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The Epiphany of the Lord

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First Reading Is 60:1-6

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

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 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.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13, R. see v.11

*(R.) Lord, every nation on earth
will adore you.*

- 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 Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

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

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

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.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel Mt 2:1-12

*A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew*

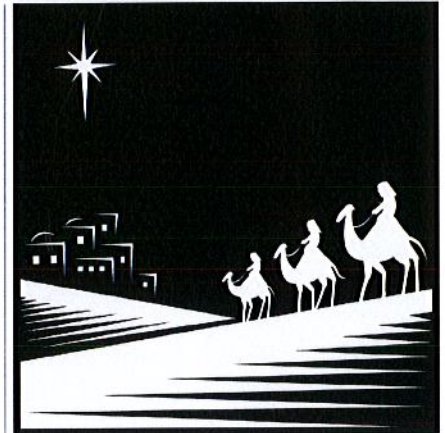
We have come from the East to worship the king.

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.



Reflection by Greg Sunter

*The gospel of Mark, the first of the four
canonical gospels to be written, does not
bother at all with the question of the birth
of Jesus. Written some ten or more years
later, the gospels of Luke and Matthew both
present a version of the circumstances
surrounding the birth of Jesus. The gospel
of John, written later still, also avoids details
of Jesus' birth. The two accounts of the
infancy that we do have from the gospels
tell very different stories because they have
each been used to place the rest of the
gospel in a particular context. Unfortunately,
the two stories have been mashed together
so much that we now have one notion of the
Christmas story that is a poor amalgam of
the two unique narratives.*

*In the gospel of Luke, Joseph and Mary are
living in Nazareth and travel to Bethlehem
and are forced to give birth out in a field
because there is no room at the only inn
in Bethlehem. The ones who bear witness
to the birth in this account are shepherds
- some of the lowest of the low - as the
gospel of Luke identifies Jesus as having
a preferential option for the lowly ones. In
the gospel of Matthew, Joseph and Mary
are living in Bethlehem and give birth in
their own house. They later flee to Egypt
and then settle in Nazareth. The two towns
need to be included in both accounts
because they are named in some of the
ancient prophecies about the Messiah. In
the gospel of Matthew, the witnesses to
the birth are wise men, dignitaries from
another land. The Matthew writer wants to
emphasise the 'kingship' of Jesus and it is
fitting that foreign dignitaries present gifts
on the birth of a king.*

*The two stories deserve to be dealt with
uniquely and should be unravelled from the
muddled, entwined version that dominates
our Christmas imagery.*

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	1 st Sun	2 nd Sun	3 rd Sun	4 th Sun	5 th Sun
Penshurst 8:30am	No Service (To Ham)	Mass	No Service (To Ham)	Mass	Mass
Dunkeld 8:30am	Mass	No Service (To Glen)	Mass	SAWC	SAWC
Glenthompson 8:30am	SAWC	Mass	No Service (To Dunkeld)	Mass	SAWC
Macarthur 8:30am	No Service (To Ham)	SAWC	Mass	SAWC	Mass

ST JOSEPH'S ROSTER 15th January

Lector	No Service
Gifts	
Prayers	Come to Hamilton
Special Minister	

PRAYER

By the light of a star, O God of the universe, you guided the nations to the Light of the world.

Until this Redeemer comes again in glory, we, with the Magi, seek the face of the Saviour.

Summon us with all those who thirst now to the banquet of love.

May our hunger be filled and our thirst be quenched with your word of truth.

We ask this 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.

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