

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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INTRODUCTORY RITE

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is his, and government and power.

Entrance Hymn

1. The first Noel, the angel did say,
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where thy lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
*Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.*
2. They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east, beyond them far;
and to the earth it gave a great light,
and so it continued both day and night.
3. And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went.
4. This star drew nigh to the northwest;
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest.
And there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay.

Greeting

C: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

All: AMEN

C: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Penitential Rite

C: My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

Pause for silent reflection. After a brief silence all say:

All: I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God. AMEN

C: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

P: AMEN

The Kyrie

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: Christ, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

The Gloria

All: Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to His people on earth, Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we
praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have
mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive
our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in
the glory of God the Father.

Opening Prayer

Father, you revealed your Son to the nations by the guidance of a star. Lead us to your glory in heaven by the light of faith.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

60: 1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Above you the glory of the Lord appears.

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 around: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13. R̥cf. v.11

R̥ All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

1. 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. R̥
2. 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. R̥
3. 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. R̥
4. 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. R̥.

Second Reading

3: 2-3, 5-6

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians.

It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance.

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 part of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt. 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

2: 1-12

Gospel

C: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

C: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

We saw his star and have come to do the king homage.

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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn

1. Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation,
thanks to your goodness this bread we offer:
fruit of the earth, work of our hands,
it will become the bread of life.
*Blessed be God! Blessed be God!
Blessed be God forever! Amen! (2x)*
2. Blest are you, Lord, God of all creation,
thanks to your goodness this wine we offer:
fruit of the earth, work of our hands,
it will become the cup of life.

The Offering

(If no song is sung, then the people may make the responses to the prayer of offering given here.)

- C:** Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.
- P:** Blessed be God for ever.
- C:** Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.
- P:** Blessed be God for ever.
- C:** Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
- P:** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

Prayer over the gifts

Lord,
accept the offerings of your Church, not gold, frankincense and myrrh, but the sacrifice and food they symbolise: Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever.

Eucharistic Prayer

- C:** The Lord be with you.
- P:** And also with you.
- C:** Lift up your hearts.
- P:** We lift them up to the Lord.
- C:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- P:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Acclamation

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

- C:** Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
- P:** Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Communion Rite

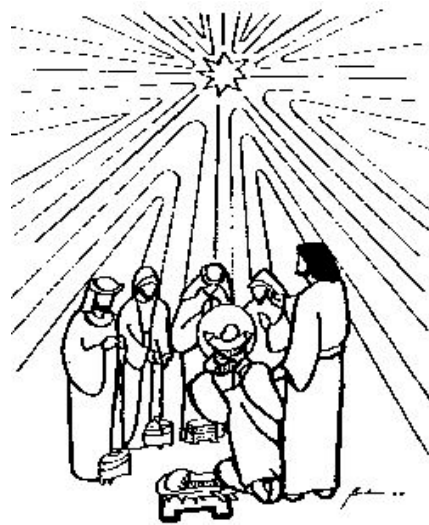
- C:** Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:
- All:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
- C:** Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
- All:** For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Breaking of the Bread

- All:** Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.
- C:** This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.
- All:** Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon

We have seen his star in the east and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.



Communion Hymn

1. We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar;
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.
*O Star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*
2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring, to crown him again,
King for ever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.
3. Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, all men raising,
worship him, God most high.
4. Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom:
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.
5. Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and sacrifice;
alleluia, alleluia!
Earth to heaven replies.

Prayer After Communion

Father, guide us with your light. Help us to recognize Christ in this eucharist and welcome him with love, for he is Lord forever and ever.

Concluding Rite

- C:** The Lord be with you.
- P:** And also with you.

SOLEMN BLESSING

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

God has called you out of darkness, into his wonderful life. May you experience his kindness and blessings, and be strong in faith, in hope, and in love.

R Amen.

Because you are followers of Christ, who appeared on this day as a light shining in darkness, may he make you a light to all your sisters and brothers.

R Amen.

The wise men followed the star, and found Christ who is light from light. May you too find the Lord when your pilgrimage is ended.

R Amen.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R Amen.

The Mass is ended, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods,
Rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, Repeat the sounding joy.
3. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, and wonders of His love.

