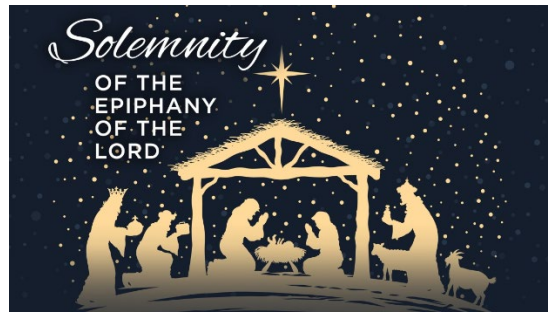


The Epiphany of the Lord

5th January 2025



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Entrance Antiphon Cf. Mal 3: 1; 1 Chr 29: 12

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And with your spirit.

Lord Jesus, You are the way that beckons us to follow:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy

Christ Jesus, you speak words of peace when we are afraid;

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are the light and in you there is no darkness:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us,

forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Collect

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, God, for ever and ever.

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 all round, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;

your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,

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 bring good news, the praises of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 72(71):1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13. Rcf. 11

All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

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.

All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

In his days justice shall flourish,
and great peace till the moon is no more.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the River to the bounds of the earth.

All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

The kings of Tarshish and the islands
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.

All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

For he shall rescue the needy when they cry,
the poor who have no one to help.
He will have pity on the weak and the needy,
and save the lives of the needy.

All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Second reading Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: 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. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Alleluia, alleluia.

*We saw his star when it rose
and have come to worship the Lord.*

Alleluia.

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

Now after 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 saw his star when it rose 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 enquired 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,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.” ’

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had 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.' After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until 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.

The Nicene ("Niceno-Constantinopolitan") 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.

The Prayer of the Faithful (Bidding Prayers)

The reader says: Lord, in your mercy. **All reply: Hear our prayer.**

Prayer over the Offerings

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.

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. Amen

Communion Antiphon Cf. Mt 2: 2

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



*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.

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.

Solemn Blessing

May God, who has called you out of darkness into his wonderful light,
pour out in kindness his blessing upon you and make your hearts firm
in faith, hope and charity. **Amen.**

And since in all confidence you follow Christ, who today appeared in the world
as a light shining in darkness,
may God make you, too, a light for your brothers and sisters. **Amen.**

And so when your pilgrimage is ended, may you come to him
whom the Magi sought as they followed the star and whom they found with great joy,
the Light from Light, who is Christ the Lord. **Amen.**