light*

For Christ's Church—God's heirs and partners in building the kingdom on earth...

For renewed energy as St. Michael's parishioners strive to be shining beacons of Christ's light in the world...

We pray to the Lord: *R: Send Us Your Light*

For people of all nations ...

For benevolent leaders who seek the common good ...

For tyrants and terrorists who evade the truth, demean human life and diminish hope ...

We pray to the Lord: *R: Send Us Your Light*

For openness to people of different races, religions and cultures ...

For inclusion of the foreigner and stranger in our country and in our community...

For an appreciation of all traditions in our parish...

We pray to the Lord: *R: Send Us Your Light*

For men, women and children who are God's light-bearers in society today, especially those who are on the frontlines of this pandemic or seeking to do their small part ...

For those working on the covid-19 vaccines and their distribution...

For the first recipients of the vaccine ...

We pray to the Lord: *R: Send Us Your Light*

For all who dwell in the darkness of depression and the hopelessness of illness, especially those suffering the long term effects of the coronavirus and for all whose names are listed in the parish bulletin and on our website... for the grace and healing of God in all human lives...

We pray to the Lord: *R: Send Us Your Light*

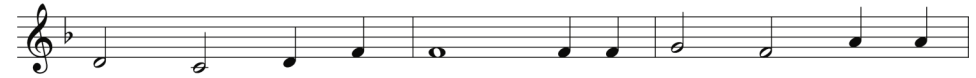
For our family members and friends who died this week, especially those listed in the bulletin and on our website ...

and for those who mourn, especially those who could not be with their loved ones in their last moments...

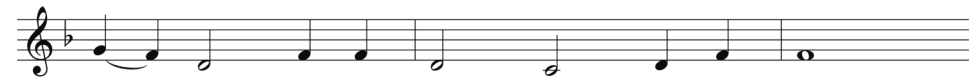
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1. Ev - 'ry na - tion sees the glo - ry Of a
 2. Ev - 'ry tongue shall sing the prais - es Of his
 3. Once a - gain may we dis - cov - er Word made
 4. Gath - er, God, the world to - geth - er In the



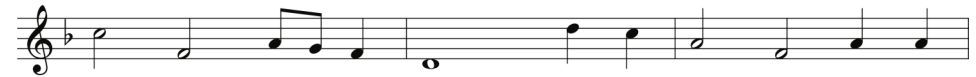
star that pierced the night. As we tell the won-drous
 birth in deep - est night. He is heal - ing for the
 flesh sent from a - bove. In our neigh - bor, sis - ter,
 bright - ness of your day. Fill our hearts with joy for -



sto - ry We are bathed in ra - diant light.
 a - ges; He is Christ, our God's de - light.
 broth - er, In the lone - ly and un - loved.
 ev - er; Help us walk the ho - ly way.



Star sent forth from high - est heav - en, Danc - ing
 He pro - claims with - in his be - ing All our
 May we touch him, may we hold him, May we
 May your jus - tice rule the na - tions; May all



light of God's de - sign, Shine up - on the gift that's
 hopes, our great de - sires. He shall die to rise, re -
 cra - dle him with care As we learn to love each
 peo - ple live as one. Now we see our true sal -



giv - en: Word made flesh now born in time.
 deem - ing All who fol - low with their lives.
 oth - er, Bring - ing hope from out de - spair.
 va - tion In the glo - ry of your Son.

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 Tune: BEACH SPRING, 8 7 8 7 D; *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. by Ronald A. Nelson, b.1927

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The First Nowell



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



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In
 in the east be - yond them far; And
 wise men came from coun - try far; To
 Beth - le - hem it took its rest; And
 rev - 'rent - ly up - on their knee, And
 prais - es to our heav - 'nly Lord, Who



fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep, On a
 to the earth it gave great light, And
 seek for a king was their in - tent, And to
 there it did both stop and stay Right
 of - fered there in his pres - ence Their
 made the heav'ns and earth of naught, And



cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
 so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 fol - low the star where - ev - er it went.
 o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
 gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.
 with his blood our life has bought.



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



Born is the King of Is - ra - el.



What Child Is This



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,



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



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



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 Mar - y.

Text: English Carol, 17th C.
 Tune: THE FIRST NOWELL, Irregular; English Melody; harm. from *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871

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Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898
 Tune: GREENSLEEVES, 8 7 8 7 with refrain; English melody, 16th C.; harm. by John Stainer, 1840-1901

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Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun-tain, O-ver the hills and ev - 'ry-where;

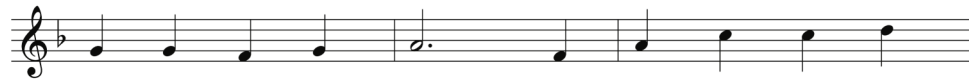


Go tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born!

Verses



1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing O'er
2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled When,
3. Down in a low - ly man - ger The



si - lent flocks by night, Be - hold through - out the
lo, a - bove the earth Rang out the an - gel
hum - ble Christ was born, And God sent us sal -

D.C.



heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.
cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual; verses by John W. Work, Jr., 1872-1925
Tune: GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN, 7 6 7 6 with refrain; African American spiritual; harm. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942



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