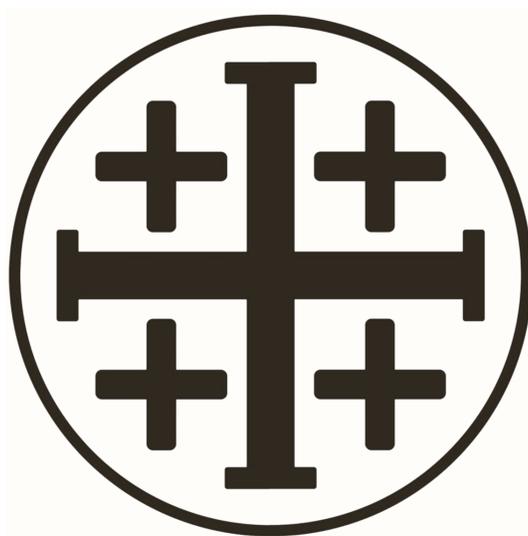


# *The* EPIPHANY *of the* LORD

*Sunday, January 4, 2026*



*If you are new to St. Theresa...*

## **CONNECT**

If you are new to St. Theresa or are interested in learning more about our community, please fill out a newcomer card at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex. Give completed forms to an usher or place in the collection basket. You can also fill out this form online at [www.st-theresa.org/join](http://www.st-theresa.org/join)

## **NURSERY**

**Children are always welcome at Mass**, even if they worship differently than adults. For kids that need a little more room to move or can't always keep in their songs of praise, there are pews in the Narthex where families can still worship in a more relaxed atmosphere. We also have a staffed nursery in the Family Center for children ages 6 months to 3 years during the 9:00 and 11:00 AM Sunday Masses.

## **RESTROOMS**

Public restrooms are located at the rear of the church on the west side of the Narthex.

## **REQUEST PRAYER**

As a community, we lift up the prayer list during Sunday Mass, in our weekly electronic newsletter, and through our daily Rosary group, which gathers after the 11:30 AM Mass. We invite you to share your prayer intentions for your loved ones at [www.st-theresa.org/prayer](http://www.st-theresa.org/prayer).

## Organ Prelude

# INTRODUCTORY RITES

## Processional Hymn— *What Star Is This*

*Please stand*



1. What star is this, with beams so bright, More love - ly  
2. 'Tis now ful - filled what God de - creed: "From Ja - cob  
3. While out - ward signs the star dis - plays, An in - ward  
4. O Je - sus, while the star of grace In - vites us  
5. To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the



than the noon - day light? 'Tis sent to an - nounce a  
shall a star pro - ceed." And lo! The east - ern  
light the Lord con - veys. It urg - es them, with  
all to seek your face, Let not our sloth - ful  
Spir - it, Three in One, May ev - 'ry tongue and



new - born king, Glad tid - ings of our God to bring.  
sag - es stand To read in heav'n the Lord's com - mand.  
force be - nign, To seek the Giv - er of the sign.  
hearts re - fuse The guid - ance of your light to use.  
na - tion raise An end - less song of thank - ful praise!

Text: *Quem stella sole pulchrior*, Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. by John Chandler, 1806–1876, alt.  
Tune: PUER NOBIS, LM; adapt. by Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

## Invocation

### Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done  
and in what I have failed to do,  
(Strike breast 3x)  
*through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;*  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Lord Have Mercy—*Kyrie Eleison*, Palestrina, arr. Covington

Cantor: All:  
 Ky-ri-e e - le-i-son, Ky-ri-e e - le-i-son,  
 Cantor: All:  
 Chri-ste e - le-i-son, Chri-ste e - le-i-son,  
 Cantor: All:  
 Ky-ri-e e - le-i-son, Ky-ri-e e - le-i-son.

Glory to God—*Mass of St. Theresa*

(Organ) Glo-ry to God in the high - est and peace on earth to  
 peo-ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we  
 give you thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God hea-ven-ly King, O God, al -  
 migh-ty Fa - ther. Lord Je-sus Christ On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God  
 Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the  
 sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take a -  
 way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer;  
 you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on  
 us. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
 Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men,  
 a - men.

Collect

Please sit

# 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.

## Responsorial Psalm - *Psalms 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13*



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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. **R.**

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. **R.**

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. **R.**

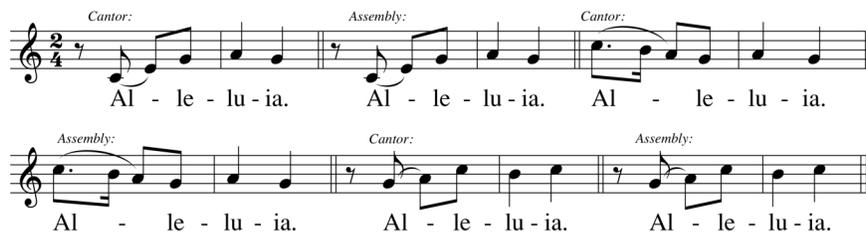
For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,  
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.  
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;  
the lives of the poor he shall save. **R.**

## 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 copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

## Gospel Alleluia - *Matthew 2:2*

*Please stand*



Music: *Alleluia in C*, Howard Hughes, SM, © 1973, 1982, GIA Publications, Inc.

**Verse:** We saw his star at its rising  
and have come to do him homage, alleluia

## 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.

## Homily

*Please sit*

## Nicene Creed

*Please stand*

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 for the following words)*

**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.

## Prayer of the Faithful

## Announcements

*Please sit*

# THE LITURGY *of the* EUCHARIST

**Offertory Anthem** *Star Carol*, Alfred Burt (Sat, 5 PM & Sun, 11 AM)

*Where the Promise Shines*, Bob Moore (Sun, 9 AM)

## Invitation to Prayer

*Please stand*

## Prayer over the Offerings

### Holy, Holy, Holy – *Mass of St. Theresa*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord  
God of hosts. Hea - ven and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est.

*Please kneel or be seated*

### Mystery of Faith – *Mass of St Theresa*

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

### Great Amen – *chant*

*Please stand*

## THE COMMUNION RITE

### Lord's Prayer

### Sign of Peace

### Lamb of God – *Mass of St Theresa*

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

*Please kneel or be seated*

**Communion Antiphon – St. Meinrad Communion Antiphon, Columba Kelly, OSB**



We have seen— his star, let us a - dore the Lord.

**Communion Hymn – The First Nowell (Sat, 5 PM and Sun, 9 AM)**



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.

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

**Choral Anthem** *Shepherds Left Their Flocks Astray*, Ralph Vaughn Williams (Sun, 11 AM)

**Prayer after Communion**

*Please stand*

# THE CONCLUDING RITES

## Hymn of Thanksgiving – As with Gladness Men of Old



1. As with glad - ness men of old Did the guid - ing  
2. As with joy - ful steps they sped To that low - ly  
3. As they of - fered gifts most rare At that man - ger  
4. Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day Keep us in the  
5. In the heav'n - ly cit - y bright None shall need cre -



star be - hold; As with joy they hailed its light,  
man - ger - bed, There to bend the knee be - fore  
crude and bare; So may we this ho - ly day,  
nar - row way; And when earth - ly things are past,  
at - ed light; You, its light, its joy, its crown,



Lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright; So, most gra - cious  
Him, whom heav'n and earth a - dore; So may we with  
Drawn to you with - out de - lay, All our cost - liest  
Bring our ran - somed souls at last Where they need no  
You, its sun which goes not down; There for - ev - er



Lord, may we Ev - er - more your splen - dor see.  
hur - ried pace Run to seek your throne of grace.  
treas - ures bring, Christ, to you, our heav'n - ly King.  
star to guide, Where no clouds your glo - ry hide.  
may we sing Al - le - lu - ias to our King.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.  
Tune: DIX, 77 77 77; arr. from Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872, by William H. Monk, 1823–1889

## Blessing and Dismissal

## Organ Postlude



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