



ST. MARK CATHOLIC CHURCH DENTON

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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. - Mt 2:10-11

Parish Contact Info

Our mission is to be a God-centered Catholic community of Faith which teaches, evangelizes, and ministers to the needs of God's people.

940-387-6223 Parish Office

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If a patient or the family wishes a pastoral visit, please call Fr. George on his cell phone 940-268-6760 or the parish office 940-387-6223.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday -Thursday **8:30 am-4:30 pm**; Friday **8:30 am-12:30 pm**.

Religious Education Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday **9:00 am - 4:00 pm**; Friday **9 am - 12:30 pm**.

Immaculate Conception Catholic School:

2301 N. Bonnie Brae Street, 940- 381-1155 or 940- 381-1539

Baptism: Preparation Class & Baptism registration forms are required, prior to scheduling a Baptism. Prep Class is held on the **2nd Thursday** of every month. Go to www.stmarkdenton.org or contact Elsa Vasquez at 940-387-6223 or evasquez@stmarkdenton.org. If the child is seven years or older, please contact the Religious Education office.

Weddings: A nine-month marriage preparation is required. Please contact Deacon Joe Standridge, 940-220-7160 jstandridge@stmarkdenton.org for information. **Con-Validation/Sanation:** For civil marriages to be recognized by the Catholic Church, please contact Deacon Joe.

Annulments: For questions, or to request an annulment, please contact Deacon Vic Norton at 817-823-9768, vnorton@stmarkdenton.org.

Facilities: If you wish to schedule a meeting/activity at St. Mark, please email request (date/time and type of equipment if needed) to Elsa Vasquez at evasquez@stmarkdenton.org. Reservations need to be emailed two weeks in advance.

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday at noon, ten (10) days prior to bulletin release date. Please submit announcements with image or logo (if available) to pub.admin@stmarkdenton.org. Announcements may be edited.

Adult Safe Environment Awareness Sessions Requirements

Safe Environment Certification for Adult Volunteers is required prior to serving in Ministry and must be renewed every two years. Initial or Renewal Safe Environment Certification currently requires attendance at a live and in person ("face-to-face") Safe Environment Awareness Session ("Protecting God's Children For Adults") and requires a Virtus profile. See available awareness sessions:

<https://fwdioc.org/training-sessions>. Please contact Dan Heredia with any questions at 940-222-8072 or at dheredia@stmarkdenton.org. Youth Safe Environment (Teen Leader Training) requires in person training. Please contact the youth ministers. Called to Protect session is a prerequisite to apply for Teen Leader Training.

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Attention all Ministry Leaders: All Volunteers must complete Safe Environment Program. All Leaders must check with Safe Environment Coordinator, Dan Heredia, before activating volunteers.

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MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 1/2/2021 Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church
(1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 1:19-28)

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Reconciliation

5:00 pm - Mass - (Ernie Lucas †)

7:00 pm - Spanish Mass - (Elio Baptista and Family †)

SUNDAY 1/3/2021 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

(Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13/Eph 3:2-3a/Mt 2:1-12)

7:00 am - Mass - (Annette B. Davis S.I.)

9:00 am - Mass - (Susan and Jim Galbraith S.I.)

11:30 am - Mass - (For the Parish)

2:00 pm - Mass exclusively for people over the age of 60

4:00 pm - Mass

MONDAY 1/4/2021 Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

(1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8,10-12a/Mt 4:12-17,23-25)

TUESDAY 1/5/2021 Saint John Neumann, Bishop

(1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-4,7-8/Mk 6:34-44)

7:30 am - Mass - (Estelita Ocampo S.I.)

WEDNESDAY 1/6/2021 Saint André Bessette, Religious

(1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2,10,12-13/Mk 6:45-52)

6:30 pm - Rosary

7:00 pm - Mass - (Annette Davis †)

7:30 - 8:30 pm - Adoration and Reconciliation

THURSDAY 1/7/2021 Saint Raymond of Penyafort

(1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2,14,15bc,17/Lk 4:14-22a)

7:30 am - Mass - (Joseph Ehler †)

FRIDAY 1/8/2021

(1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-15,19-20/Lk 5:12-16)

7:30 am - Mass - (Annette B. Davis S.I.)

SATURDAY 1/9/2021

(1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-6a,9b/Jn 3:22-30)

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Reconciliation

5:00 pm - Mass - (Alcantara Mendes †)

7:00 pm - Spanish Mass

Readings for Sunday, January 10

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Is 42:1-4,6-7/Ps 29:1-2,3-4,9-10/Acts
10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11



PARISH NEWS



We are delighted that you have joined us for worship, and we hope that you will return to pray with us often. If you have moved into the area, we invite you to become a member. Please call the parish office at 940-387-6223 or visit our website at stmarkdenton.org. May His Spirit grow in you! Come as a guest, leave as a friend!

Bread of Life Please consider supporting our Bread of Life Ministry by providing personal care items, infant items, cleaning products, and non-perishable food items for Denton County's Friends of the Family. ADDITIONALLY, our friends at The Freedom Pantry, an important distribution point for Bread of Life, providing approximately 1300 meals monthly, are in need of resealable food baggies, primarily quart and gallon size. Please consider picking up an extra box or two the next time you go shopping. Place your donations in the Bread of Life drop box in the Narthex. Thank you for your help and continued support of our friends in need. Together we can help "Feed the Hungry"!



Please continue to check our website www.stmarkdenton.org for the latest information on RE classes, ministries and last minute changes to Mass schedules. We will post/share information as soon as we receive it.

Please contact the Ministry leader to find out if they are meeting online, and for new on campus meeting guidelines.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen



The **Grief Share Ministry** begins in early to mid-April here at St. Mark, and it is for those who would like or need help in adjusting to the loss of a loved one. Grief Share participants will meet every Thursday evening **7:00 - 9:00 pm** for 13 weeks. This ministry includes video presentations, a workbook and Group discussions with others who are mourning a loss. For more information, contact Terry Hitch at 817-296-6283 or confidence47orion@gmail.com.



CONTRIBUTIONS

December 2020 Contribution Update OFFERTORY (Stewardship)

Week #1	\$ 28,510
Week #2	\$ 16,942
Total	\$ 45,452

Fiscal Year to Date (07/01/2020-6/30/2021)

Total Contributed - Stewardship	\$ 849,551
Budget - Projected Parish Need	\$ 864,000
Over/(Under) Budget	\$ (14,449)

Registered Families - as of December 16, 2020	2,695
Building Collection (cumulative from 1/1/2020)	\$ 117,987

END OF YEAR STATEMENTS

The **2020** Contribution Statements will be mailed **January 31, 2021**. If you have had a change of address during **2020** or have questions regarding your contributions, please contact Kim Harbert at kharbert@stmarkdenton.org or 940-220-7380; or Terri Manis at 940-222-6678 or tmanis@stmarkdenton.org.

Thank you for your generosity!

FAITH FORMATION

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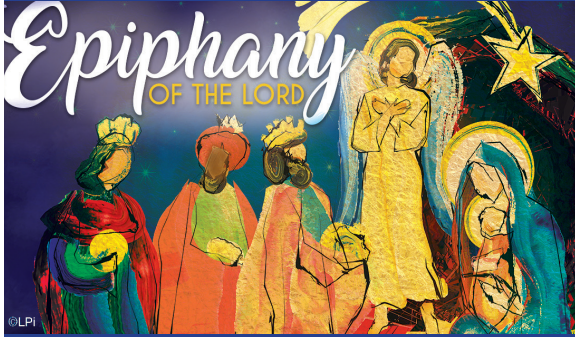
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Adult Epiphany of the Lord

EPIPHANY, which in the original Greek signifies appearance or manifestation, as St. Austin observes, is a festival principally solemnised in honour of the discovery Jesus Christ made of himself to the Magi, or wise men; who, soon after his birth, by a particular inspiration of Almighty God, came to adore him and bring him presents. Two other manifestations of our Lord are jointly commemorated on this day in the office of the church: that at his baptism, when the Holy Ghost descended on him in the visible form of a dove, and a voice from heaven was heard at the same time: “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” The third manifestation was that of his divine power at the performance of his first miracle, the changing of water into wine, at the marriage at Cana, “by which he manifested his glory, and his disciples believed in him.” Upon so many accounts ought this festival to challenge a more than ordinary regard and veneration; but from none more than us Gentiles, who, in the persons of the wise men, our first-fruits and forerunners, were on this day called to the faith and worship of the true God.

The call of the Gentiles had been foretold for many ages before in the clearest terms. David and Isaias abound with predictions of this import; the like is found in the other prophets; but their completion was a mercy reserved for the times of the Messiah. It was to him, who was also the consubstantial Son of God, that the eternal Father had made the promise of all “nations for his inheritance”; who being born the spiritual king of the whole world, for the salvation of “all men,” would therefore manifest his coming both to those that “were near, and those that were afar off,” that is, both to Jew and Gentile. Upon his birth, angels were dispatched ambassadors to the Jews, in the persons of the poor shepherds, and a star was the divine messenger on this important errand to the Gentiles of the East; conformably to Balaam’s prophecy, who foretold the coming of the Messiah by that sign.

The summons of the Gentiles to Bethlehem to pay homage to the world’s Redeemer was obeyed by several whom the Scripture mentions under the name and title of <Magi>, or wise men; but is silent as to their number. The general opinion, supported by the authority of St. Leo, Caesarius, Bede, and others, declares for three. However, the number was small, comparatively to those many others that saw that star, no less than the wise men, but paid no regard to this voice of heaven: admiring, no doubt, its uncommon brightness, but culpably ignorant of the divine call it, or hardening their hearts against its salutary impressions, overcome by their passions, and the dictates of self-love. In like manner do Christians, from the same cause, turn a deaf ear to the voice of the divine grace in their souls, and harden their hearts against it in such numbers, that, notwithstanding their call, their graces, and the mysteries wrought in their favour, it is to be feared that even among <them> many “are called, but few are chosen.” It was the case with the Jews, “with the most of whom,” St. Paul says, “God was not well pleased.”

The wise men being come, by the guidance of the star, into Jerusalem, or near it, it there disappears: whereupon they reasonably suppose they are come to their journey’s end, and upon the point of being blessed with the sight of the new-born king: that, on their entering the royal city, they shall in every street and corner hear the acclamations of a happy people, and learn with ease the way to the royal palace, made famous to all posterity by the birth of their king and Saviour. But to their great surprise there appears not the least sign of any such solemnity. The court and city go quietly on in seeking their pleasure and profit! and in this unexpected juncture what shall these weary travellers do? Were they governed by human prudence, this disappointment is enough to make them abandon their design, and retreat as privately as they can to screen their reputation, and avoid the raillery of the populace, as well as to prevent the resentment of the most zealous of tyrants, already infamous for blood. But true virtue makes trials the matter and occasion of its most glorious triumphs. Seeming to be forsaken by God, on their being deprived of extraordinary, they have recourse to the ordinary means of information. Steady in the resolution of following the divine call, and fearless of danger, they inquire in the city with equal confidence and humility, and pursue their inquiry in the very court of Herod himself: “Where is he that is born king of the Jews?” And does not their conduct teach us, under all difficulties of the spiritual kind, to have recourse to those God has appointed to be our spiritual guides, for their advice and direction? To “obey and be subject to them,” that so God may lead us to himself, as he guided the wise men to Bethlehem by the directions of the priests of the Jewish church.

The whole nation of the Jews, on account of Jacob's and Danial's prophecies, were then in the highest expectation of the Messiah's appearance among them; the place of whose birth having been also foretold, the wise men, by the interposition of Herod's authority, quickly learned, from the unanimous voice of the Sanhedrim, or great council of the Jews, that Bethlehem was the place which was to be honoured with his birth, as having been pointed out by the prophet Micheas several ages before. How sweet and adorable is the conduct of divine providence! He teaches saints his will by the mouths of impious ministers, and furnishes Gentiles with the means of admonishing and confounding the blindness of the Jews. But graces are lost on carnal and hardened souls. Herod had then reigned upwards of thirty years; a monster of cruelty, ambition, craft, and dissimulation; old age and sickness had at that time exasperated his jealous mind in an unusual manner. He dreaded nothing so much as the appearance of the Messiah, whom the generality then expected under the notion of a temporal prince, and whom he could consider in no other light than that of a rival and pretender to his crown; so no wonder that he was startled at the news of his birth. All Jerusalem, likewise, instead of rejoicing at such happy tidings, were alarmed and disturbed together with him. We abhor their baseness; but do not we, at a distance from courts, betray several symptoms of the baneful influence of human respects running counter to our duty? Likewise in Herod we see how extravagantly blind and foolish ambition is. The divine infant came not to deprive Herod of his earthly kingdom, but to offer him one that is eternal; and to teach him a holy contempt of all worldly pomp and grandeur. Again, how senseless and extravagant a folly was it to form designs against those of God himself! who confounds the wisdom of the world, baffles the vain projects of men, and laughs their policy to scorn. Are there no Herods nowadays? Persons who are enemies to the spiritual kingdom of Christ in their hearts?

The tyrant, to ward off the blow he seemed threatened with, has recourse to his usual arts of craft and dissimulation. He pretends a no less ardent desire of paying homage to the new-born king, and covers his impious design of taking away his life under the specious pretext of going himself in person to adore him. Wherefore, after particular examination about the time when the wise men first saw this star, and a strict charge to come back and inform him where the child was to be found, he dismissed them to the place determined by the chief priests and scribes. Herod was then near his death; but as a man lives, such does he usually die. The near prospect of eternity seldom operates in so salutary a manner on habitual sinners as to produce in them a true and sincere change of heart.

The wise men readily complied with the voice of the Sanhedrim, notwithstanding the little encouragement these Jewish leaders afford them from their own example to persist in their search; for not one single priest or scribe is disposed to bear them company in seeking after, and paying due homage to, their own king. The truths and maxims of religion depend not on the morals of those that preach them; they spring from a higher source—the wisdom and veracity of God himself. When, therefore, a message comes undoubtedly from God, the misdemeanours of him that immediately conveys it to us can be no just plea or excuse for our failing to comply with it. As, on the other side, an exact and ready compliance will then be a better proof of our faith and confidence in God, and so much the more recommend us to his special conduct and protection, as it did the wise men. For no sooner had they left Jerusalem, but, to encourage their faith and zeal, and to direct their travels, God was pleased to show them the star again, which they had seen in the East, and which continued to go before them till it conducted them to the very place where they were to see and adore their God and Saviour. Here its ceasing to advance, and probably sinking lower in the air, tells them in its mute language: “Here shall you find the new-born king.” The holy men, with an unshaken and steady faith, and in transports of spiritual joy, entered the poor cottage, rendered more glorious by this birth than the most sumptuous stately palace in the universe, and finding the child with his mother, they prostrate themselves, they adore him, they pour forth their souls in his presence in the deepest sentiments of praise, thanksgiving, and a total sacrifice of themselves. So far from being shocked at the poverty of the place, and at his unkingly appearance, their faith rises and gathers strength on the sight of obstacles which, humanly speaking, should extinguish it. It captivates their understanding; it penetrates these curtains of poverty, infancy, weakness, and abjection; it casts them on their faces, as unworthy to look up to this star, this God of Jacob; they confess him under this disguise to be the only and eternal God: they own the excess of his goodness in becoming man, and the excess of human misery which requires for its relief so great a humiliation of the Lord of glory. St. Leo thus extols their faith and devotion: “When a star had conducted them to adore Jesus they did not find him commanding devils, or raising the dead, or restoring sight to the blind, or speech to the dumb, or employed in any divine actions; but a silent babe, under the care of a solicitous mother, giving no sign of power, but exhibiting a miracle of humility.”

The Magi, pursuant to the custom of the eastern nations, where the persons of great princes are not to be approached without presents, present to Jesus, as a token of homage, the richest produce their countries afforded, gold, frankincense, and myrrh—gold, as an acknowledgment of his regal power; incense, as a confession of his Godhead; and myrrh, as a testimony that he was become man for the redemption of the world.

For the rest of the article go to:

<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/saints/epiphany-of-the-lord-417>

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 3, 2021

GATHERING HYMN: O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

**O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!**

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest;

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning,
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing;

Text: Adeste fideles; John F. Wade, c. 1711-1786; English tr. by Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, alt.; Spanish tr. by Juan Bautista Cabrera, 1837-1916

PSALM:

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD / ABC

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13



O God, give your judgment to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice, and your poor in right judgment. <i>R.</i>	The kings of Tarshish and the islands shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. <i>R.</i>
In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace till the moon is no more. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the River to the bounds of the earth. <i>R.</i>	For he shall save the needy when they cry, the poor, and those who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and the needy, and save the lives of the needy. <i>R.</i>

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OFFERTORY: INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY

1. Infant holy, Infant lowly,
For his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, Little knowing
Christ the babe is Lord of all.
Swift are winging Angels singing,
Noels ringing, Tidings bringing:
Christ the babe is Lord of all!
Christ the babe is Lord of all!

2. Flocks were sleeping; Shepherds, keeping
Vigil till the morning new, Saw the glory,
Heard the story, Tidings of a gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, Free from sorrow,
Praises voicing Greet the morrow:
Christ the babe was born for you!
Christ the babe was born for you!

Text: Polish carol; para. by Edith M.G. Reed, 1885-1933

COMMUNION HYMN: THIS IS JESUS

(please see other page)

COMMUNION HYMN: WHAT CHILD IS THIS

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.**

2. Why lies he in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.

3. So bring him incense, gold and myrrh;
Come peasant, king to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
Let loving hearts enthrone him.

Text: William C. Dix, 1827-1898

CLOSING HYMN: AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD

1. As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we
Evermore your splendor see.

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

This Is Jesus

Refrain

This is Je - sus, Em - man - u - el.

God is with us, in this sac - ra -

ment. Come, re - ceive Him. A - dore Him.

This is Je - sus, our Lord.

4.

This is Je - sus, our Lord.

Verses

1. Bright Star of Da - vid, Ra - di - ance of
2. Drink of Liv - ing Wa - ters, flow - ing from the
3. Priest of high - est hon - or, King and Sov - ereign

God; now be - come the Liv - ing Bread, the
Lord. Taste the cup of bless - ing, par -
Lord, un - blem - ished Lamb of Sac - ri - fice, Your

bod - y of the Lord. Come in a - do - ra - tion, re -
take of pre - cious blood. Riv - er of Sal - va - tion,
ver - y life out - poured; roy - al pas - chal vic - tim,

ceive with trem - bling hands; the sac - ra - ment most
ho - ly cleans - ing tide; Foun - tain of Re -
true be - got - ten Son, of - fered as our

ho - ly, the ban - quet of the Lamb.
demp - tion, flow - ing from the Sav - ior's side.
ran - som by the Ho - ly One.

to Refrain

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Gathering: We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain moor and mountain
Following yonder star

**O star of wonder star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading still proceeding
Guide us to Thy 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

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Reading 1: Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgment to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in judgment.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

In his days shall justice flourish,
and great peace, till the moon is no more.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the River to the bounds of the earth.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate
all nations shall serve him.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

For he shall save the needy when they cry,
the poor, and those who are helpless.
He will have pity for the weak and the needy;
and save the lives of the needy.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Reading 2: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Offertory: 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**

So bring Him incense gold and myrrh
Come peasant king to own Him
The King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone Him

Nails spears shall pierce Him through
The cross He bore for me for you
Hail hail the Word made flesh
The Babe the Son of Mary

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Communion: Silent Night

Silent night holy night
All is calm all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia
Christ the Savior is born
Christ the Savior is born

Silent night holy night
Son of God love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord at Thy birth
Jesus Lord at Thy birth

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Meditation: The First Noel

The first Noel the angel 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

Noel Noel Noel Noel 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

And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far
To seek for a king was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went

This star drew nigh to the northwest
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay

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Closing: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise Join the triumph of the skies
With th'angelic hosts proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King

Christ by highest heav'n adored Christ the everlasting Lord
Late in time behold Him come Offspring of the Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with men to dwell Jesus our Emmanuel
Hark the herald angels sing Glory to the newborn King

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