

**St. Benedict Parish
Epiphany
Mass Hymn sheet**

Gathering Hymn

#105 As with Gladness, Men of Old

1. As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold,
As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led to thee.
2. As with joyful steps they sped To that lowly manger-bed,
There to bend the knee before Him whom heav'n and earth adore;
So may we with willing feet Ever seek the mercy-seat.
3. As they offered gifts most rare At that manger rude and bare;
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,
All our costliest treasures bring, Christ! to thee, our heav'nly King.

Text: 77 77 77; William C. Dix, 1837–1898. Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872; adapt. by William H. Monk, 1823–1889.

Responsorial Psalm

PSALM 72: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, ALL YEARS



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Gospel Acclamation

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA NO. VII



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Preparation Hymn

#94 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?

Refrain

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; 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.

Communion Hymn

#107 We Three Kings

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.

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

Text: 88 44 6 with refrain; based on Matthew 2:1–11. Text and music: Carols, Hymns and Songs, 1863; John H. Hopkins, Jr., 1820–1891, alt.

Recessional Hymn

#102 Go, Tell It on the

Refrain

Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.

1. While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light.
2. The shepherds feared and trembled When high above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth.
3. And lo, when they had heard it, They all bowed down and prayed;
They traveled on together To where the Babe was laid.

Text: 76 76 with refrain; from American Negro Songs and Spirituals, 1940; John W. Work, Jr., 1872–1925, alt. Music: Spiritual.

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Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our defense 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,
thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits,
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.