

**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!**

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**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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