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The Epiphany of The Lord

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The Baptism of the Lord

Tues. Jan 10 -
FIrst Week of Ordinary
Time Begins

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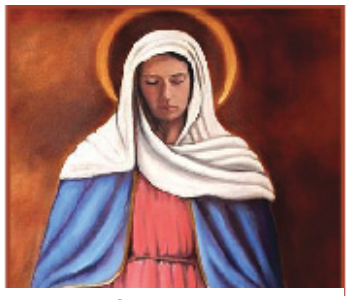

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The Blessed Virgin Mary

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From Pope Francis' Homily (2018)

The Epiphany of the Lord

Three actions of the Magi guide our journey towards the Lord, who today is revealed as light and salvation for all peoples. The Magi see the star, they set out and they bring gifts.

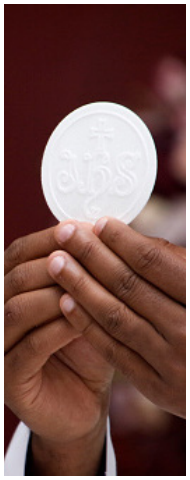
Seeing the star. This is where it starts. But why, we might ask, did the Magi alone see the star? Perhaps because few people raised their eyes to heaven. We often make do with looking at the ground: it's enough to have our health, a little money and a bit of entertainment. I wonder if we still know how to look up at the sky.

Setting out, the second thing the Magi do, is essential if we are to find Jesus. Setting out is not easy. The Gospel shows us this through a cast of characters. There is Herod, wild with fear that the birth of a king will threaten his power. So he organizes meetings and sends people out to gather information, yet he himself does not budge; he stays locked up in his palace. Even "all Jerusalem" is afraid: afraid of the new things God is bringing about. They want everything to remain as it was – that is the way it has always been – no one has the courage to leave.

Bringing gifts. Having come to Jesus after a long journey, the Magi do as he does: they bring gifts. Jesus is there to give his life; they offer him their own costly gifts: gold, incense and myrrh. The Gospel becomes real when the journey of life ends in giving. To give freely, for the Lord's sake, without expecting anything in return: this is the sure sign that we have found Jesus.

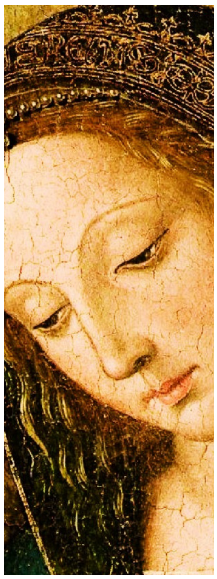
Dear brothers and sisters, let us imitate the Magi: looking upwards, setting out, and freely offering our gifts.

Edited for length. You can see the entire Homily at https://zenit.org/articles/popes-homily-for-solemnity-of-epiphany-2/



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the
Most Holy 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 Memorare Prayer

Remember, O most gracious Virgin
Mary, that never was it known
that anyone who fled to your
protection, implored your help
or sought your intercession
was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence,
I fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins,
my Mother. To you I come, before
you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.

O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in your mercy
hear and answer me.
Amen.

Peace Prayer Of St. Francis

While this prayer has always been attributed to St. Francis, the author is actually unknown. The prayer does wonderfully represent the spirit of St. Francis and the Franciscan Orders.

Lord, make me an
instrument of your **peace**;
where there is hatred,
let me sow **love**;
where there is injury, **pardon**;
where there is doubt, **faith**;
where there is despair, **hope**;
where there is darkness, **light**;
and where there is sadness, **joy**.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not
so much seek
to be consoled, as to **console**;
to be understood, as to **understand**;
to be loved, as to **love**;
for it is in giving that we **receive**,
it is in pardoning that we are **pardoned**,
and it is in dying that we are
born to eternal life.

Amen.

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THE POPE TWEETS

JANUARY 06, 2022 - EPIPHANY

The Magi return "by another way" (Mt 2:12). They challenge us to take new paths. This is the creativity of the Holy Spirit who always does new things. #Epiphany

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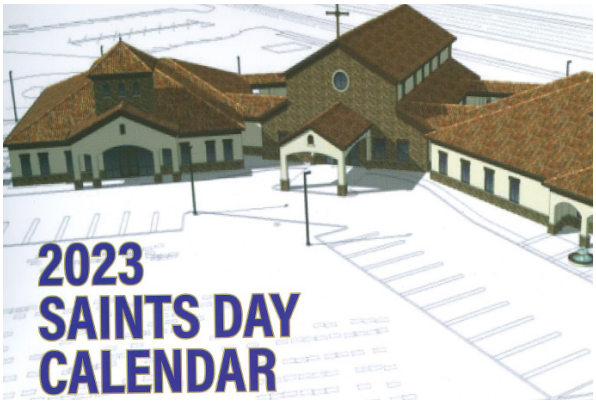
Sun:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
Mon:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Mt 3:13-17
Tue:	Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
Wed:	Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thur:	Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Fri:	Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Sat:	Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sun:	Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34



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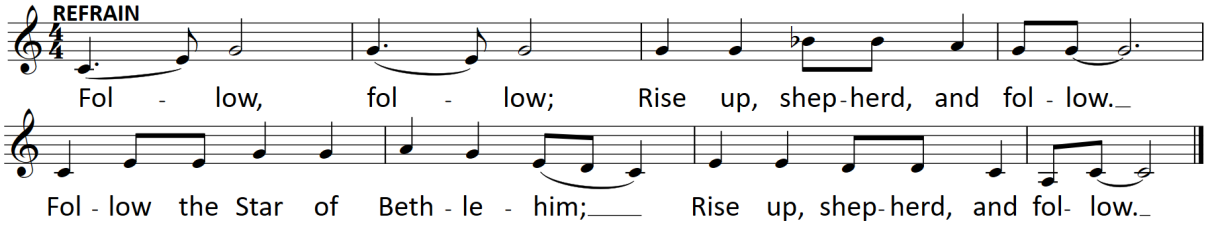
We adore you Most Holy Lord Jesus Christ, here and in all your churches in the world,
And we bless you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world. Amen.

Gathering — ***Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow*** — *Spiritual*

There's a star in the East on Christmas morn; **Rise up, shepherd, and follow;**
It will lead to the place where the Christ was born; **Rise up, shepherd, and follow.**



Leave your sheep, leave your sheep, and leave your lambs; **Rise up, shepherd, and follow;**
Leave your ewes and your rams, leave your ewes and rams; **Rise up, shepherd, and follow. (to Refrain)**

If you take good heed to the angel's words; **Rise up, shepherd, and follow;**
You'll forget your flocks, you'll forget your herds; **Rise up, shepherd, and follow. (to Refrain)**

Text: 10 7 11 7 with refrain; Spiritual. Music: RISE UP, SHEPHERD.

Gloria: *Angels We Have Heard On High/Mass of the Patriarchs* — *French Traditional/Michael Dominc O'Conner, OP*

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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. **(Refrain)**

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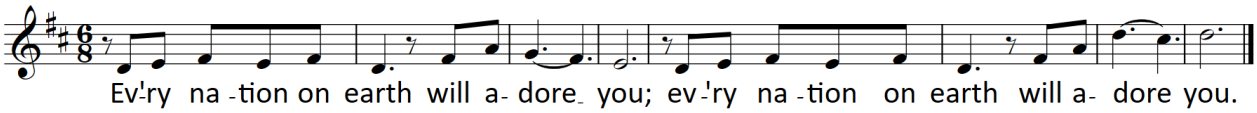
Psalm: *Psalm 72 " Every Nation on Earth"* — *Michael Joncas*



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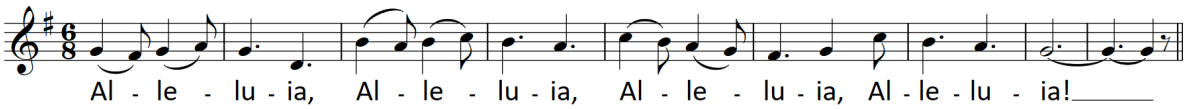
Gospel Acclamation: — *James J. Chepponis*



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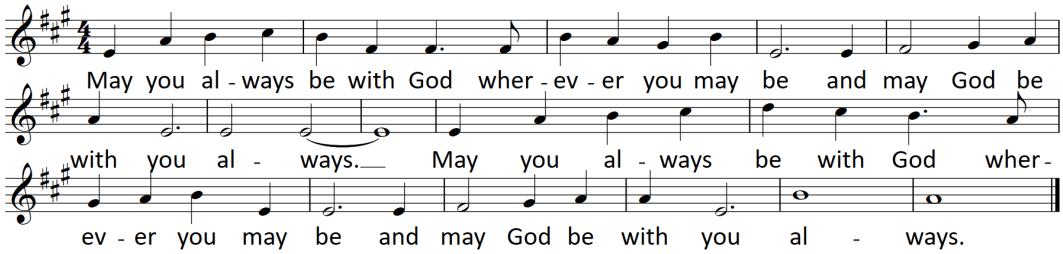
Dismissal of Catechumens (9:30): ***Blessing of St. Clare*** *Cathy Tisel Nelson*



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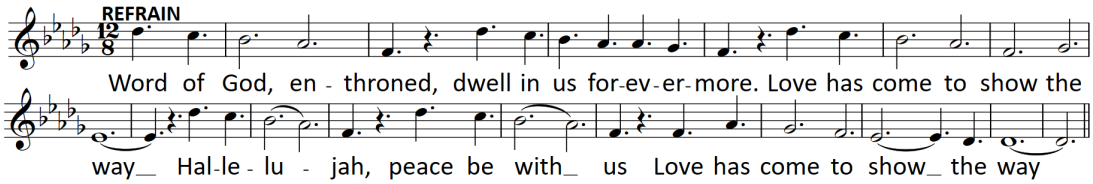
APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the Virgin Mary, 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 he 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+

Preparation of Gifts: ***Love Has Come*** *Matt Maher*

1. With one voice the angels sing songs that make creation ring.
Prophets hear and call us to live in spirit and in truth. ***(to Verse 2)***

2. God the Father, Elohim, voice of thunder, spirit, wind:
breathe on me your very life; grace will make the darkness bright.



3. God of Covenant, divine, lead us to the end of time,
beyond sorrow, beyond fear, beyond pride and earthen tears. ***(to Refrain and Bridge)***

Bridge Keeper of the sacrifice manifest in Jesus Christ,
born to die and wake the dead, as we hunger keep us fed. **(to Verse 4)**

4. Now salvation has come in the New Jerusalem.
Dancers dance and singers roar; proclaiming Jesus Christ is Lord! **(to Refrain)**

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Liturgy of the Eucharist: ***Mass from Age to Age*** *Chris de Silva*

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

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us, Lamb of God. *(x2)*
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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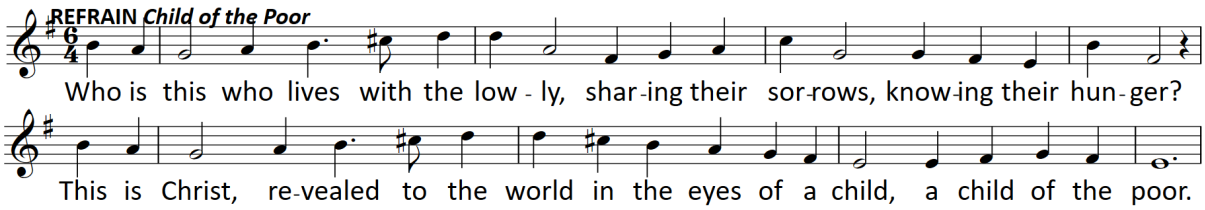
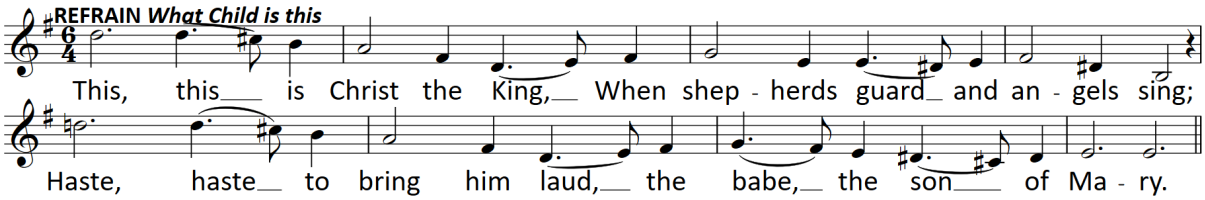
Communion: ***Child of the Poor/What Child is This?*** *Scott Soper*

Helpless and hungry, lowly he lies, wrapped in the chill of midwinter;
comes now among us, born into poverty's embrace, new life for the world.



What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping? **(Refrain)**



Who is the stranger here in our midst, looking for shelter among us?
Who is the outcast? Who do we see amid the poor, the children of God? ***(to Refrain 1)***

Why lies he in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here The silent Word is pleading. **(to Refrain 2)**

Bring all the thirsty, all who seek peace; bring those with nothing to offer.
Strengthen the feeble, say to the frightened heart: "Fear not: here is your God!" ***(to Refrain 1)***

So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, Come peasant, king to own him;
The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone him. **(to Refrain 2)**

What Child is This? Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, Tune: GREENSLEEVES, 8 7 8 7 with refrain; English melody, 16th C.; harm. by John Stainer, 1840–1901
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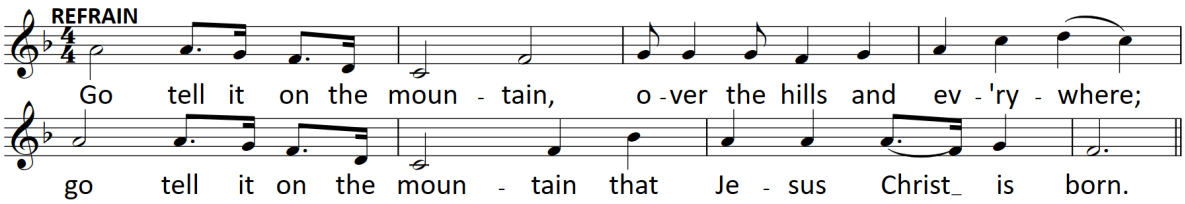
Sending Forth: ***Go, Tell It On the Mountain*** *African-American Spiritual*



While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. **(Refrain)**

The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! Above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our savior's birth. **(Refrain)**

Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn. **(Refrain)**

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