Sunday, January 5, 2025 The Epiphany of our Lord

Gathering: Wake From Your Sleep (Schutte) ... BB108

Wake from your sleep, a Savior is born God's holy child gives light to this morn All our darkness to dispel Praise to our God whose glory we tell

Come from your fields as shepherds of old Welcome this child whom prophets foretold God has made the earth his home Praise to our God, the Savior has come

Stay with us now, O Lord of the earth Make of our hearts a place for your birth Though our cares be great or small Jesus the Lord, be born in us all

Now shall the earth take joy in her tears Now shall our hearts be turned from their fears All the earth shall sing God's praise Jesus the Lord, be born on this day

Gloria

First Reading

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Most High shines upon you.

See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the Most High shines, and over you appears God's 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 Most High God.

The word of God.

Responsorial 8am: Every Nation on Earth-Ps72 (Joncas) ... G67

REFRAIN

Ev'ry Nation On Earth will adore you, Lord; Ev'ry Nation On Earth will adore you, Lord.

VERSE 1

O God, with your judgement endow the King; With your justice endow the king's son. With justice he will govern your people, Your afflicted ones with right judgement.

VERSE 2

Justice shall flow'r in his days,
Lasting peace 'til the moon be no more.
May he rule from sea to sea,
From the rive to the ends of the earth.

VERSE 3

The kings of Tarshish and the isles offer gifts, Those, from Seba and Arabia bring tribute. All kings shall pay their homage, All nations shall serve him.

Responsorial: Lord, Every Nation-Ps72 (V1,V2,V4) (Manibusan) ... H/O

Second reading

A reading from the Letter of 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 God's 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 God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia "We have seen the star at its rising; And this child of hope, shining in our hearts."

Gospel Reading

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew

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 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 Good News of Salvation.

Homily

Prayers of the Faithful

Universal Intercessions

Response: God of Light, hear our prayer.

(God of Light, hear our prayer.)

In this Jubilee year, may we fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision, let us pray...

For a spirit of wonder: that our hearts may be awestruck as we recognize God's gifts to us in our faith, our relationships, and our opportunities, let us pray...

For a renewal of prayer in our lives: that we may make time for God each day of this year and be attentive to God's invitations and promptings in our hearts, let us pray...

For all who exercise power: that they may be aware of the impact of their decisions, consider the needs of the powerless and work to promote the common good, let us pray...

For our LGBTQIA siblings, that they may find peace and refuge in these troubling times, especially with us, let us pray...

For all migrants and refugees throughout the world that they may find welcome and peace, let us pray...

For whom else shall we pray...

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of Gifts

Offertory: Night of Silence (Kantor) ... BB83

Cold are the people, winter of life
We tremble in shadows this cold, endless night
Frozen in the snow lie roses sleeping
Flowers that will echo the sunrise
Fire of hope is our only warmth
Weary, its flame will be dying soon

Voice in the distance, call in the night
On wind you enfold us you speak of the light
Gentle on the ear you whisper softly
Rumours of a dawn so embracing
Breathless love awaits darkened souls
Soon will we know of the morning

Spirit among us, shine like the star
Your light that guides shepherds and kings from afar
Shimmer in the sky so empty, lonely
Rising in the warmth of your Son's love
Star unknowing of night and day
Spirit we wait for your loving Son

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God forever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

Blessed be God forever.

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Eucharistic Prayer (if you are watching the video or listening to the audio, please follow along and participate with Fr. Jack; and continue with the Communion Songs below.)

Holy 8am: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) ... BB861 Holy 10am: Mass of Glory (Hurd/Canedo) ... BB884

Mem 8am: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) – When we eat this bread ... BB863 Mem 10am: Mass of Glory (Hurd/Canedo) – We proclaim your death ... BB885

Amen 8am: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) ... BB865 Amen 10am: Mass of Glory (Hurd/Canedo) ... BB888 Lamb 8am: Mass of Renewal (Stephan) ... BB866 Lamb 10am: Mass of Glory (Hurd/Canedo) ... BB889

Communion 1: Rise Up Shepherd and Follow (trad.) ... BB104

1 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.

Refrain:

Follow, follow; Rise up, shepherd, and follow. Follow the Star of Bethlehem; Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

2 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. [Refrain]

3 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. [Refrain]

Communion 2: [Instrumental] Journey of the Magi (Cooney) ... H/O

[alternate title: The Advent Herald]

Voiceover*: "God's eternality entered the riskiness of earth.

The entire created order was changed irreversibly.

And as the darkness was transformed, a single star poured out divine light. It is frightening to be following a star, and not knowing where it is taking you,

Or if you have reached it yet.

Were the stars then so different from stars now?

Could the Magi know with any certainty where the starshine fell?

Or did they have to decide?

How did they know it was not shining on Bethsaida, or Joppa, or Nazareth?"

*Martin Bell, Wolf (Ballantine)

Prayer after Communion

Announcements

Sending: Go, Tell it on the Mountain (trad.) ... BB85

Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain Over the hills and everywhere Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born

While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night Behold throughout the heavens There shone a Holy light

The shepherds feared and trembled When, lo! Above the Earth Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth

Down in a lowly manger Our humble Christ was born And brought us all salvation That blessed Christmas morn