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

Entrance Hymn: The First Nowell (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.

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.
Glory To God: Golden Jubilee Mass (Maria Banson)

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. 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 (Luke Mayernik)

"Lord, every 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

**CELTRIC ALLELUIA**

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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

WE THREE KINGS

Verses

1. We three kings of Orient are; Bearing gifts we traverse afar;
   Field and fountain, Moor and mountain,
2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, Gold I bring to crown him again,
   King forever, Ceasing never;
3. Frankincense to offer have I; Incense owns a deity nigh;
   Prayer and praising, Gladly raising;
4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
   Sorrowing, sighing, Bleeding, dying;
5. Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and sacrifice;
   "Alleluia, Alleluia!"

Refrain

1. Following yonder star, O star of wonder,
   star of night, Star with royal beauty bright;
2. Over us all to reign.
   Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.
3. Worship him, God on high.
4. Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
5. Sounds through the earth and skies.

Text: 88 44 6 with refrain; based on Matthew 2:1–11.
Text and music: Carols, Hymns and Songs, 1863; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820–1891, alt.
Holy: Golden Jubilee Mass (Maria Banson)

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

Memorial Acclamation: Golden Jubilee Mass (Maria Banson)

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

Amen: Golden Jubilee Mass (Maria Banson)


Lamb of God: Golden Jubilee Mass (Maria Banson)

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

Communion Antiphon
Communion Hymn

AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD

1. As with gladness men of old Did the guiding
2. As with joyful steps they sped To that lowly
3. As they offered gifts most rare At that manger
4. Holy Jesus, every day Keep us in the
5. In the heav’nly country bright Need they no cre-

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1. star behold, As with joy they hailed its light,
2. manger bed, There to bend the knee before
3. rude and bare; So may we with holy joy,
4. narrow way; And, when earthly things are past,
5. aged light; Thou, its light, its joy, its crown,

1. Leading onward, beaming bright, So, most gracious
2. Him whom heav’n and earth adore; So may we with
3. Pure and free from sin’s alloy, All our costliest
4. Bring our ransomed souls at last Where they need no
5. Thou its sun which goes not down; There for ever

1. Lord, may we Evermore be led to thee.
2. willing feet Ever seek the mercy seat.
3. treasures bring, Christ! to thee, our heav’nly King.
4. star to guide, Where no clouds thy glory hide.
5. may we sing Alleluias to our King.

Text: 77 77 77; William C. Dix, 1837–1898.
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.

Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; Let us our songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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.