

# EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH—JEBEL ALI

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### INTRODUCTORY RITE

#### Entrance Antiphon

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion.

#### Entrance Hymn

1. The first Noel the angels did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay.  
In fields where they lay a-keeping their sheep  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel!*  
*Born is the King of Israel (x2)*

2. 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.



#### Greeting

**C:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**P:** AMEN.

**C:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**P:** And with your spirit.

#### Penitential Rite

**C:** Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries

**All:** I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, *(And, striking their breast, they say:)* through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; *(Then they continue:)* therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

**C:** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**P:** AMEN.

#### The Kyrie

**C:** Lord, have mercy.

**P:** Lord, have mercy.

**C:** Christ, have mercy.

**P:** Christ, have mercy.

**C:** Lord, have mercy.

**P:** Lord, have mercy.

#### Gloria

**All:** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

#### Opening Prayer

O God, who on this day revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy that we, who know you already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading

60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*Above you the glory of the Lord appears.*

**A**rise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises and about you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations

come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

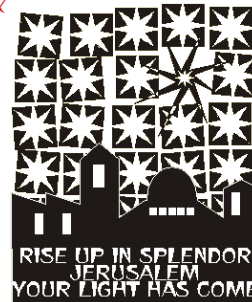
**All:** Thanks be to God.

#### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13.** **Rx** cf. v. 11

**Rx** All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,  
to a king's son your justice,  
that he may judge your people in justice  
and your poor in right judgement. **Rx**
2. In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **Rx**
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts  
shall pay him tribute.  
The kings of Sheba and Seba  
shall bring him gifts.  
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,  
all nations shall serve him. **Rx**
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor. **Rx**



#### Second Reading

3:2-3, 5-6

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

*It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance.*

**Y**ou have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Mt 2:2

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage.

**Alleluia!**

#### Gospel

2:1-12

**C:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And with your spirit.

**C:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**All:** Glory to you, O Lord.

*We saw his star and have come to do the king homage.*

**A**fter Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. "Where is the infant king of the Jews?" they asked. "We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. "At Bethlehem in Judaea," they told him "for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. "Go and find out all about the child," he said "and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage." Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Nicene Creed

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, *At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.* 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

1. Angels we have heard on high  
sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
and the mountains in reply  
echo still their joyous strains.

*Gloria in excelsis Deo!* (x2)

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee,  
why your rapturous strain prolong?  
Say, what may the tidings be,  
which inspire your heavenly song?

### The Offering

*(If no song is sung, then the people may make the responses to the prayer of offering given here.)*

**C:** Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

**P:** Blessed be God for ever.

**C:** Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine and work of human hands it will become our spiritual drink.

**P:** Blessed be God for ever.

**C:** Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**P:** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

### Prayer over the gifts

Look with favour, Lord, we pray, on these gifts of your Church, in which are offered now not gold or frankincense or myrrh, but he who by them is proclaimed, sacrificed and received, Jesus Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

### Eucharistic Prayer

**C:** The Lord be with you.

**P:** And with your spirit.

**C:** Lift up your hearts.

**P:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**C:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P:** It is right and just.

### The Acclamation

**All:** Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

### Memorial Acclamation

**C:** The mystery of faith.

**P:** We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

### Doxology

**C:** Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

**P:** Amen.

### Communion Rite

**C:** At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.



**C:** Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All:** For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

### The Sign of Peace

**C:** Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look no on our sins, but on the faith of your church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**P:** Amen.

**C:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**P:** And with your spirit.

**C:** Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

### Breaking of the Bread

**P:** Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

**C:** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**P:** Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

### Communion Antiphon

We have seen his star in the East, and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

### Communion Hymn

1. We three kings of Orient are  
bearing gifts we traverse afar;  
field and fountain, moor and mountain  
following yonder star.

*Oh, 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 plain,  
gold I bring to crown Him again.  
King for ever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign.
3. Frankincense to offer have I,  
incense owns a Deity nigh.  
Prayer and praising, all men raising  
worship Him, God most 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,  
earth to heaven replies.

### Prayer After Communion

Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord, always and everywhere, that we may perceive with clear sight and revere with true affection the mystery in which you have willed us to participate. Through Christ our Lord.

### Concluding Rite

**C:** The Lord be with you.

**P:** And with your spirit.

**C:** May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

**P:** Amen.

**C:** Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

**P:** Thanks be to God.

### Recessional Hymn

1. Joy to the world, the Lord has come!  
Let earth receive her king,  
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room.  
And heaven and nature sing (x2)  
And heaven and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks hills and plains,  
repeat the sounding joy (x2)  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. He rules the world with truth and grace!  
And makes the nations prove  
the glories of His righteousness,  
and wonders of His love (x2)  
and wonders, and wonders of His love.

