Prelude: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (IN DULCI JUBILO)

Entrance Hymn: We Three Kings (KINGS OF ORIENT)

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.

Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice;
“Alleluia, Alleluia!”
Sounds through the earth and skies.
Glory to God: Mass of St. Ann (Ed Bolduc)

Glory! Glory to God in the highest.
Glory! 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.

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.

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.
Glory! Glory to God in the highest.
Glory! Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1–6

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
See, darkness covers the earth,
and thick clouds cover the peoples;
but upon you the LORD shines,
and over you appears his glory.
Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance.
Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you:
your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.
Then you shall be radiant at what you see,
your heart shall throb and overflow,
for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you,
the wealth of the nations shall be brought to you.
Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah;
all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense,
and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72 (Marty Haugen)**

"Lord, ev’ry nation on earth will adore you,
ev’ry nation on earth will adore you."

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

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians.

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet:

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

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star’s appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage.” After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. 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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
Presentation of the Gifts

INFANT HOLY, INFANT LOWLY

1. Infant holy, infant lowly, For his bed a
   cattle stall; Ox-en low-ing, lit-tle know-ing
   Christ the babe is Lord of all. Swift are wing-ing,
   angels sing-ing, No-els ring-ing, tid-ings bring-ing:
2. Flocks were sleep-ing, shep-herds keep-ing Vig-il till the
   morn-ing new. Saw the glo-ry, heard the sto-ry,
   Tid-ings of a gos-pel true. Thus re-joic-ing,
   free from sor-row, Prais-es voic-ing greet the mor-row:
3. As we jour-ney to the sta-ble Like the wise-men
   long a-go. We are hop-ing to dis-cov-er
   What these pil-grims came to know. All are wel-come
   at this man-ger, King and shep-herd, friend and strang-er.
4. Wake our spir-its from their slum-ber; Send the dark-ness
   on its way. Fill our hearts with joy and won-der
   On this bless-ed Christ-mas day. Songs of an-gels
   all a-round us; Grace and bless-ing now sur-round us.

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Holy: Mass of Renewal (Curtis Stephan)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation: Mass of Renewal (Curtis Stephan)

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Amen: Mass of Renewal (Curtis Stephan)

Amen, Amen, Amen.

Lamb of God

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

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Communion Hymn

THE FIRST NOWELL

Verses

1. The first No-well, the an-gel did say,
2. They look-ed up and saw a star
3. And by the light of that same star
4. This star drew nigh to the north-west,
5. Then en-tered in those wise men three,
6. Then let us all with one ac-cord

1. Was to cer-tain poor shep-herds in fields as they lay;
2. Shin-ing in the east, be-yond them far;
3. Three wise men came from coun-try far;
4. O'er Beth-le-hem it took its rest,
5. Full rever-tently up on the knee,
6. Sing prai-ses to our heav'nly Lord;

1. In fields where they lay keep-ing their sheep,
2. And to the earth it gave great light,
3. To seek for a king was their in-tent,
4. And there it did both stop and stay,
5. And of-fered there, in his pres-ence,
6. Who with the Fa-ther we a-dore

1. On a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.
2. And so it con-tin-ued both day and night.
3. And to fol-low the star where-ev-er it went.
4. Right o-ver the place where Je-sus lay.
5. Their gold and myrrh and frank-in-cense.
6. And Spirit blest for ev-er-more.

Refrain

No-well, No-well, No-well, No-well,

Born is the King of Is-ra-el.

Closing Hymn: Go, Tell It On The Mountain (GO TELL IT)

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev’rywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching
O’er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev’rywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.

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