MASS FOR THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Sunday, January 2nd

Entrance Chant

WE THREE KINGS

KINGS OF ORIENT

Verses

1. We three kings of Orient are; Bearing gifts we bring to thee,
   Following yonder star, O star of wonder!

2. Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain, Golden gifts we bring to thee,
   O ver us all to reign.

3. Frank incense to offer have I; Incense owns a treasure
   Worship him God on high.

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume Breathes a life of joy
   Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

5. Glorious now, behold him arise, King and God and Saviour
   Sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain

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

INTRODUCTORY RITE

Sign of the Cross
Greeting
Penitential Act
LITURGY OF THE WORD

1st 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.
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

**PSALM 72: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, ALL YEARS**

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.

2nd 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.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.
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.” 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

Homily
The 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, 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

The Universal Prayer (response: Lord, hear our prayer.)
Offertory Hymn:

**O Little Town of Bethlehem**

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1. O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
2. For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above,
3. How silently, how silently, The wondrous gift is given!
4. O Holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray;

Aboye thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;
While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond’ring love.
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of his heav’n.
Cast out our sin and enter in; Be born in us today.

Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light:
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth!
No ear may hear his coming, But in this world of sin,
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;

1. The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.
2. And praises sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth.
3. Where meek souls will receive him, still The dear Christ enters in.
4. O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!
Communion Hymn:

THE FIRST NOWELL

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-ren-ly up- on the knee,
6. Sing prais-es to our heav'n-ly 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-ever 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.

WHAT CHILD IS THIS

VERSES

1. 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.

CONCLUDING RITE

Blessing
Dismissal
Hymn of Sending Forth

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH/
ÁNGELES CANTANDO ESTÁN

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. An-ge-les can-tan-do es-tán Tan dul-ci-si-ma can-ción;
2. Los pas-to-res sin ce-sar Sus can-ta-res dan a Dios;
3. Hoy a-nun-cian con fer-vor Que ha na-ci-do el Sal va-dor;
4. Oh, ve-nid pron-to a Be-lén Pa-ra con-tem-plar con fe

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.

1. Las mon-ta-nas su-e-co dan Co-mo fiel con-tes-ta-ción.
2. Cuán glo-rio-so es el can-tar De su me-lo-dio-sa voz.
4. A Je-sús, Au-to-r del bien, Al re-cién na-ci-do Rey.

Refrain

Glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o!
Glo-ri-a a Dios en el cie-lo.
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