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### Entrance Song

#### *The First Nowell*

The first Nowell the angels did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell!  
Born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the east beyond them far;  
And to the earth it gave great light,  
And so it continued both day and night.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell!  
Born is the King of Israel.

Then entered in those wise men three,  
Full rev'rently upon their knee,  
And offered there in his presence  
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell!  
Born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord  
Sing praised to our heav'nly Lord;  
Who with the Father we adore  
And Spirit blest forevermore.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell!  
Born is the King of Israel.

Text: English carol, 17th C.

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



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### Gloria

#### *Glory to God (Schutte)*

Glory to God. Glory to God. Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth, peace on earth, peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heav'nly King, O God, almighty Father.

Glory to God. Glory to God. Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth, peace on earth, peace to people of good will.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand, the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.

Glory to God. Glory to God. Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth, peace on earth, peace to people of good will.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Glory to God. Glory to God. Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth, peace on earth, peace to people of good will.  
Amen. Amen.

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### 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.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 72: Every Nation on Earth (Joncas) (ref. I)*

Ev'ry nation on earth will adore you, Lord;  
ev'ry nation on earth will adore you, Lord.

O God, with your judgment endow the king;



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with your justice endow the king's son.  
With justice he will govern your people,  
your afflicted ones with right judgment.

Ev'ry nation on earth will adore you, Lord;  
ev'ry nation on earth will adore you, Lord.

Justice shall flow'r in his days,  
lasting peace 'til the moon be no more.  
My he rule from sea to sea,  
from the river to the ends of the earth.

Ev'ry nation on earth will adore you, Lord;  
ev'ry nation on earth will adore you, Lord.

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.

Ev'ry nation on earth will adore you, Lord;  
ev'ry nation on earth will adore you, Lord.

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.

Ev'ry nation on earth will adore you, Lord;  
ev'ry nation on earth will adore you, Lord.

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



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### [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.

### *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.



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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.

### *Offertory Song* *Epiphany Carol*

Ev'ry nation sees the glory  
Of a star that pierced the night.  
As we tell the wondrous story  
We are bathed in radiant light.  
Star sent forth from highest heaven,  
Dancing light of God's design,  
Shine upon the gift that's given:  
Word made flesh now born in time.

Ev'ry tongue shall sing the praises  
Of his birth in deepest night.  
He is healing for the ages;  
He is Christ, our God's delight.  
He proclaims within his being  
All our hopes, our great desires.



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He shall die to rise, redeeming  
All who follow with their lives.

Once again may we discover  
Word made flesh sent from above.  
In our neighbor, sister, brother,  
In the lonely and unloved.  
May we touch him, may we hold him,  
May we cradle him with care  
As we learn to love each other,  
Bringing hope from out despair.

Gather, God, the world together  
In the brightness of your day.  
Fill our hearts with joy forever;  
Help us walk the holy way.  
May your justice rule the nations;  
May all people live as one.  
Now we see our true salvation  
In the glory of your Son.

Text: Francis Patrick O'Brien, b.1958, © 2002, GIA Publications, Inc.  
Tune: BEACH SPRING, 8 7 8 7 D; *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. by Ronald A. Nelson, 1927-2014, ©  
1978, *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress

### *Act of Spiritual Communion*

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.



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I embrace You as if You were already there  
and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen

### Communion Song

#### *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

We three kings of Orient are;  
Bearing gifts, we traverse afar  
Field and fountain, Moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.  
O star of wonder, start of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to the perfect Light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
Gold I bring to crown him again;  
King forever, Ceasing never,  
Over us all to reign.  
O star of wonder, start of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to the perfect Light.

Frankincense to offer have I;  
Increase owns a Deity nigh;  
Prayer and praising, Gladly raising,  
Worshipping God on high.  
O star of wonder, start of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to the perfect Light.



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Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume  
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
Sorrowing, sighing, Bleeding, dying,  
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.  
O star of wonder, start of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to the perfect Light.

Glorious now behold him arise,  
King and God and Sacrifice;  
“Alleluia, Alleluia!”  
Sounds through the earth and skies.  
O star of wonder, start of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright,  
Westward leading, still proceeding,  
Guide us to the perfect 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

### *Communion Meditation Song*

#### *What Child Is This*

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.

Why lies he in such mean estate



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Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh;  
Come, peasant, king, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings;  
Let loving hearts enthrone him.  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

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

### *St. Michael's Prayer*

St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.  
Be our defense against the wickedness  
and snares of the Devil.  
May God rebuke him,  
we humbly pray,  
and do thou,  
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,  
by the power of God,  
thrust into hell Satan,  
and all the evil spirits,  
who prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls.



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Amen.

### Recessional

#### *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

Go tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold, through-out the heavens  
There shone a holy light.

Go tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!

The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo! above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Savior's birth.

Go tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!

Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn.



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Go tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born!

Text: African American spiritual; adapt. by John W. Work, Jr. 1871-1925

Tune: GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN, 7 6 7 6 with refrain; African American spiritual; harm. by Paul Sjolund, b.1935, © Walton Music Corp., a division of GIA Publications, Inc.