

ENTRANCE HYMN

JOY TO THE WORLD

ANTIOCH



1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth re -
2. Joy to the world! the Sav - ior reigns; Let us our
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, Nor thorns in -
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the



1. ceive her King; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
2. songs em - ploy; While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
3. fest the ground; He comes to make his bless - ings
4. na - tions prove The glo - ries of his righ - teous -



1. room, And heav'n and na - ture sing, And heav'n and na - ture
2. plains Re - peat the sound - ing joy, Re - peat the sound - ing
3. flow Far as the curse is found, Far as the curse is
4. ness, And won - ders of his love, And won - ders of his



1. sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
2. joy, Re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
3. found, Far as, far as the curse is found.
4. love, And won - ders, won - ders of his love.

Text: CM with repeats: based on Psalm 98; Isaac Watts, 1764-1748, alt.
Music: T. Hawkes' Collection of Tunes, 1833; George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759;
adapt. by Lowell Mason, 1792-1872, alt.

FIRST READING

IS 60:1-6

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 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

R/ Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM**PS 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13****R. 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. **R/**

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. **R/**

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. **R/**

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. **R/**

SECOND READING**EPH 3:2-3A,5-6**

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**R/ Thanks be to God****ALLELUIA****MT 2:2**

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage

R. Alleluia, alleluia.**GOSPEL****MT 2:12**

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord**R/ Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ**

OFFERTORY HYMN

We Three Kings of Orient Are



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are, Bear - ing
 2. Born a babe on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold we
 3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; In - cense
 4. Myrrh is mine: its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a
 5. Glo - rious now be - hold him rise, King and



gifts we trav - erse a - far Field and foun - tain,
 bring to crown him a - gain; King for - ev - er,
 owns a De - i - ty nigh, Prayer and prais - ing
 life of gath - 'ring gloom; Sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
 God and sac - ri - fice: Heav'n sings, "Hal - le -



Moor and moun - tain, Fol - low - ing yon - der star.
 Ceas - ing nev - er, O - ver us all to reign.
 Glad - ly rais - ing, Wor - ship - ing God on high.
 Bleed - ing, dy - ing, Sealed in the stone cold tomb.
 lu - jah!" "Hal - le - lu - jah!" earth re - plies.

REFRAIN

O Star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright, West-ward leading
 Still proceeding, Guide us to the Perfect Light.

COMMUNION HYMN

WHAT CHILD IS THIS

GREENSLEEVES
 Arranged by Tom Booth



Verses
 1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma - ry's lap is
 2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are
 3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, Come peas - ant, king, to



1. sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While
 2. feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here The
 3. own him; The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let

1. shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 2. si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 3. lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain
 This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds
 guard and an - gels sing; Haste, haste to bring him
 laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion My good Jesus, I thank You with all my heart for giving me Yourself, the Source of all graces, in holy communion. I thank You for all the blessings that I have received from You, especially through the Holy Eucharist, in which You are ever present to console us and to help us in our needs. In thanksgiving of all Your favors, I offer You all that I am and have. Dispose of me according to Your pleasure. May Your will be done in me and through me, now and forever.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, Let noth - ing you dis - may,
 2. In Beth - le - hem in Ju - dah This bless - ed babe was born,
 3. From God our great Cre - a - tor A bless - ed an - gel came,
 4. The shep - herds at those tid - ings Re - joic - ed much in mind,
 5. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, All you with - in this place,

For Je - sus Christ our Sav - ior Was born up - on this day,
 And laid with - in a man - ger Up - on this bless - ed morn:
 And un - to cer - tain shep - herds Brought tid - ings of the same,
 And left their flocks a - feed - ing In tem - pest, storm, and wind,
 And with true love and char - i - ty Each oth - er now em - brace;

To save us all from Sa - tan's power When we were gone a - stray.
 For which his moth - er Mar - y Did noth - ing take in scorn.
 How that in Beth - le - hem was born The Son of God by name.
 And went to Beth - le - hem straight - way, The bless - ed babe to find.
 This ho - ly tide of Christ - mas All oth - ers shall re - place.

REFRAIN

O, tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy; O, tidings of comfort and joy.

