

# TODAY'S MASS

7th January 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord

## 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 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

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

60:1-6

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come,  
the glory of the Lord is rising on you,  
though night still covers the earth  
and darkness the peoples.

Above you the Lord now rises  
and above you his glory appears.

The nations come to your light  
and kings to your dawning brightness.

Lift up your eyes and look round:  
all are assembling and coming towards you,  
your sons from far away  
and daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will grow radiant,  
your heart throbbing and full;  
since the riches of the sea will flow to you,  
the wealth of the nations come to you;

camels in throngs will cover you,  
and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;  
everyone in Sheba will come,  
bringing gold and incense  
and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Ps 71:1-2.7-8.10-13.R.cf.v11

**R) All nations 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. **(R)**

In his days justice shall flourish  
and peace till the moon fails.  
He shall rule from sea to sea,  
from the Great River to earth's bounds. **(R)**

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts  
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. **(R)**

For he shall save the poor when they cry  
and the needy who are helpless.  
He will have pity on the weak  
and save the lives of the poor. **(R)**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 3:2-3.5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God  
with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation  
that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that  
has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles  
and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it  
means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they  
are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been  
made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Mt 2:2

**We saw his star as it rose  
and have come to do the Lord homage.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1-12

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the  
reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from  
the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked.  
'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.'  
When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the  
whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests  
and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the  
Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him  
'for this is what the prophet wrote:

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

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He  
asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared,  
and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the  
child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so  
that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what  
the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was  
the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over  
the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them  
with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with  
his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him  
homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts  
of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in  
a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own  
country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## 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.

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Mt 2:2

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

## 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.

