

Sunday, January 3

The Epiphany of the Lord

Digital Worship Aid



Entrance Song: What Star Is This

What star is this, with beams so bright, more lovely than the noonday light? 'Tis sent to announce a newborn king, glad tidings of our God to bring.

'Tis now fulfilled what God declared, "From Jacob shall a star proceed;" and lo! the eastern sages stand to read in heav'n the Lord's command.

O Jesus, while the star of grace impels us on to seek thy face, let not our slothful hearts refuse the guidance of thy light to use.

First Reading:

Is 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

See, darkness covers the earth,
and thick clouds cover the peoples;
but upon you the LORD shines,
and over you appears his glory.

Nations shall walk by your light,
and kings by your shining radiance.

Raise your eyes and look about;

they all gather and come to you:
your sons come from afar,
and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.
Then you shall be radiant at what you see,
your heart shall throb and overflow,
for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you,
the wealth of nations shall be brought to you.
Caravans of camels shall fill you,
dromedaries from Midian and Ephah;
all from Sheba shall come
bearing gold and frankincense,
and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

R.(cf. 11) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.
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.
R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.
Justice shall flower in his days,
and profound peace, till the moon be no more.
May he rule from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.
R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.
The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts;

the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.
All kings shall pay him homage,
all nations shall serve him.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.
For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out,
and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor;
the lives of the poor he shall save.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading:

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters:

You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace
that was given to me for your benefit,
namely, that the mystery was made known to me by
revelation.

It was not made known to people in other generations
as it has now been revealed
to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:
that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body,
and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the
gospel.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come! The glory of the Lord shines upon you!

Gospel:

Mt 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,
in the days of King Herod,
behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?

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

When King Herod heard this,
he was greatly troubled,
and all Jerusalem with him.

Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the
people,

He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.

They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea,
for thus it has been written through the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod called the magi secretly
and ascertained from them the time of the star's
appearance.

He sent them to Bethlehem and said,
"Go and search diligently for the child.

When you have found him, bring me word,
that I too may go and do him homage."

After their audience with the king they set out.

And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising
preceded them,

until it came and stopped over the place where the child
was.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star,
and on entering the house

they saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves and did him homage.

Then they opened their treasures

and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to return to
Herod,

they departed for their country by another way.

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,
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.

Preparation of the Gifts: We Three Kings

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

**O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty
bright; westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to
thy perfect light.**

Born a King of Bethlehem's plain, gold I bring to crown
him again, King forever, ceasing never over us all to
reign. **To Refrain**

Frankincense to offer have I: incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising gladly raising, worship him, God on
high. **To Refrain**

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I
love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from
You. Amen.

What Child Is This?

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?

**This, this is Christ the King, Whom
shepherds guard and angels sing; Haste,
haste to bring him laud, the babe, the
son of Mary.**

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox
and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear:
for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.
to refrain

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come peasant king, to own him; the King

of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts
enthroned him. **to refrain**

One Bread, One Body

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of
blessing which we bless. And we, though many,
throughout the earth, we are one body in this one
Lord.**

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.

To Refrain

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. **To
Refrain**

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one,
for all. **To Refrain**

Sending Forth: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing: “Glory to the
newborn King; peace on earth, and mercy mild,

God and sinners reconciled!” Joyful, all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies; with angelic hosts proclaim: “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King.”

Christ, by highest heav’n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord; late in time, behold him come, offspring of a virgin’s womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see! Hail th’incarnate Deity! Pleased as man with us to dwell; Jesus our Emmanuel!

To Refrain

Hail the heav’n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, Ris’n with healing in his wings. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die, born to raise us from the earth, for to give us second birth. **To Refrain**

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