

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 8, 2023

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,
in the days of King Herod,
behold, magi from the east arrived in
Jerusalem, saying,

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?

We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.”

When King Herod heard this,
he was greatly troubled,
and all Jerusalem with him.

Assembling all the chief priests and the
scribes of the people,
he inquired of them where the Christ was
to be born.

They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea,
for thus it has been written through the
prophet:

*And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
are by no means least among the
rulers of Judah;
since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people
Israel.”*

Then Herod called the magi secretly
and ascertained from them the time of the
star’s appearance.

He sent them to Bethlehem and said,

“Go and search diligently for the child.

When you have found him, bring me word,
that I too may go and do him homage.”

After their audience with the king they set out.



And behold, the star that they had seen at
its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped over the place
where the child was.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star,
and on entering the house
they saw the child with Mary his mother.
They prostrated themselves and did him
homage.

Then they opened their treasures
and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense,
and myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to
return to Herod,
they departed for their country by another
way.

Readings for the week:

Sunday Epiphany

Isa 60:1-6
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8,
10-11, 12-13
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matt 2:1-12

Monday Baptism of the Lord

Isa 42:1-4, 6-7 or
Acts 10:34-38
Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3,
9-10
Matt 3:13-17

Tuesday

Heb 2:5-12 or Heb
1:1-6 and 2:5-12
Ps 8:2ab and 5,
6-7, 8-9
Mark 1:21-28 or
Mark 1:14-20
and 1:21-28

Wednesday

Heb 2:14-18
Ps 105:1-2, 3-4,
6-7, 8-9
Mark 1:29-39

Thursday

Heb 3:7-14
Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9,
10-11
Mark 1:40-45

Friday

Heb 4:1-5, 11
Ps 78:3 and 4bc,
6c-7, 8
Mark 2:1-12

Saturday

Heb 4:12-16
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15
Mark 2:13-17

2nd Sunday in Ord. Time

Isa 49:3, 5-6
Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8,
8-9, 10
1 Cor 1:1-3
John 1:29-34



Opening Prayer

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. **Amen.**

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

Stargazers, seekers, risk takers, outsiders who come from afar lead a procession of those who down the ages will be drawn from all the nations and guided by God to the mystery that is revealed in Christ. The beauty of the imaginative narrative we hear in today's gospel reading encourages us to the same things poetry does: to keen listening, to silent reflection, to transcendence of the ordinary by giving it our full attention. A star, a baby with its mother, human and holy words, can lead us with the magi into and beyond the mystery of Christ in silent homage.

In our Christmas creches, the magi may seem "odd men out" in the humble company of Mary, Joseph, and the child. But with their fine gifts and opulent robes, they do belong there, for they are symbolic of every nation on earth that, in the words of the responsorial Psalm 72, we pray will come to adore God and participate in a kingdom of justice and peace that only God can establish, especially for the poor and needy of the earth.

As we gaze on the magi and hear their story, are we mindful of strangers that come to our own place, not in rich robes but usually in the poverty of contemporary seekers and stargazers: the refugees and asylum seekers from many nations, those tired of hypocrisy and disillusioned about political power-mongering, the young who want a star that is worth following to rise in their lives, even though the journey may be difficult, the old and middle-aged who still dream of something more to enlighten them? And do we not all, at some time, feel ourselves to be strangers and foreigners seeking to belong to our true home in the new Jerusalem?

Closing Prayer

Loving God, thank you for the gift of this day and the opportunity to grow in relationship with you. Instead of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, may we offer you ourselves as we strive to remain faithful to your gospel and the way of discipleship. **Amen.**

For Reflection:

- How can you cultivate attentiveness in your own life? Where do you miss the signs of God's presence and action?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayers."

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Fr. Anastacio Postrano, Pastor

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Sunday: 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

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Organizational Meeting for Participants of the Exodus 90-day Challenge

Sunday, January 8, 2023, at 7pm at Christ the King Church, St. Paula Room