

Pulpit Announcements – January 8, 2023

The Epiphany of the Lord

**Welcome to all who are here today to celebrate
the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.**

**Whoever you are, or wherever you find yourself on the
journey, know that here at St. Matthias, All Are Welcome.**

- **The Franklin High School Madrigals will present a short Christmas/Epiphany Concert tomorrow/today, Sunday, January 8th, immediately following the 12:00 Mass here in church. Come and enjoy this excellent a capella singing group, entirely made up of local young singers. It will be a perfect way to end our Christmas season together.**
- **The National Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated during the 10 am Mass on Sunday, January 29th. Our St. Matthias School winter open house will follow soon after the Mass.**
- **Please save the date for the Night of Winners! It is on Saturday, February 11, 2023. Registration is NOW OPEN. See the school or Church website.**
- **Today's second collection, TOGETHER IN CHARITY, will benefit Catholic Charities' Parish Emergency Assistance Fund.**

**The three kings or wise men came with gifts for Baby Jesus
and worshipped Him on bended knees.**

What have we brought for Jesus today?....

How reverently do we worship Him?.....

**Let us take a moment of silence and be ready to
celebrate the feast of Epiphany.**

Music for Our Assembly

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Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

Gathering Song – We Three Kings

KINGS OF ORIENT/Tom Booth

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

Refrain

**O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.**

**Oh, Bella es la santa luz
La maravillosa luz.
Que los guia al pesebre
Del divino Rey Jesus.**

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, Ceasing never
Over us all to reign.

3. Frankincense to offer have I:
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising Gladly raising,
Worship him, God on high.

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Breathes 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;
“Alleluia, Alleluia!”
Sounds through the earth and skies.

(Refrain)

Text: 88 44 6 with refrain; based on Matthew 2:1–11; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820–1891, alt. Music: Carols, Hymns, and Songs, 1863; John H. Hopkins, Jr.; arr. © 2013, Spirit & Song®, a division of OCP. All rights reserved.

Prayer of the Faithful

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Our response is: "Lord of Enlightenment, Hear Our Prayer..."

1. For the Church ... That her holiness may shine out as a guiding star to bring to Jesus those who are still in great darkness... we pray ...
2. For all governmental leaders especially those of our country, ... that God may endow them with His judgment, so that they may govern His afflicted ones with Justice and respect for the human dignity of each person, ...we pray . . .
3. For this faith community of St Matthias...that we may not miss the guiding star rising over our heads, leading those with eyes to see to the King of all, we pray . . .
4. For those who are ill in body, mind or spirit, especially those on our Parish and School family sick list, that they may be overjoyed to find a star of guidance leading them to the mercy of the Lord... we pray.
5. For all who have died. That they may come to rest in the radiant presence of the Savior whom they sought in the shadows of this passing world... we pray . . .
6. For the intentions in the hearts of all those in this assembly, (LONG PAUSE) we pray . . .

PRIEST _____ (MASS INTENTION)

(conclude with our 60th Anniversary Prayer)

Preparation Hymn- What Child Is This

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.**

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.

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.

Text: 87 87 with refrain. Refrain and Verses 1–3 text: William Dix

Communion Hymn – The First Noel

1. 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.**

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.

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.

4. This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

5. Then entered in those wise men three,
Full rev'rently upon the knee,
And offered there, in his presence,
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

6. Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord;
Who with the Father we adore
And Spirit blest for evermore.

Text: Irregular with refrain; trad. English carol, 17th cent.; verse 6, alt. Music: Trad. English carol, 17th cent.

Closing Hymn – Hark the Herald Angels Sing

1. Hark! the herald angels sing:
“Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim:
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

**Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the newborn King.”**

2. Christ, by highest heav’n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
Late in time, behold him come,
Offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail th’incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with us to dwell;
Jesus, our Emmanuel!
Hark.....

3. Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris’n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise each child of earth,
Born to give us second birth.
Hark

Text: 77 77 D with refrain; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; adapt. by William H. Cummings, 1831–1915.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13.

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.

Justice shall flower in his days,
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.
May he rule from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts;
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.
All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.

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.

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