

# The Epiphany of the Lord – January 4, 2026

## Opening:

### What Star Is This



1. What star is this, with beams so bright, More love - ly  
2. 'Tis now ful - filled what God de - creed: "From Ja - cob  
3. While out - ward signs the star dis - plays, An in - ward  
4. O Je - sus, while the star of grace In - vites us  
5. To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the



than the noon - day light? 'Tis sent to an - nounce a  
shall a star pro - ceed." And lo! The east - ern  
light the Lord con - veys. It urg - es them, with  
all to seek your face, Let not our sloth - ful  
Spir - it, Three in One, May ev - 'ry tongue and



new - born king, Glad tid - ings of our God to bring.  
sag - es stand To read in heav'n the Lord's com - mand.  
force be - nign, To seek the Giv - er of the sign.  
hearts re - fuse The guid - ance of your light to use.  
na - tion raise An end - less song of thank - ful praise!

Text: *Quem stella sole pulchrior*, Charles Coffin, 1676–1749; tr. by John Chandler, 1806–1876, alt.  
Tune: PUER NOBIS, LM; adapt. by Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

## Psalm:



Lord, ev - 'ry na - tion on earth will a - dore you.

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# Preparation:

## 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 seek the earth it gave great light, And  
there for a king was their in - tent, And to  
of - fered there both stop and stay Right  
made the heav'ns and earth of naught, Their  
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.

# Communion:

## We Three Kings of Orient Are



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.

## Closing:

### As with Gladness Men of Old



1. As with glad - ness men of old Did the guid - ing  
2. As with joy - ful steps they sped To that low - ly  
3. As they of - fered gifts most rare At that man - ger  
4. Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day Keep us in the  
5. In the heav'n - ly cit - y bright None shall need cre -



star be - hold; As with joy they hailed its light,  
man - ger - bed, There to bend the knee be - fore  
crude and bare; So may we this ho - ly day,  
nar - row way; And when earth - ly things are past,  
at - ed light; You, its light, its joy, its crown,



Lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright; So, most gra - cious  
Him, whom heav'n and earth a - dore; So may we with  
Drawn to you with - out de - lay, All our cost - liest  
Bring our ran - somed souls at last Where they need no  
You, its sun which goes not down; There for - ev - er



Lord, may we Ev - er - more your splen - dor see.  
hur - ried pace Run to seek your throne of grace.  
treas - ures bring, Christ, to you, our heav'n - ly King.  
star to guide, Where no clouds your glo - ry hide.  
may we sing Al - le - lu - ias to our King.

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.

Tune: DIX, 77 77 77; arr. from Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872, by William H. Monk, 1823–1889