

Communion: O Holy Night

1. O Holy night! The stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
'Til He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees; O hear the Angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born.
O night divine, O night, O night divine!

2. Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming.
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.
Over the world a star is sweetly gleaming
Now come the Wise Men from Orient land.
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger
In all our trials born to be our friend
He knows our need, our weakness is no stranger!
Behold your King; before Him lowly bend
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3. Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His Gospel is Peace
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother
And in His name, all oppression shall cease
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we
With all our hearts we praise His Holy name
Christ is the Lord; O praise His name forever!
His power and glory evermore proclaim
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Sending: Angels From the Realms of Glory

1. Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

2. Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God on earth is now residing;
Yonder shines the infant light:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

3. Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great Desire of Nations,
Ye have seen his natal star:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.



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Prelude: Do You Hear What I Hear?

Gathering: We Three Kings

1. We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, Moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, Ceasing never
Over us all to reign.

3. Frankincense to offer have I:
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising Gladly raising,
Worship him, God on high.

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, Bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

5. Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
"Alleluia, Alleluia!"
Sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.

Gloria (Mass of Creation)

Refrain: Glory to God in the highest and 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 heavenly King, O God almighty
Father. **Refrain**

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 of the Father, have mercy on us. **Refrain**
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. Amen. Amen. **Refrain**

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: May every king bow down, may every nation serve
Him. May every king bow down, may every nation serve the Lord

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

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Nicene 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 forgiveness of sins,
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Response to Intercessions: *Christ our King, hear our prayer*

Preparation: The First Noel

1. The first Nowell, 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.

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. Then entered in those wise men three,
Full rev'rently upon the knee,
And offered there, in his presence,
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

6. Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord.
Who with the Father we adore
And Spirit blest for evermore.