

The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

January 6



The Introit: **Ecce advenit, Malachi 3:1/Psalm 72:1** TONE VII



Be-hold he shall come, the Lord and Ruler, *
and the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are in his hand.

Psalm. Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son.

Gloria Patri. Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son ↓,
and to the Holy Spirit, *
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever,
for all ages of ages. Amen **Antiphon:**

The Kyrie or Kyrie Litany
Gloria in Excelsis Deo

The Collect:

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen.*

The First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6, 9

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought 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 proclaim the praise of the LORD. For the coastlands shall wait for me, the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your children from far away, their silver and gold with them, for the name of the LORD your God, and for the Holy One of Israel because he has glorified you.

Gradual: Psalm 72:11, with verses 1,2/8,10/12,13/17 TONE III



The antiphon is chanted first by a cantor and then repeated by the congregation where indicated in the text. The Psalm verses alone may be sung omitting the antiphon.

Antiphon. All rulers shall bow down be-fore God, *
all the nations shall do His service

V. Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;

V. That he may rule your people right-eous-ly *
and the poor with justice; **Antiphon**

V. He shall rule from sea to sea, *
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

V. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts. **Antiphon**

V. For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *
and the oppressed who has no helper.

V. He shall have pity on the lowly and the poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy. **Antiphon**

V. May his Name remain for ever↓
and be established as long as the sun en-dures; *
may all the nations bless themselves in him
and call him blessed. **Antiphon**

The Epistle: Ephesians 3:1-12

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles--for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Alleluia

Vidimus stellam, Matthew 2:2

PSALM TONE: LAUDATE



V. We have seen his star in the east, *
and have come with gifts to worship the Lord.

The Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Nicene Creed

Offertory

Reges Tharsis, Psalm 72:10,11

TONE I



The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall give presents; *
the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts;
All kings shall fall down before him; *
all nations shall do him service.

The Prayer over the gifts:

Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*

The Preface of Epiphany

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh,
you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts,
to give the knowledge of your glory
in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Epiphany (Theophany)

Priest: May the True Light, even God Himself, Who has willed His only-begotten Son to be made manifest to the nations by the leading of a star, make you rich with the gift of His blessing.

People: Amen

Priest: May you follow the example of the Eastern Kings, and offer gifts to our Saviour Christ, and come to your eternal fatherland, by setting aside the temptations of the devil and the enticements of sin, and walking in the paths of righteousness.

People: Amen

Priest: May He, Who willed the Holy Spirit to rest upon His only-begotten Son in the form of a dove, endow you with true innocence of mind, and, by the self-same power which turned the water into wine in Cana of Galilee, enable you to understand the mysteries of His Law.

People: Amen

Priest: May the Lord God Almighty, Whose glorious Kingdom endures for ever, be pleased to bestow these blessings upon you; and...

Priest: The ✠ Peace of The Lord be always with you.

People: And with your spirit.

Communion: *Vidimus stellam, Matthew 2:2*

TONE I



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and have come with gifts to worship the Lord.

The Postcommunion Collect:

God of glory, you nourish us with Bread from Heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine in all the world. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*

or

Go before us always and everywhere, O Lord, with heavenly light: that as you have willed that we should be partakers of this Mystery, so may we, by beholding it clearly, discern what it is and receive it with due devotion; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for all ages of ages. *Amen*

The Solemn Blessing

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. *Amen*

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit upon you who have come to the waters of new birth. *Amen.*

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, ☩ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. *Amen*

We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

Refrain

*O star of wonder, star of light,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign. *Refrain*

Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, voices raising,
Worshipping God on high. *Refrain*

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone cold tomb. *Refrain*

Glorious now behold Him arise;
King and God and sacrifice;
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Sounds through the earth and skies. *Refrain*

Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to Thee we raise,
Manifested by the star
To the sages from afar;
Branch of royal David's stem
In Thy birth at Bethlehem;
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.

2. Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King
supreme;
And at Cana, wedding guest,
In Thy Godhead manifest;
Manifest in power divine,
Changing water into wine;
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.

3. Manifest in making whole
Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight,
Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will,
Ever bringing good from ill;
Anthems be to Thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.

4. Manifest on mountain height,
shining in resplendent light,
where disciples filled with awe
thy transfigured glory saw.
When from there thou ledest
them steadfast to Jerusalem,
cross and Easter Day attest
God in man made manifest.

5. Grant us grace to see Thee, Lord,
Mirrored in Thy holy Word;
May we imitate Thee now,
And be pure, as pure art Thou;
That we like to Thee may be
At Thy great Epiphany;
And may praise Thee, ever blest,
God in man made manifest.



A Collect after the Prayers of Thanksgiving after the Liturgy:

Almighty and everlasting God, you have made known the incarnation of your Son by the bright shining of a star, and when the wise men beheld it they adored your majesty and presented costly gifts: Grant that the star of your righteousness may always shine in our hearts, and that for our treasure we may give ourselves and all that we have to your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.