

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

## JANUARY 8, 2017

11:00AM CHORAL PRELUDE: What Sweeter Music

*John Rutter*

What sweeter music can we bring Than a carol, for to sing the birth of this our heav'nly King? Awake the voice! Awake the string! Dark and dull night, fly hence away, and give the honour to this day that sees December turn'd to May.

Why does the chilling winter's morn Smile, like a field beset with corn? Or smell like a meadow newly shorn thus on the sudden? Come and see the cause, why things thus fragrant be: 'tis he is born, whose quick'ning birth gives life and lustre, public mirth, to heaven and the underearth.

We see him come, and know him ours, who with his sunshine and his show'rs, turns the patient ground to flow'rs. The darling of the world is to come, and fit it is, we find a room to welcome him.

The nobler part of all the house here, is the heart, which we will give him; and bequeath this holly, and this ivy wreath, to do him honour; who's our King, and Lord of all this reveling.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (EXCLUSIVE OF 11:00AM): Psalm 72: Every Nation on Earth

*Joncas*

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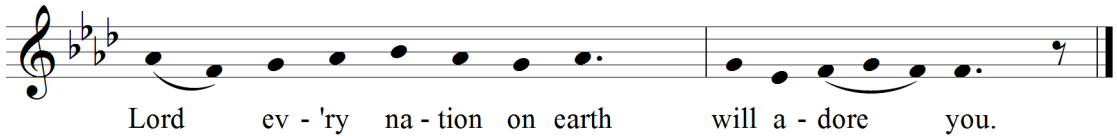
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## 11:00AM PREPARATION OF GIFTS (CHORAL ANTHEM): In the Bleak Midwinter

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**I**n the bleak mid-winter frosty wind made moan, earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter long ago.

Our God, Heaven cannot hold Him nor earth sustain; heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign: in the bleak mid-winter a stable-place sufficed the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, whom cherubim worship night and day, a breastful of milk, and a mangerful of hay; enough for Him, whom angels fall down before, the ox and ass and camel which adore.

What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man I would do my part; yet what I can, I give Him - give my heart.

*Following the Prayer after Communion (Exclusive of 7:30AM & 7:00PM):*

## PROCLAMATION OF THE DATE OF EASTER ON EPIPHANY

*Dating back to a time period in which calendars were not available, the custom developed of announcing the date of Easter and feasts whose dates are based on Easter. We continue the tradition today as a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith celebrated each year.*



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