



Epiphany
January 10th, 2021





The First Nowell

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
Nowell, nowell,
Nowell, nowell,
Born is the King of Israel

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
Nowell, nowell,
Nowell, nowell,
Born is the King of Israel

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
Nowell, nowell,
Nowell, nowell,
Born is the King of Israel



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
Nowell, nowell,
Nowell, nowell,
Born is the King of Israel

Then entered in those wise men three
Full reverently upon their knee
And offered there in his presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense
Nowell, nowell,
Nowell, nowell,
Born is the King of Israel

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
Who has made heaven and earth of nought
And with his blood salvation bought
Nowell, nowell,
Nowell, nowell,
Born is the King of Israel



Blessed are you, O Christ, Son of God,
You were before time began and came into the world to
save us.

Blessed are you, Sun of righteousness;
You shine with the Father's love and illumine the whole
universe.

Blessed are you, Son of Mary;
Born a child you shared our humanity, let heaven and
earth praise

Blessed are you, Son of David;
Born to rule, you received gifts from the wise men.

Blessed are you, Son of Man;
Baptized by John, you saved us from ourselves.

Blessed are you, heavenly King;
Teaching and preaching, healing and comforting,
You proclaimed the kingdom.

Let heaven and earth shout their praise.

Let us pray.

**Eternal God,
Who by a star
Led wise men to the worship of your Son.
Guide by your light the nations of the earth,
That the whole world may know your glory;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit,
One God, now and for ever.**

Amen.



A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH 60:1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift 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. Then 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. A 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.

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



PSALM 72:1-7, 10-14

Give the king your justice, O God, **and your righteousness to the king's son;**

That he may rule your people righteously **and the poor with justice;**

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, **and the little hills bring righteousness.**

He shall defend the needy among the people; **he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**

He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, **from one generation to another.**

He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, **like showers that water the earth.**

In his time shall the righteous flourish; **there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.**

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, **and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.**

All kings shall bow down before him, **and all the nations do him service.**

For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, **and the oppressed who has no helper.**

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; **he shall preserve the lives of the needy.**

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, **and dear shall their blood be in his sight.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In 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: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of 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. Although 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, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so 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. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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



We Three Kings

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.

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign.
O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect Light.

Frankincense to offer have I.
Incense owns a Deity nigh.
Prayer and praising all men raising,
Worship Him, God on high.
O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect Light.



Myrrh is mine: Its bitter perfume
Breaths a life of gathering gloom.
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
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.
O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect Light





The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "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." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: '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.' " Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then 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." When 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. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On 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. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Quote



Performed by Frank Berg

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again, He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 the life everlasting.

Amen.



The Magi came from the east to worship your Son: God, grant to Christians everywhere the spirit of adoration and that through their worship they may reflect the glorious light of Christ.

Heavenly Father, you sent your son to guide your people, just as you sent a star to guide the Wise Men to worship him. We pray that you will send, your Holy Spirit to guide us as we begin a New Year. We know that this coming year will bring significant changes and we pray that you will always be present as we take one more step along the journey of faith.
Lord; **in your mercy hear our prayer.**

Lord God, as we face the start of 2021 we pray for your world. Let the star of your justice always shine in the hearts of those who are in authority. Enable all nations to recognize the sanctity of each and every human life in their care so that all may experience an abundance of peace and security. Most especially we pray that this year will see the end of the pandemic as the programme of vaccination continues worldwide.
Lord; **in your mercy hear our prayer.**

Father God, Your Son shared the life of his home and family at Nazareth: we give thanks for his presence with us in our homes and in our lives. Guide us in our relationships with family and neighbours, especially those in trouble or need and bless those who have guided and enriched our own lives.
Lord; **in your mercy hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for all those who have lost their way or have been led astray and for all who are living below their potential or their abilities. We raise before you all whose lives are unfulfilled and all those whose lives are restricted by illness; we remember the chronically ill, those in constant pain, the depressed and the despairing. We especially pray for those on our hearts and in our minds
Lord; **in your mercy hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, we pray for all who are coming to the end of their journey here on earth and pray that they may come into your presence and kingdom. We pray for all those who have come before your face and now rejoice in the fullness of life eternal.
Lord; **in your mercy hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, as we go out into this New Year we ask for your loving presence with us to share in its joys and to strengthen us in its sorrows.

Merciful Father: **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**





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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Hail To The Lord's Anointed

Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater son!
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains shall peace the herald go,
and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.

Kings shall fall down before him, and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing.
To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend,
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.

O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious all blessing and all blest.
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove.
His name shall stand forever: that name to us is Love.

