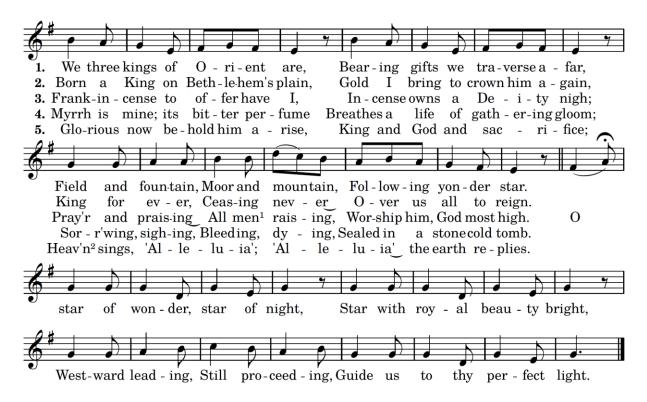


THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF
THE LORD
11AM MASS

Entrance Hymn: We Three Kings of Orient are



¹ May be sung as 'Gladly raising'

Music & Text: John Henry Hopkins, Jr., 1820-91, in *Carols, Hymns, and Songs* (New York, 1863).

Based on Matthew 2: 1-11.

² May be sung as 'Alleluia, Alleluia!' Sounds through the earth and skies.

The Introductory Rites and Penitential Act

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And with your spirit.

The priest will give a short introduction to the particular focus of the day.

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

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,

All strike their breast three times while saying:

through my fault, through my most grevious 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.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

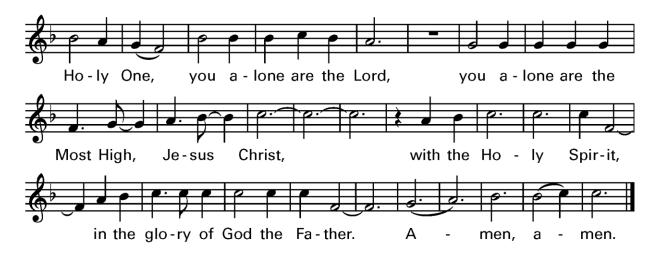
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Gloria in Excelsis - from Mass of Renewal by Curtis Stephan:





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The Collect:

The priest sings the collect, or opening prayer of the Mass, which gathers our hearts and thoughts to the mysteries of the day.

Let us pray.

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Song, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6

Since the text of the readings is under copyright, a short summary of each reading is given. The translation used at Masses in Canada is the NRSV-CE.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

The Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72 (R. see 11b+Psalm 98.3c)



The Second Reading: Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6

Now the mystery has been revealed: now the Gentiles have become fellow heirs of the promise.

The Alleluia (from Mass of Renewal by Curtis Stephan): See Matthew 2.2

All repeat the following acclamation after the Cantor, and again after the verse.



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The Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12

We have come from the East to pay homage to the King.

The Homily

The Creed

All say the following expression of faith together.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

All bow during the following line:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

All rise and continue:

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there we will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

The Intercessory Prayers

The response after each intercession is: Lord, hear our prayer.

The Offertory Anthem: O Holy Night - A. Adam

As the gifts are prepared, the Anthem is sung.

The Prayer over the Offerings:

Look with favour, Lord, we pray, on these gifts of your Church, in which are offered now not gold or frankincense or myrrh, but he who by them is proclaimed, sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Preface:

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

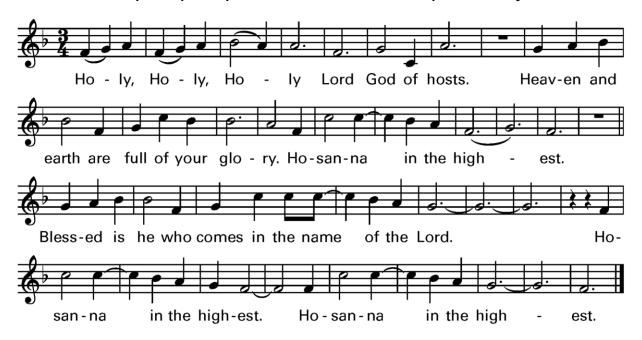
It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For today you have revealed the mystery of our salvation in Christ as a light for the nations, and, when he appeared in our mortal nature, you made us new by the glory of his immortal nature.

And so, with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominions, and with all the hosts and Powers of heaven, we sing the hymn of your glory, as without end we acclaim:

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy) – from Mass of Renewal by Curtis Stephan:



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The Eucharistic Prayer (Roman Canon):

The Eucharistic Prayer is the most solemn part of the Mass, when Christ's Body and Blood become truly and physically present on the altar.

To you, therefore, most merciful Father, we make humble prayer and petition through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord: that you accept and bless these gifts, these offerings, these holy and unblemished sacrifices, which we offer you firstly for your holy Catholic Church. Be pleased to grant her peace, to guard, unite and govern her throughout the whole world, together with your servant Francis our Pope and Douglas our Bishop, and all those who, holding to the truth, hand on the Catholic and Apostolic faith.

Remember Lord, your servants, (he pauses and remembers the living) and all gathered here, whose faith and devotion are known to you. For them we offer this sacrifice of praise or they offer it for themselves and all who are dear to them: for the redemption of their souls, in hope of health and well-being, and paying their homage to you, the eternal God, living and true.

Celebrating the most sacred day on which your Only Begotten Son, eternal with you in glory, appeared in a human body, truly sharing our flesh, and in communion with those whose memory we venerate, especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary, Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ, and blessed Joseph, her Spouse, your blessed Apostles and Martyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, (James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Jude; Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian,) and all your Saints, we ask that through their merits and prayers, in all things we may be defended by your protecting help. Through Christ our Lord.

Therefore Lord, we pray: graciously accept this oblation of our service, that of your whole family; which we make to you as we observe the day on which our Lord Jesus Christ handed on the mysteries of his Body and Blood for his disciples to celebrate; order our days in your peace, and command that we be delivered from eternal damnation and counted among the flock of those you have chose. Through Christ our Lord.

The bells are rung as the priest extends his hands over the gifts of bread and wine.

BE PLEASED, O GOD, WE PRAY, to bless, acknowledge, and approve this offering in every respect; make it spiritual and acceptable, so that it may become for us the Body and Blood of your most beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the day before he was to suffer, he took bread in his holy and venerable hands, and with eyes raised to heaven to you, O God, his almighty Father, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT, FOR THIS IS MY BODY, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.

The bells are rung three times as the Host, the Body of Christ, is elevated for all to see.

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took this precious chalice in his holy and venerable hands, and once more giving you thanks, he said the blessing and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE POURED OUT FOR YOU
AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.

The mystery of faith.

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Therefore, O Lord, as we celebrate the memorial of the blessed Passion, the Resurrection from the dead, and the glorious Ascension into heaven of Christ, your Son, our Lord, we, your servants and your holy people, offer to your glorious majesty from the gifts that you have given us, this pure victim, this holy victim, this spotless victim, the holy Bread of eternal life and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.

Be pleased to look upon these offerings with a serene and kindly countenance, and to accept them, as once you were pleased to accept the gifts of your servant Abel the just, the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith, and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek, a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.

In humble prayer we ask you, almighty God: command that these gifts be borne by the hands of your holy Angel to your altar on high in the sight of your divine majesty, so that all of us, who through this participation at the altar receive the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing. (Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

Remember also, Lord, your servants, who have gone before us with the sign of faith and rest in the sleep of peace. (he pauses)

Grant them, O Lord, we pray, and all who sleep in Christ, a place of refreshment, light and peace. (Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

To us, also, your servants, who though sinners, hope in your abundant mercies, graciously grant some share and fellowship with your holy Apostles and Martyrs: with John the Baptist, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, (Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia,) and all your saints; admit us, we beseech you, into their company, not weighing our merits, but granting us your pardon, through Christ our Lord.

Through whom you continue to make all these good things, O Lord; you sanctify them, fill them with life, bless them, and bestow them upon us.

He sings:

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

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The Lord's Prayer

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant us peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

The Sign of Peace

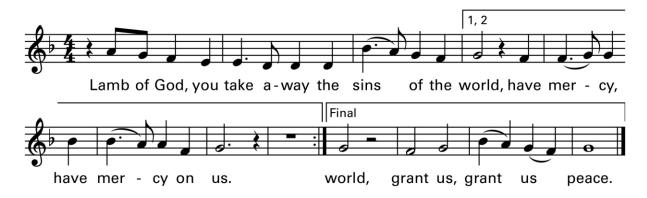
Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God):

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The Invitation to Communion:

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

The Act of Spiritual Communion:

Since people cannot be in the church to receive Sacramental Communion, all are encouraged to recite with devotion the following prayer of Spiritual Communion. It is piously believed that those who recite this prayer with devotion will receive the same graces as Sacramental Communion. The prayer will be recited as the priest holds up the Body and Blood of Christ for all to see.

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 at this moment 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 Body of Christ. Amen.

During Holy Communion, the choir sings:

Do you hear what I hear? Music by Noel Regney and Gloria Shayne Arranged by Jerry Hryhorsky

The Prayer to Our Lady:

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Pilgrim Church, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

The Postcommunion Prayer:

Let us pray.

Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord, always and everywhere, that we may perceive with clear sight and revere with true affection the mystery in which you have willed us to participate. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Solemn Blessing:

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Bow down for the blessing.

May God, who has called you out of darkness into his wonderful light, pour out in kindness his blessing upon you and make your hearts firm in faith, hope, and charity. **Amen.**

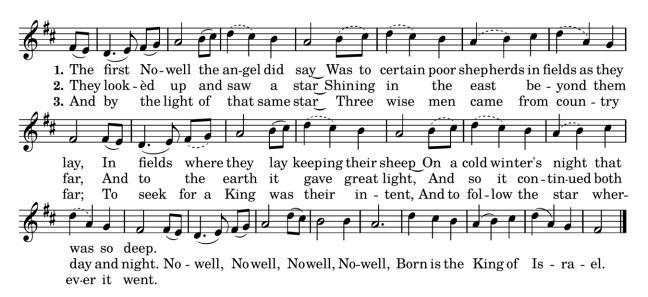
And since in all confidence you follow Christ, who today appeared in the world as a light shining in darkness, may God make you, too, a light for your own brothers and sisters. **Amen.**

And so, when your pilgrimage is ended, may you come to him whom the Magi sought as they followed the star and whom they found with great joy, the Light from Light, who is Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. **Thanks be to God.**

The Concluding Hymn – The First Nowell:



Text: English traditional, in Gilbert's Some Ancient Christmas Carols (London, 1823), alt.

Music: Cornwall melody; Stainer and Bramley's Christmas Carols New and Old: First Series (London, 1871).

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