

EPIPHANY

First Reading # Isaiah 60:1-6

The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Arise, shine out, for your light has come
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

Look! Though night still covers the earth
and deep gloom the peoples,
over you the Lord has dawned,
over you his glory can be seen.

Nations will come to your light
and kings to the splendour of your dawn.
Lift up your eyes and look around:
all are assembling and coming to you:
your sons coming from far away
and your daughters held firm on the hip.

At this sight you will grow radiant,
your heart will thrill and dilate,
for the riches of the sea will flow to you,
the wealth of the nations come to you.

Throngs of camels will cover you,
young camels of Midian and Ephah;
everyone in Saba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and proclaiming the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial # Psalm 71:1-2.7-8.10-13

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your righteousness,
that he may judge your people in righteousness,
and your poor in right judgement.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

In his days shall righteousness flourish,
and peace in abundance till the moon is no more.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the river to the bounds of the earth.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

For he shall save the needy when they cry,
the poor, and those who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak and the needy,
and save the lives of the needy.

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading † Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6

The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You have surely heard the commission of God's grace entrusted to me for your sake; that the mystery was made known to me by a revelation.

In former generations the mystery was not made known to humanity as it has now been revealed in the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets, that the gentiles now have the same inheritance and form the same body and share the same promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation † Matthew 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel † Matthew 2:1-12

We have come from the East to worship the king.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the time of King Herod, suddenly some wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, asking,

'Where is the child born king of the Jews?
For we saw his star at its rising and have come to worship him.'

When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and the whole of Jerusalem with him. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him,

'At Bethlehem in Judaea, for this is what was written by the prophet:

*And you, Bethlehem,
in the land of Judah,
you are by no means the least
among the leaders of Judah,
for from you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'*

Then Herod secretly summoned the wise men and made certain from them the exact time when the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem, saying,

'Go and find out accurately about the child, and when you have found him,
report back to me, so that I too may go to worship him.'

When they had heard the king, they set out. And see, the star they had seen at its rising went before them until it halted over the place where the child was. Seeing the star, they rejoiced with very great

joy, and going into the house they saw the child with Mary, his mother, and falling down they worshipped him. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh.

But having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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