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THE ORDER OF MASS
THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN

“The First Nowell”

THE FIRST NOWELL

1. The first No - well the an - gel did say,
2. They look - ed up and saw a star,
3. And by the light of that same star,
4. This star drew nigh to the north - west,
5. Then en - tered in those wise men three,
6. Then let us all with one ac - cord

1. Was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;
2. Shin - ing in the east, be - yond them far;
3. Three wise men came from coun - try far;
4. O'er Beth - le - hem it look - its rest,
5. Full rev - 'rent ly up - on the knee,
6. Sing praise - es to our heav - 'nly Lord;

1. In fields where they lay, keep - ing their sheep,
2. And to the earth it gave great light,
3. To seek for a king was their in - tent,
4. And there it did both stop and stay,
5. And of - fered there, in his pres - ence
6. That hath made heav'n and earth of nought

1. On a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.
2. And so it con - tinued both day and night.
3. And to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.
4. Right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.
5. Their gold and myrrh and frank - incense.
6. And with his blood man - kind hath bought.

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

Born is the King of Is - ra - el!
Beloved, if God so loved us,
we also must love one another.
No one has ever seen God.
Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us,
and his love is brought to perfection in us.

This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us,
that he has given us of his Spirit.
Moreover, we have seen and testify
that the Father sent his Son as savior of the world.
Whoever acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God,
God remains in him and he in God.
We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us.

God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.
In this is love brought to perfection among us,
that we have confidence on the day of judgment
because as he is, so are we in this world.
There is no fear in love,
but perfect love drives out fear
because fear has to do with punishment,
and so one who fears is not yet perfect in love.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13

(see 11) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king’s son; He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment. 

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save. 

Christmastime Alleluia

James Chepponis

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After the five thousand had eaten and were satisfied,
Jesus made his disciples get into the boat
and precede him to the other side toward Bethsaida,
while he dismissed the crowd.
And when he had taken leave of them,
he went off to the mountain to pray.
When it was evening,
the boat was far out on the sea and he was alone on shore.
Then he saw that they were tossed about while rowing,
for the wind was against them.
About the fourth watch of the night,
he came toward them walking on the sea.
He meant to pass by them.
But when they saw him walking on the sea,
they thought it was a ghost and cried out.
They had all seen him and were terrified.
But at once he spoke with them,
“Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid!”
He got into the boat with them and the wind died down.
They were completely astounded.
They had not understood the incident of the loaves.
On the contrary, their hearts were hardened.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

SANCTUS

Resonet in Laudibus Acclamations
Jennifer Pascual

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and
earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the high'est.
Resonet in Laudibus Acclamations

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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Mystery of Faith

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

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Great Amen

Amen, Amen, Amen.

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THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord’s Prayer

Agnus Dei

Resonet in Laudibus Acclamations

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Communion

The reception of Holy Communion is the most sacred act for Catholics. We believe that we are then receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. Catholics who are properly prepared should approach the ministers of Holy Communion. We ask non-Catholics not to receive. They are encouraged, however, to come forward with arms crossed over their heart to receive a blessing.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.
1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On
2. Why lies he in such mean estate Where
3. So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come

1. Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with
2. ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear for
3. peasant, king, to own him; The King of kings sal-

1. anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?
2. sinners here The silent Word is pleading.
3. vacation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone him.

1. This, this, is Christ the King, Whom shepherds
2. Nails, spear, shall pierce him through, The cross be
3. Raise, raise the song on high, The Virgin

1. guard and angels sing; Haste, haste to bring him
2. bourne, for me, for you: Hail, hail, the Word made
3. sings her lullaby: Joy, joy, for Christ is

1. laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary.
2. flesh, The Babe, the Son of Mary.
3. born, The Babe, the Son of Mary.
We Three Kings of Orient Are

1. We three kings of Orient are, Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
   Field and fountain, source of life, we come.

2. Born a King on Bethlehem’s plain, Gold I bring to crown him again;
   King forever, Prince of Peace, to thee I sing.

3. Frankincense to offer have I; Incense never failing in my hand;
   Prayer and praises, making up my land.

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume Breaths a life of gathering gloom;
   Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

5. Glorious now behold him arise, King, and God, and sacrifice;
   Heav’n sings, Alleluia: Alleluia to the earth replies.

O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to the perfect Light.
GUIDELINES FOR THE RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

FOR CATHOLICS
As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (Code of Canon Law, canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

FOR OUR FELLOW CHRISTIANS
We welcome our fellow Christians to this celebration of the Eucharist as our brothers and sisters. We pray that our common baptism and the action of the Holy Spirit in this Eucharist will draw us closer to one another and begin to dispel the sad divisions which separate us. We pray that these will lessen and finally disappear, in keeping with Christ’s prayer for us “that they may all be one” (John 17:21).

Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 §4). Members of Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic Discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 §3).

FOR THOSE NOT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION
All who are not receiving Holy Communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another.

FOR NON-CHRISTIANS
We also welcome to this celebration those who do not share our faith in Jesus Christ. While we cannot admit them to Holy Communion, we ask them to offer their prayers for the peace and the unity of the human family.

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