

Welcome  
to  
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The Feast of the Epiphany  
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**We are an emergent church practicing  
an ancient faith in new ways; a church of inclusivity where  
ALL WE ARE WELCOME!  
+Peter**

**OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**(a Liturgical Aid to today's Mass)**

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**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

Gathering Song: **WE THREE KINGS**

- 1. We three kings of Orient are Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain  
Following yonder star  
Born a babe on Bethlehem's plain  
Gold we bring to crown Him again  
King forever, ceasing never  
Over us all to reign**

**Refrain:**

**Oh...Star of wonder, star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding  
Guide us to Thy perfect light**

- 2. Frankincense to offer have I  
Incense owns a Deity nigh  
Pray'r and praising, Gladly raising  
Worship Him, God on high  
Glorious now, behold him arise,  
King and God and Sacrifice;  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Sounds through the earth and skies  
Refrain**

Greeting

*Celebrant: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

**ALL: A-MEN.**

*Celebrant: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God ;*

*and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

*Invitation: Celebrant: Gathered together as one people the body of Christ,  
let us give glory to God.*

*In excelsis deo.*

**A Christmas Gloria**

1. **Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God heav'n-ly King, mighty God and Fa – ther.**

**REFRAIN:**

**GLO-----RIA! IN EXCELSIS DEO!**

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2. **We worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God. REFRAIN**

3. **You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the Father's right hand: receive our prayer.**

**REFRAIN**

4. **For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ.**

**REFRAIN**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**1st Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah (60:1-6)**

Response after reading: **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**Psalm Response:**

***“Lord, every nation on earth shall adore you.***

***Lord, every people will call on your name.***

***Every knee shall bow,***

***every tongue confess your name: Jesus, the Lord.***

**2nd Reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians (3:2-3a-5-6))**

Response after reading: **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**Gospel Acclamation** *(please stand)*

**Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia! Al le lu ia!**

*The Gospel Reading*

*Priest: A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew (2:1-12)*

*The gospel is read. When the reading is over:*

*Deacon/Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**All: PRAISE TO YOU LORD, JESUS CHRIST. (repeat Alleluia )**

*Homily*

*(please be seated)*

**Profession of Faith**

***Do you believe in God the Father, Almighty,  
Creator of Heaven and of the earth?***

***ALL: AMEN! AMEN! AMEN! AMEN! AMEN, WE DO BELIEVE.***

***Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,  
our Lord, who was born of Mary,  
was crucified and died, and was buried? –***

***ALL: YET HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD  
AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER.  
AMEN! AMEN! AMEN! AMEN! AMEN, WE DO BELIEVE.***

***DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE HOLY CATHOLIC  
CHURCH, THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS, THE FORGIVENESS  
OF SINS, RESURRECTION, AND LIFE  
EVERLASTING? AMEN!***

***AMEN! AMEN! AMEN! AMEN, WE DO BELIEVE.***

**Prayers of the Faithful**

*Our Prayer Response is:*

**“Guide us by your light”**

*Sign Of Peace*

*.....the Peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD!**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Song for the Preparation of the gifts:**

**DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR ?**

**Said the night wind to the little lamb**

**Do you see what I see?**

**(Do you see what I see?)**

**Way up in the sky, little lamb**

**Do you see what I see?**

**(Do you see what I see?)**

**A star, a star, dancing in the night**

**With a tail as big as a kite**

**With a tail as big as a kite**

**Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy**

**Do you hear what I hear?**

**(Do you hear what I hear?)**

**Ringing through the sky, shepherd boy**

**Do you hear what I hear?**

**(Do you hear what I hear?)**

**A song, a song high above the trees**

**With a voice as big as the sea**

**With a voice as big as the sea**

**Said the shepherd boy to the mighty king**

**Do you know what I know?**

**(Do you know what I know?)**

**In your palace warm, mighty king**

**Do you know what I know?**

**(Do you know what I know?)**

**A Child, a Child shivers in the cold**

**Let us bring him silver and gold**

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**Said the king to the people everywhere  
Listen to what I say! (Listen to what I say!)  
Pray for peace, people, everywhere  
Listen to what I say! (Listen to what I say!)**

**The Child, the Child sleeping in the night  
He will bring us goodness and light!  
He will bring us goodness and light!**

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

***Presider: Pray my brothers and sisters that our sacrifice.....***  
**ALL: MAY THE LORD ACCEPT THE SACRIFICE AT YOUR  
HANDS, FOR THE PRAISE AND THE GLORY OF GOD'S NAME,  
FOR OUR GOOD AND THE GOOD OF ALL GOD'S CHURCH.**

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

#### **Introductory Dialogue**

#### **Preface**

**Presider: The Lord be with you.**

**ALL: AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

**Presider: Lift up your hearts.**

**ALL: WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.**

**Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.**

**ALL: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE.**

#### **Introductory Dialogue**

#### **Preface**

#### **The Holy**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blest is he, blest is who comes in the name he  
of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues.....

Words of Consecration:

***After the bread is offered ALL SAY TOGETHER:***

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

***Following, the wine chalice is offered while ALL SAY:***

***"TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT. THIS IS THE CUP OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND EVERLASTING COVENANT. IT WILL BE SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL SO THAT SINS MAY BE FORGIVEN. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME."***

**The Memorial Acclamation**

**Christ has died, Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, then concludes with:

**Doxology**

**Through him, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, forever and ever. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

**COMMUNION RITE**

**The Lord's Prayer**

Lamb of God

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.**

**Communion Song: The First Noel**

**1. The first Noel the angels did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lay.  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winters night that was so deep.  
NOEL, NOEL, NOEL, NOEL. BORN IS THE KING OF ISRAEL!**

2. They looked up and saw a star,  
shining in the east beyond them far  
and from the earth it gave great light  
and so it continued both day and night.

NOEL, NOEL, NOEL, NOEL. BORN IS THE KING OF ISRAEL!  
NOEL, NOEL, NOEL, NOEL. BORN IS THE KING OF ISRAEL!  
NOEL, NOEL, NOEL, NOEL. BORN IS THE KING OF ISRAEL!  
NOEL, NOEL, NOEL, NOEL. BORN IS THE KING OF ISRAEL!

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

NOEL, NOEL, NOEL, NOEL. BORN IS THE KING OF ISRAEL!  
(repeat as needed)

## CONCLUDING RITE

Meditation: THE LITTLE DRUMMER BOY

*Although the "Little Drummer Boy" is often remembered for the lines that famously imitate a drum, a review of the song's lyrics reveal why it is indeed a Christmas carol. It is about the birth of Jesus Christ and the gifts presented to the newborn King on this momentous day.*

*Dismissal*

Closing Song: HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

1. 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 angelic hosts proclaim "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.

**2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ the everlasting Lord.  
Late in time, behold him come.  
Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail th'incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."**

**3. Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings, Ris'n with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by, Born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth, Born to give us second birth.  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"**

**HAVE A BLESSED WEEK AND HAPPY EPIPHANY!**