

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**  
**EAST GREENBUSH – NEW YORK**



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026**

**Order of Service**



# ENTRANCE HYMN: WE THREE KINGS



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; Bear - ing  
 2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold I  
 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 a - 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 - er - ing gloom; Sor - rowing, sigh - ing,  
 God and Sac - ri - fice; "Al - le - lu - ia,



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.  
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Sounds through the earth and skies.



O star of won - der, star of night, Star with



roy - al beau - ty bright, West - ward lead - ing,



still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to the per - fect Light.

✠ Gloria

## A CHRISTMAS GLORIA

Refrain: All

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o, De - o.

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



### FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

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.

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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM—PSALM 72



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### SECOND READING: Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians

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.

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### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain



## **GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 2:1-12

✠ A reading from the holy 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 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. The gospel of the Lord.

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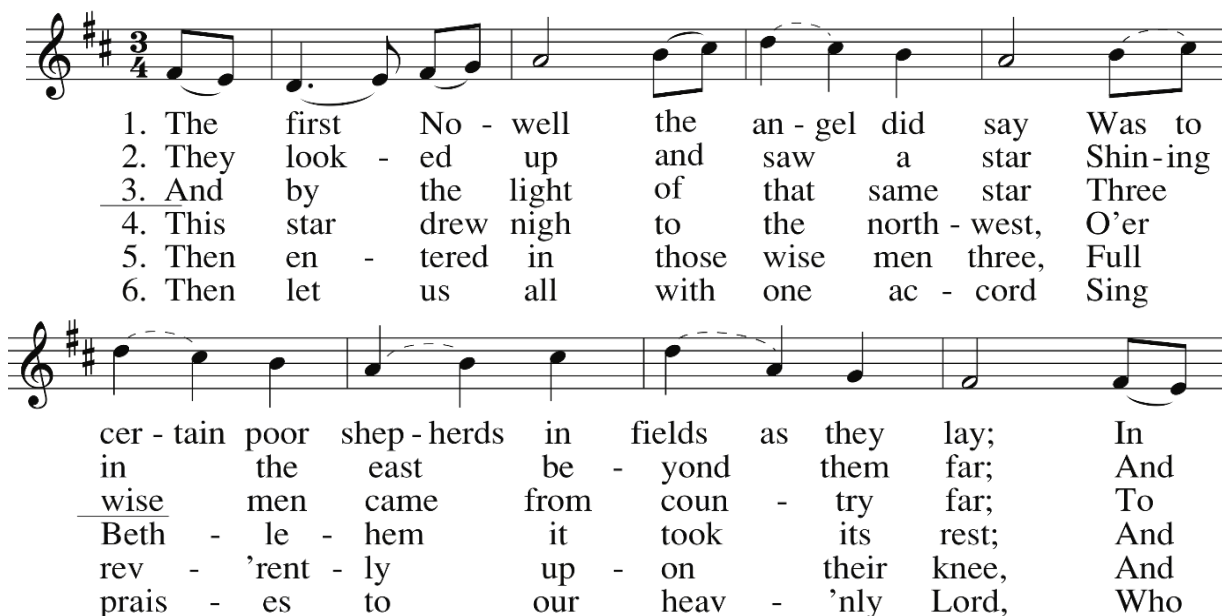
## ✠ **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERTORY HYMN: THE FIRST NOWELL




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

cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay; In  
 in the east be - yond them far; And  
 wise men came from coun - try far; To  
 Beth - le - hem it took its rest; And  
 rev - 'rent - ly up - on their knee, And  
 prais - es to our heav - 'nly Lord, Who



fields where they lay keep - ing their sheep, On a  
to the earth it gave great light, And  
seek for a king was their in - tent, And to  
there it did both stop and stay Right  
of - fered there in his pres - ence Their  
made the heav'ns and earth of naught, And



cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
fol - low the star where - ev - er it went.  
o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
gold and myrrh and frank - in - cense.  
with his blood our life has bought.



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




Born is the King of Is - ra - el.


Text: English Carol, 17th C.  
Tune: THE FIRST NOWELL, Irregular; English Melody; harm. from *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871

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## ✠ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the  
high - est, ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## ✠ MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

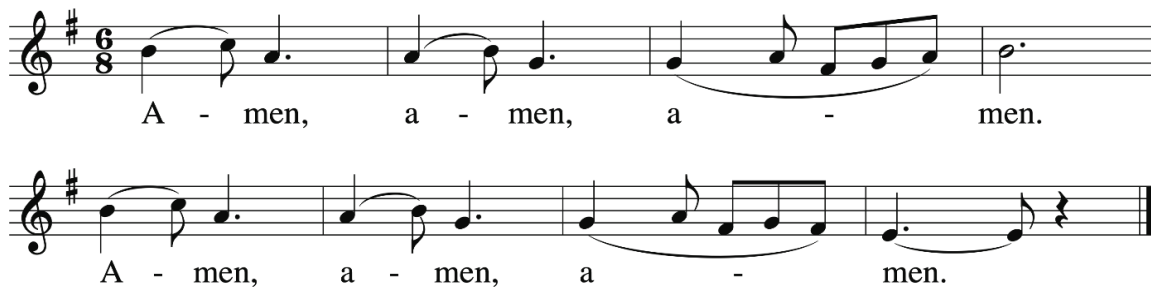
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we pro - claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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## ✠ GREAT AMEN

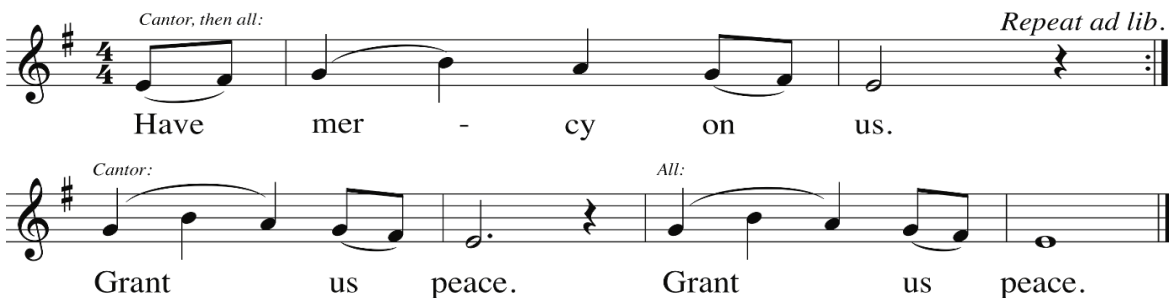


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## ✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

### ✠ LAMB OF GOD

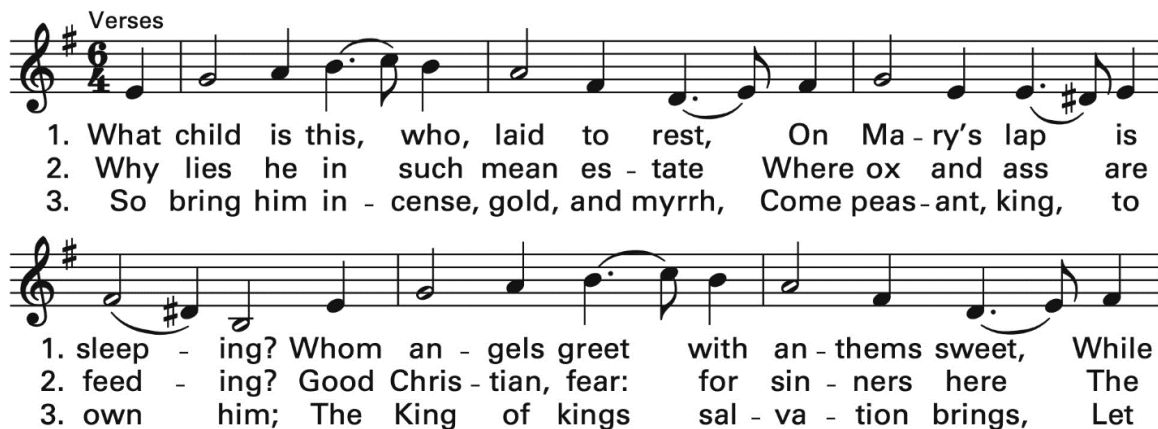


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## COMMUNION HYMN: WHAT CHILD IS THIS


GREENSLEEVES




Refrain



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



King, Whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing; Haste,



haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Ma - ry.


This song may be combined with *Child of the Poor*; use accompaniment and instructions found for *Child of the Poor*.

Text: 87 87 with refrain; Bramley and Stainer's *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871; William C. Dix, 1837–1898.


Music: Trad. English melody, 16th cent.; Bramley and Stainer's *Christmas Carols New and Old*, 1871.

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## RECESSIONAL HYMN: GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN



1. God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, Let noth - ing you dis -  
 2. In Beth - le - hem in Ju - dah This bless - ed babe was  
 3. From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther A bless - ed an - gel  
 4. The shep-herds at those tid - ings Re - joic - ed much in  
 5. Now to the Lord sing prais - es, All you with - in this



may; Re - mem - ber Christ our Sav - ior Was  
 born, And laid with - in a man - ger Up -  
 came, And un - to cer - tain shep - herds Brought  
 mind, And left their flocks a - feed - ing In  
 place, And with true love and char - i - ty Each

born on Christ - mas day To save us all from  
 on this bless - ed morn, For which his moth - er  
 tid - ings of the same, How that in Beth - le -  
 tem - pest, storm, and wind, And went to Beth - le -  
 oth - er now em - brace; This ho - ly tide of

Sa - tan's pow'r When we were gone a - stray.  
 Mar - y Did noth - ing take in scorn.  
 hem was born The Son of God by name.  
 hem straight - way, This bless - ed babe to find.  
 Christ - mas All oth - ers shall re - place.

O tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com-fort and  
 joy; O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

Text: English carol, 18th C.

Tune: GOD REST YOU MERRY, 8 6 8 6 8 6 with refrain; English 18th C.; harm. by John Stainer, 1840–1901

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**THE PRAYER OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL:** St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.