

January 3, 2021
Epiphany of the Lord



FIRST READING

Isaiah 60:1–6

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Jerusalem, stand up and shine!
Your new day is dawning.
And the glory of the LORD shines brightly on you.
The earth and its people are covered with darkness,
 but the glory of the LORD is shining over you.
Nations and kings will come to the light
 of your dawning day.

Open your eyes and look around!
Crowds are on their way.
Your sons are coming from distant lands,
 and your daughters are being carried like young children.
When you see this, your faces will glow.
Your hearts will beat fast and swell with pride.

Treasures from over the sea
 and the wealth of nations will be brought to you.
Your country will be covered with caravans of young camels
 from Midian and Ephah.
And the people of Sheba will bring gold and spices
 in praise of the LORD.

The word of the Lord.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 72:1, 2, 10abc,
10de-11*

All: *Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

*Please help the king
to be honest and fair
just like you, our God.*

All: *Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

*Let him be honest and fair
with all your people,
especially the poor.*

All: *Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

*Force the rulers of Tarshish
and of the islands
to pay taxes to him.*

All: *Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

*Make the kings of Sheba
and of Seba bring gifts.
Make other rulers bow down
and all nations serve him.*

All: *Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

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GOSPEL
Matthew 2:1–12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus was born in the village of Bethlehem in Judea,
Herod was king.

During this time some wise men from the east
came to Jerusalem and said,
“Where is the child born to be king of the Jews?
We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.”

When King Herod heard about this, he was worried,
and so was everyone else in Jerusalem.
Herod brought together all the chief priests and the teachers
of the Law of Moses and asked them,
“Where will the Messiah be born?”

They told him,
“He will be born in Bethlehem, just as the prophet wrote,

‘Bethlehem in the land of Judea,
you are very important among the towns of Judea.
From your town will come a leader,
who will be like a shepherd for my people Israel.’”

Herod secretly called in the wise men
and asked them when they had first seen the star.
He told them, “Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child.
As soon as you find him, let me know.
I want to go and worship him too.”

The wise men listened to what the king said and then left.
And the star they had seen in the east went on ahead of them
until it stopped over the place where the child was.
They were thrilled and excited to see the star.

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GOSPEL
Matthew 2:1–12

(continued)

When the men went into the house
and saw the child with Mary, his mother,
they kneeled down and worshiped him.
They took out their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh
and gave them to him.
Later they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod,
and they went back home by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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