

SACRED HEART, TAMPA
The Epiphany of the Lord
5:30 PM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
4 January 2026

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Song: We Three Kings
(John Henry Hopkins Jr.)

V. 1 We three kings, of Orient are
Bearing gifts, we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
Following yonder star

Chorus:

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

V.2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever ceasing never
Over us all to reign

Chorus:

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

V.3 Frankincense to offer have I
Incense owns a Deity nigh
Prayer and praising all men raising
Worship Him God on high

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Glory to God: Mass of a Joyful Heart

(Angrisano)

**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.

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

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!

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

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 to God in the highest,
and on earth,
peace to people of good will!
A-A-AMEN!**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Is 60:1-6

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 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

**Lord, every nation on Earth,
every nation on Earth
will adore you!**

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Second Reading: Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

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 Greeting:

Angels We Have Heard on High!

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Gloria In excelsis Deo!

Gloria In excelsis Deo!

Verse :

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King

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Gospel:

Mt 2:1-12

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

No Repeat of the Chorus after the Gospel Outside Ordinary Time.
Please be seated.

Homily

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
 (all bow during the next two lines)
 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.

Universal Prayer

**Response: “Loving God,
hear our prayer.”**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts & Altar: Noel

(Tomlin | Cash | Redman)

V.1 Love incarnate love divine
Star and angels gave the sign
Bow to babe on bended knee
The Savior of humanity
Unto us a Child is born
He shall reign forevermore

Chorus:

Noel, Noel!
Come and see what God has done
Noel, Noel!
The story of amazing love
The light of the world, given for us,
Noel!

V.2 Son of God and Son of man

There before the world began

Born to suffer born to save

Born to raise us from the grave

Christ the everlasting Lord

He shall reign forevermore!

Chorus:

Noel, Noel!

Come and see what God has done

Noel, Noel!

The story of amazing love

The light of the world, given for us,

Noel!

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Eucharistic Acclamations:

Mass of a Joyful Heart (Angrisano)

Holy, Holy – Save Us Savior – Amen

COMMUNION RITE

Our Father

Lamb of God: **Mass of a Joyful Heart** (Angrisano)

Communion Song 1: **What Child is This** ("Greensleeves" - Public Domain)

V.1 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

This this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste haste to bring Him laud
The Babe the Son of Mary

V.2 Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding
Good Christian fear for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading
Nails spear shall pierce Him through
The cross be borne for me for you
Hail hail the Word made flesh
The Babe the Son of Mary

V.3 So bring Him incense gold and myrrh
Come peasant king to own Him
The King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone Him
Raise raise the song on high
The Virgin sings her lullaby
Joy joy for Christ is born
The Babe the Son of Mary

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Communion Song 2: The First Noel

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V.1 The first Noel 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

Chorus:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel!

V.2 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

V.3 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

Chorus:

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!
Born is the King of Israel!

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Communion Song 3: Silent Night

(Gruber | Young | Mohr)

V.1 Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin, mother and Child
Holy Infant, so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace!

V.2 Silent night, holy night
Shepherds quake, at the sight
Glories stream, from heaven afar
Heav'nly hosts, sing alleluia
Christ the Savior is born,
Christ the Savior is born!

V.3
Silent night, holy night
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams, from Thy holy face
With the dawn, of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord at Thy birth,
Jesus Lord at Thy birth!

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CONCLUDING RITE

Sending Forth Song - Joy to the World

(Handel | Watts)

V.1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King!
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room.
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing!

V.2 Joy to the earth the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

V.4 He rules the world,
with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness.
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love!

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