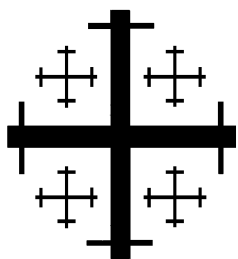


Epiphany

5 January 2025

9:30 am





The Liturgy at Calvary

The feast of Epiphany ("manifestation") concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all people.

Prelude

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

Based on tune "Morning Star", Harding 1850-1911

Setting by Robert Hobby, b. 1961

Penitential Rite

Jesus Christ, Inner Light

Je - sus Christ, in - ner light, let not our own dark-ness con - quer us.

Je - sus Christ, in - ner light, en - a - ble us to wel-come your love.

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L Arise, shine, for your light has come. Give (us) your justice and your righteousness, O God that we may defend the needy and rescue the poor... (Isaiah 60:1; Psalm 72:1, 4) Let us confess the ways we fail to care for the poor and defend the needy.

Silence is kept for confession and reflection

L Arise, shine, for your light has come... (Isaiah 60:1)

C May the righteous flourish and let there be an abundance of peace that the Lord's compassion might shine on the lowly and the poor. (Psalm 72:7, 15)

L Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. Then you shall see and be radiant and your heart shall thrill and rejoice when the Lord delivers those who have no helper. (Isaiah 60:1, 5; Psalm 72:12)

Jesus Christ, Inner Light

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Je - sus Christ, in - ner light, en - a - ble us to wel-come your love.

The musical score is written for two staves (treble and bass clef) in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains eight measures with the lyrics 'Je - sus Christ, in - ner light, let not our own dark-ness con - quer us.' The second system contains eight measures with the lyrics 'Je - sus Christ, in - ner light, en - a - ble us to wel-come your love.' Chord symbols are written above the notes: Bm, Bm/A, Gmaj7, F#, Bm/D, Em, F#(sus4), F# in the first system; B, Em, A, D, Em, F#, Bm in the second system.

Apostolic Greeting

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

C And also with you.

Kyrie Eleison [Greek, "Lord, Have Mercy"]

All

Musical score for the 'All' part, first system. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chords are indicated above the staff: Cmi, G, Cmi, Fm, G.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Musical score for the 'All' part, second system. The melody continues on a single staff. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chords are indicated above the staff: Cmi, Fm, G7, Cmi, Ab 3, Cmi.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Cantor

Musical score for the 'Cantor' part, first system. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are: For peace in the world, for the health of the church for the un - i - ty of all;

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Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Cantor

Musical score for the 'Cantor' part, first system. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are: For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for Spir - it kind - led love;

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Musical score for the 'Cantor' part, second system. The melody continues on a single staff. The lyrics are: for our life in Christ, which fills us with joy, let us pray to the Lord:

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Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Hymn Of Praise

Shine Like the Sun

Text: John Ylvisaker

Wild Moumain Thyme
trad. Scottish

Capo1

There's a light that lights the dark-ness and the world can - not con-tain it,
There are saints who light the dark-ness and the world can - not con-tain them

and the world can - not ex-plain it. It is the light of God's cre - a - tion.
for the love of God sus-tains them, and they will nev - er be for - got-ten.

There's a love that flows with - in us, and the world can - not cre - ate it,
We are blest to have them with us, and we praise the God who made them.

and the world can - not ne-gate it, It is the love of God's sal - va - tion;
There is no way to re - pay them, and so we sim - ply do ap - plaud them.

and it shines like the sun. Glo-ry be to our Cre - a - tor! Glor ry
as they shine like the sun.

to the Ho - ly One! Glo-ry be to Christ, our Sav - ior the Lord of
Light, the King of Love. See Him shine like the sun.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray... O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Please sit for today's readings from scripture

First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Psalm 72

REFRAIN *Cantor sings/all echo & sing ff. verses*

Rory Cooney

5 Jus - tice shall flour - ish in his time, and
full - ness of peace for - ev - er.

1. Oh God, with your judgement, endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; he shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgement. Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, 'til the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. **REFRAIN**
2. From the islands and Tarshish shall kings come with gifts; from Arabia and Sheba they come. All the kings of the earth pay him homage; all the nations shall serve him. For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and poor; the lives of the poor he shall save. **REFRAIN**

Second Reading

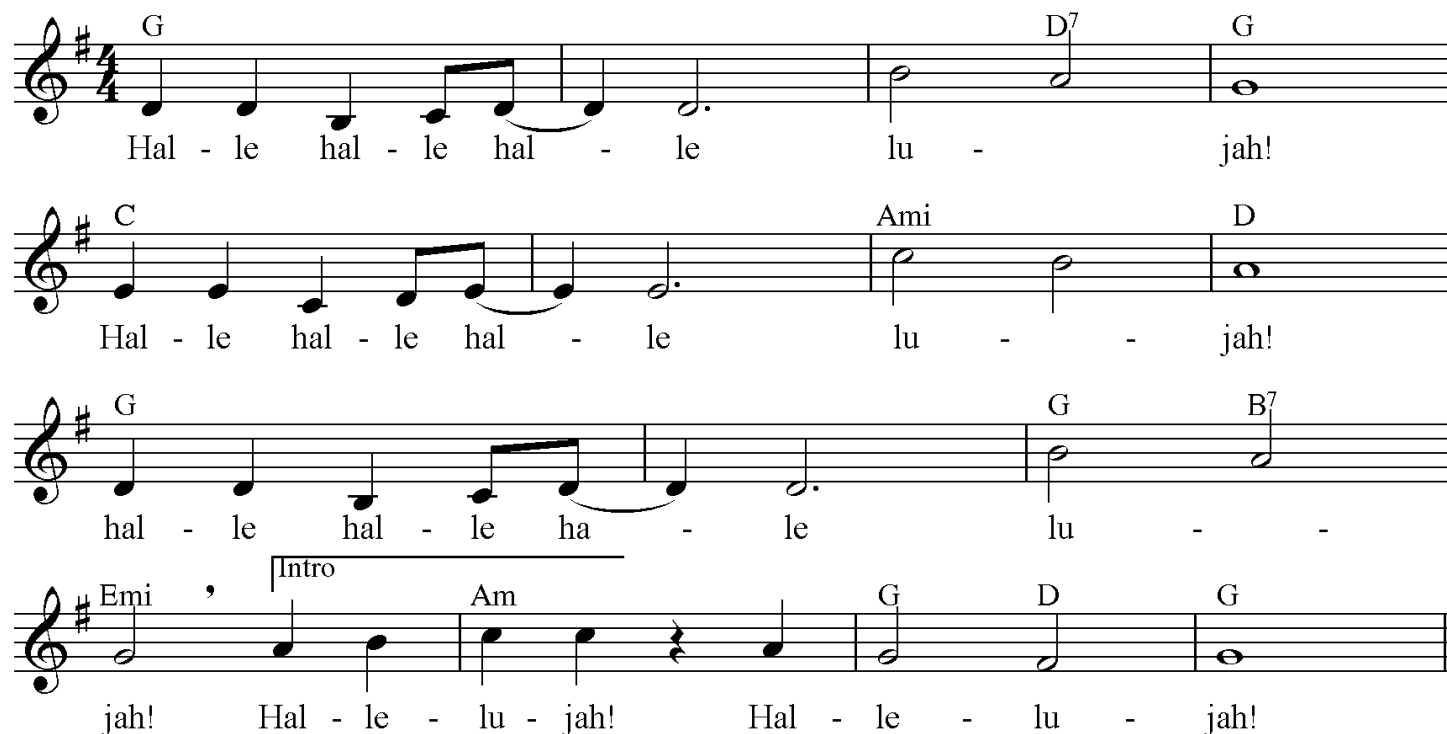
Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles — ²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.

Alleluia Verse / Gospel Acclamations



Hal - le hal - le hal - le lu - jah!

Hal - le hal - le hal - le lu - jah!

hal - le hal - le ha - le lu - jah!

jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

VERSE [choir] We have seen His star rising and have come to worship Him

Reprise *Halle Halle*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the second chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

P The Gospel of Our Lord

C Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon *Pastor Kyle Rouze*

Hymn of The Day

De Tierra Lejana Venimos From a Distant Land Puerto Rican carol

1. From a dis - tant land the Sav - ior we come seek - ing,
2. Glow - ing gold I bring the new - born babe so ho - ly,
Us - ing as our guide the star, so bright - ly beam - ing.
Refrain To - ken of His power to reign a - bove in glo - ry
Love - ly east - ern star that tells us of God's morn - ing,
Heav - en's won - drous light, O nev - er cease thy shin - ing!
Glo - ry in the high - est to the Son of Heav - en
And up - on the earth be peace and love to all.

3. Frankincense I bring the Child of God's own choosing,
Token of our prayer to heaven ever rising *Refrain*
4. Bitter myrrh have I to give the infant Jesus,
Token of the pain that He will bear to save us. *Refrain*

Creed

A Let us profess our faith in the Triune God

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again 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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Instrumental Intro

In the si - lence Lord, Hear our prayer.

In the still - ness Lord, Hear our prayer.

Our spo - ken words, our si - lent thoughts:

these we hum - bly share.

In this mo - ment Lord, Hear our prayer.

after each prayer petition

A Lord in your mercy

C **Hear our prayer.**

concluding with

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord **C** **Amen.**

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C And also with you.**
Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory

Carol of the Magi, John Rutter **Sanctuary Choir**
Rebecca Chase, Cello

We came to Bethlehem, we all were weary; We'd travelled far that night.

We heard that here we'd find Messiah, foretold by seers from days of old.

We looked for palaces and found a stable; could it be here - so bare and cold?

We entered in and there we saw him. It seemed we'd known him from long before. A child like any child, yet somehow different. The face of every child in him we saw.

We'd brought him gifts, and now we offered them. We knelt down low in silent prayer, with eyes that seemed to know both joy and sadness; the child looked down as we knelt there.

So long ago, yet I remember that child who lay at Mary's knee. How strange that every child seems so much like him: His is the face I seem to see.



Two Ways to Give

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Please stand as our gifts are offered, singing:

We lift our voices. We lift our hearts, we lift our
 lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices. Lord, use our
 hearts. Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering.
 All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be we
 give to you, we give to you.
 We lift our voices we lift our hearts, we lift our
 lives up to you: we are an offering. We are an offering.

A Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

[P] The Lord be with you. **[C]** And al - so with you.
[P] Lift up your hearts. **[C]** We lift them to the Lord.
[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
[C] It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and good that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, Holy God mighty and immortal through Jesus Christ our Lord. You so loved the world that you sent your only Son, your word made flesh to live among us and to open to us the way of your abundant life.
 And so with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus & Benedictus [*Latin, Holy & Blessed*]

Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho -

san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
 san - na in the high - est.

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Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharistic Acclamation

We pro-claim your death, Lord; we cel - e - brate your ris - ing; we
 break this bread and share this_ cup un - til you come a - gain.

P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.

**C 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. For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

P Body of Christ given for you. Blood of Christ shed for you.

Agnus Dei [*Latin, Lamb Of God*]

Em Am⁷ Bm⁷ Em Em⁷/D Cmaj⁷
 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
 A⁹ Am⁷+⁹ Em/B C⁷maj⁷ Bm⁷
 world: Have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on
 A⁷+⁹ Em Em⁷/D
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 Cmaj⁷ A⁹ Am⁷+⁹ Em/B Cmaj⁷ Bm⁷
 sin of the world: Have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on
 A⁷+⁹ Em Em⁷/D Cmaj⁷
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 A⁹ Am⁷+⁹ Em/B Cmaj⁷ Bm⁷ A⁷+⁹ Bm⁷ C D E
 world: Grant us peace. Grant - us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

In-Person: All are welcome to commune at the Altar. Ushers will guide. Wine is Red. Grape Juice is White. Gluten-free wafers available upon request.



Online at Home: If you have elements at home, commune with those in attendance at the same time. We encourage you to communion each other and bless children who have not received First Communion. Consider giving this blessing: "Know that the promises of Jesus's love are for you."

One or more songs on the following songs may be sung during distribution of the Sacrament:

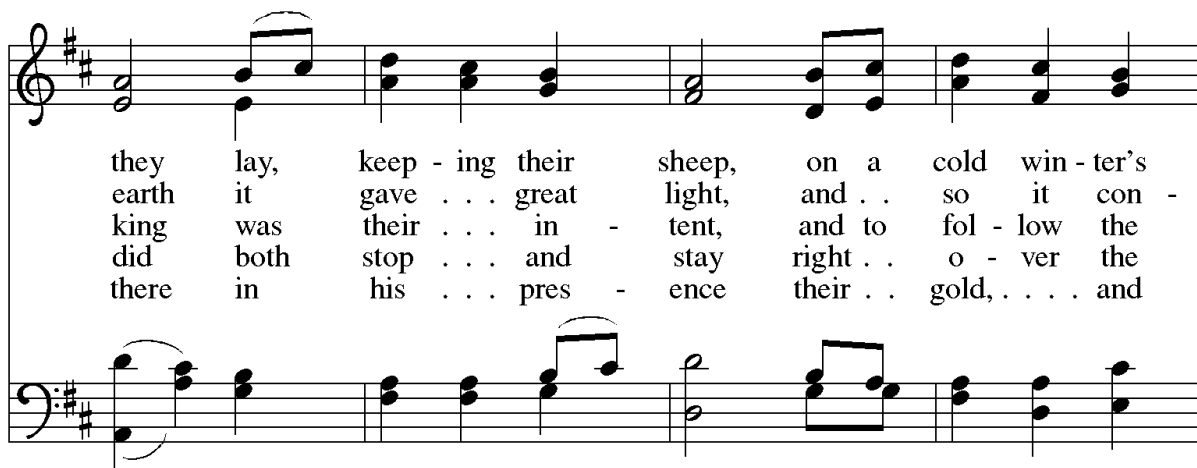
The First Noel



1 The first No - el the an - gel did say was to
 2 They look - ed up and saw . . a star shin-ing
 3 And by the light of that . . same star three . .
 4 This star drew near to the . . north - west, o'er . .
 5 Then en - tered in those wise . . men three, full . .



cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; in fields where
 in . . . the east . . be - yond . . them far; and to the
 wise . . men came . . from coun - try far; to seek for a
 Beth - le - hem . . it took . . its rest; and there it
 rev - 'rent - ly . . . up - on . . . their knee, and of - fered



they lay, keep - ing their sheep, on a cold win - ter's
 earth it gave . . . great light, and . . so it con -
 king was their . . . in - tent, and to fol - low the
 did both stop . . . and stay right . . o - ver the
 there in his . . . pres - ence their . . gold, . . . and

Refrain

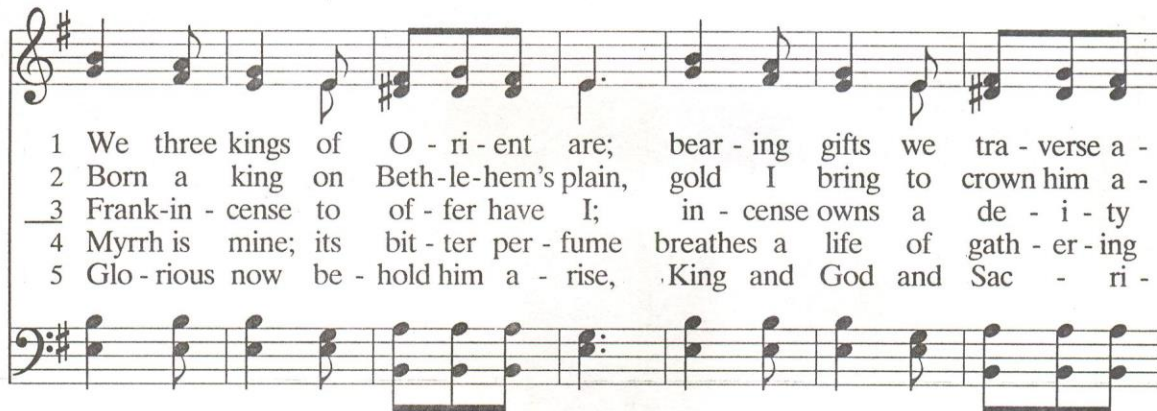
night that was so deep.
tin-ued both day and night.
star wher - ev - er it went. No - el, No - el, No -
place where Je - sus lay.
myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

el, No - el! Born is the King of Is - ra - el.

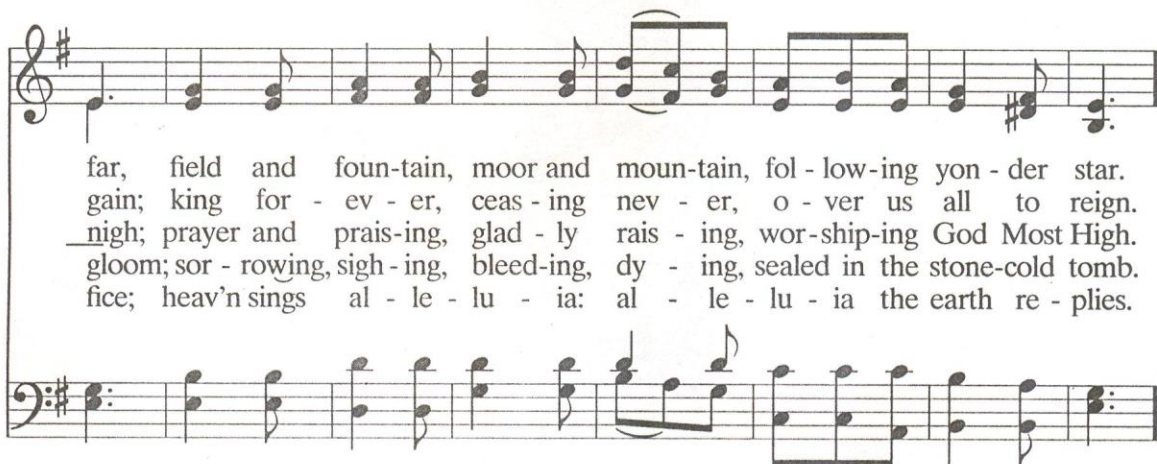
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Music: THE FIRST NOWELL, English traditional; arr. John Stainer, 1840–1901

We Three Kings of Orient Are

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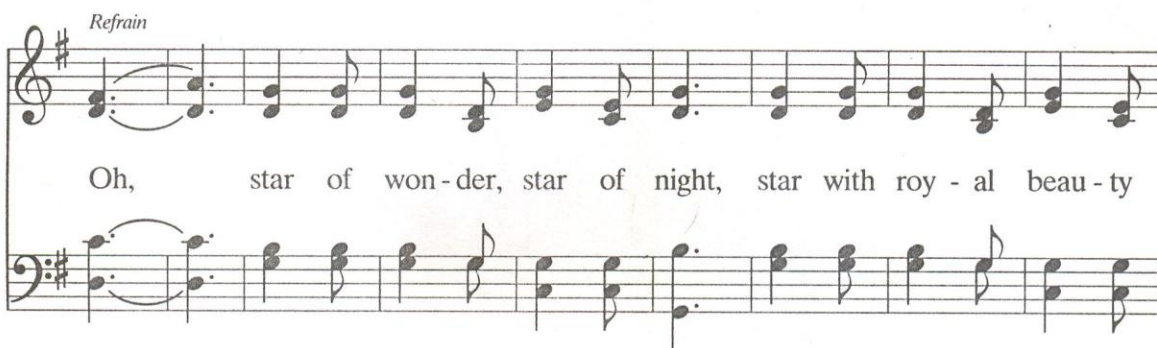


1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a -
 2 Born a king on Beth-le-hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a -
 3 Frank-in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense owns a de - i - ty
 4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a life of gath - er - ing
 5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and God and Sac - ri -

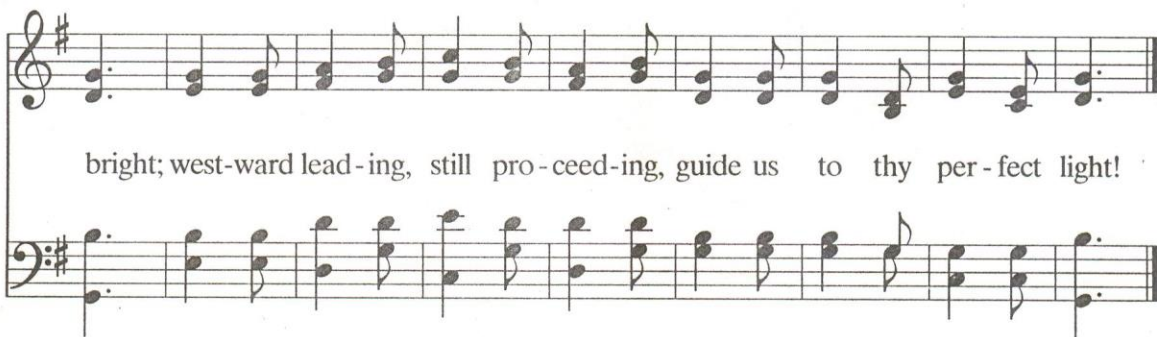


far, field and foun-tain, moor and moun-tain, fol - low-ing yon - der star.
 gain; king for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
 nigh; prayer and prais-ing, glad - ly rais - ing, wor-ship-ing God Most High.
 gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing, bleed-ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
 fice; heav'n sings al - le - lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain



Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty



bright; west-ward lead-ing, still pro-ceed-ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Text: John Henry Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891, alt.
 Music: John Henry Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT
 8 8 4 4 6 and refrain

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **C Amen**

Post Communion Canticle

Thank -ful hearts and voic - es raise;— tell ev -ery
one what God has done. Let all who seek the Lord re -joice and
bear Christ's ho - ly name. Send us with your
prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth with joy! With -
shouts of thanks-giv - ing, A - men, A - men; With -
shouts of thanks-giv - ing A - men! A - men!

A Let us pray... Merciful God,
we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food.
Strengthened by this goodness,
send us forth to announce your peace,
comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy.

C Amen.

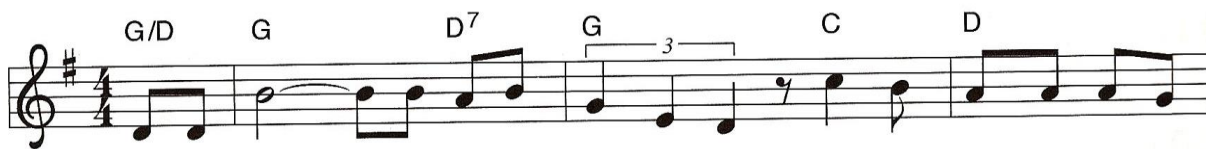
P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✕ give you peace.

C Amen

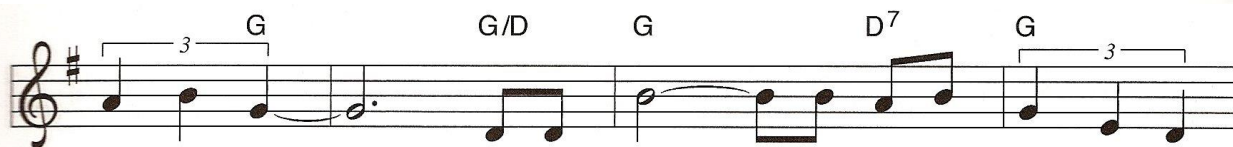
We Are Marching in the Light

Siyahamba

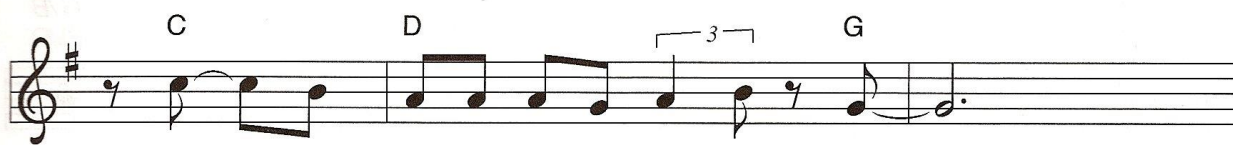
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Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



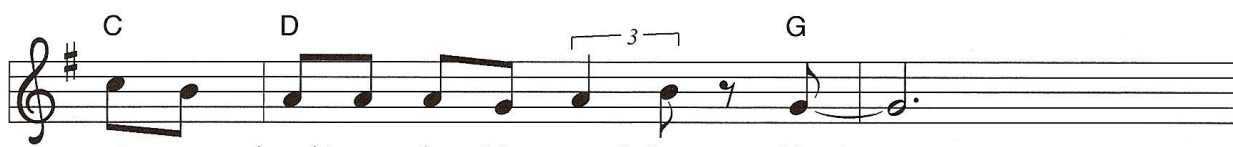
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

Text: South African traditional; tr. *Freedom Is Coming*, 1984

Music: South African traditional

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Irregular

A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *Improvisation on "March of the Kings"*

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Commemorations This Week

Adrian of Canterbury, teacher, died around 710 (TFF)

Thursday, January 9, 2025

African by birth, Adrian (or Hadrian) worked with Theodore, archbishop of Canterbury, in developing the church in England. He was director of a school at which church leaders were trained.

Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, martyr, died 1968

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

An American prophet of justice among races and nations, King was an eloquent preacher, a leader of the nonviolent resistance to race-segregated society, and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Born on this date, he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

Antony of Egypt, renewer of the church, died around 356

Friday, January 17, 2025

One of the earliest of the Egyptian desert fathers, Antony gave away his sizeable inheritance and became a hermit. Later he became leader of a group of monks who devoted themselves to prayer, worship, and labor.

Pachomius, renewer of the church, died 346

Friday, January 17, 2025

Born in Egypt, Pachomius became a Christian while a soldier. He became a hermit (a solitary monk) and organized others into a religious community. His rule for monasteries influenced later ones in both the Eastern and Western churches.

Confession of Peter

Saturday, January 18, 2025

Today the church remembers the apostle Peter's great acknowledgement of Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God." This festival serves as a fitting beginning to the week in which we particularly pray that all Christians might be united in faith and witness.
