

Divine Worship

INTROIT *Ecce advenit* [cf. *Malachi 3:1; 1 Chronicles 19:12; Psalm 72:1*]
Behold, he appeareth, the Lord and Ruler: and in his hand the kingdom,
and power, and dominion. *Ps.* Give the King thy judgements, O God: and
thy righteousness unto the King's Son.

COLLECT O God, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy Only
Begotten Son to the Gentiles: mercifully grant that we, who know thee
now by faith, may be led onward through this earthly life, until we see the
vision of thy heavenly glory; through the same Jesus Christ thy Son our
Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
ever one God, world without end. Amen.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Deus, iudicium*
GIVE the King thy | judgments, · O | God, * and thy righteousness | unto
· the | King's_ | son.
2 Then shall he judge thy people ac- | cording · unto | right, * — | and de-
| fend the | poor.
7 In his time shall the | righteous | flourish; * yea, and abundance of
peace, so | long as · the | moon en- | dureth.
8 His dominion shall be also from the one | sea · to the | other, * and from
the River un- | to the | world's_ | end.
10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles | shall give | presents; * the
kings of Arabia and | Saba | shall bring | gifts.
11 All kings shall fall | down be- | fore him; * all nations shall | do him |
ser- | vice.
12 For he shall deliver the | poor · when he | crieth; * the needy also, and |
him that | hath no | helper.
13 He shall be favourable to the | simple · and | needy, * and shall pre- |
serve · the | souls of · the | poor.

ALLELUIA *Vidimus stellam Matthew 2: 2*
Alleluia, alleluia. We have seen his star in the East: and are come with
offerings to worship the Lord. Alleluia.

OFFERTORY *Regis Tharsis Psalm 72:10, 11*
The kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give presents; the kings of
Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts: all kings shall fall down before him; all
nations shall do him service.

COMMUNION VERSE *Vidimus stellam Matthew 2: 2*
We have seen his star in the East: and are come with our offerings to
worship the Lord.

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FIRST READING *Isaiah 60: 1-6*

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has
risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick
darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory
will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to
the brightness of your rising. Lift up your eyes round about, and see; they
all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far, and
your daughters shall be carried in the arms. Then you shall see and be
radiant, your heart shall thrill and rejoice; because the abundance of the
sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A
multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and
Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and
frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

SECOND READING *Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6*

Brethren: I assume that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace
that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by
revelation, which was not made known to the sons of men in other
generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets
by the Spirit; that is, how the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the
same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the
gospel.

GOSPEL *Matthew 2: 1-12*

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod
the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying,
“Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his
star in the East, and have come to worship him.” When Herod the king
heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling
all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where
the Christ was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so
it is written by the prophet: ‘And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,

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are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.” Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.



Roman Missal

INTROIT Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come; and kingship is in his grasp, and power and dominion. *℟̅.* O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king’s son; He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

COLLECT May the splendor of your majesty, O Lord, we pray, shed its light upon our hearts, that we may pass through the shadows of this world and reach the brightness of our eternal home. 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. Amen.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13

℟̅ Lord, all nations on earth will adore you.

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!
May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice! *℟̅*

In his days may righteousness flourish,
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth! *℟̅*

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute,
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!
May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him! *℟̅*

For he delivers the needy when he calls,
the poor and him who has no helper.
He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy. *℟̅*

ALLELUIA We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.

OFFERTORY The kings of Tarshish and the isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him. *℟̅.* O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king’s son; He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

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