

# St. Thomas More

The Epiphany of the Lord  
1/2/2021 -1/3/2021  
All Masses except Life Teen



## Opening Song: 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.**

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.

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 where ever it went.

## Psalm 72:

---

Chorus: **Lord, every nation on earth will adore You.**

## Offertory Song: We Three Kings of Orient Are

---

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

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

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

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

Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume Breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
Sorrowing, sighing, Bleeding, dying, Sealed in the stone cold tomb.

Glorious now behold him rise, King and God and sacrifice:  
Heav'n sings, "Hallelujah!" "Hallelujah!" earth replies.

### Communion Song: Away in a Manger

---

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love you, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay  
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,  
And fit us for heaven to live with you there.

### Closing Song: God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

---

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,  
For Jesus Christ our Savior was born upon this day,  
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.

**O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;  
O tidings of comfort and joy!**

In Bethlehem in Judah this blessed babe was born,  
And laid within a manger upon this blessed morn:  
For which his mother Mary did nothing take in scorn.

From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came,  
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same,  
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name.

*"The First Nowell" Text: English Carol, 17th C. Tune: THE FIRST NOWELL, Irregular; English Melody; harm. By David Willcocks, b. 1919, © 1961, Oxford University Reprinted under license #602029 Text: Matthew 2:1-11; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891. "We Three Kings" Tune: KINGS OF ORIENT, 8 8 4 4 6 with refrain; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891. Reprinted under license #602029. "Away in a Manger" Text: St. 1-2, anonymous, st. 3, John T. McFarland, 1851-1913. Tune: MUELLER, 11 11 11 11; James R. Murray, 1841-1905; harm. By Robert J. Batastini, b.1942, Copyright © 1994, GIA Publications, Inc., Chicago. Reprinted under license no. 7087. All rights reserved. "God Rest You Merry Gentlemen" Text: English carol, 18thC. Tune: GOD REST YOU MERRY, 8 6 8 6 8 6 with refrain; English 18th C.; harm by John Stainer, 1840-1901.*