

The Epiphany of the Lord - Year C

Sunday 2 January 2022

Entrance Antiphon

Behold, the Lord, the Mighty One, has come;
and kingship is in his grasp, and power and
dominion.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

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.

Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

A reading from the book of Isaiah 60:1-6 ***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 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.

All: Thanks Be to God

Responsorial Psalms

Response: 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.

Response: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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.

Response: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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.

Response: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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.

Response: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Second Reading

A reading from the book of the Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6
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 parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Jesus Christ, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel Reading

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Matthew 2:1-12.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel

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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

At the words that follow, up to and including 'the Virgin
Mary', all bow.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;

he descended into hell;

on the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty;

from there he will come 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.

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: As the magi came to honour the new born Jesus with the sure hope that he was their Messiah, we offer all our needs with the same hope.

Reader: We pray for all the Church leaders that they may strengthen and confirm the truth, heal their divisions, and unite in Your love.(Pause) Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for Pope Francis and all the bishops as they prepare for the Synod of 2023. May the work of the Plenary Council benefit this important Synod.(Pause) Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for the leaders of all nations, that they can bridge cultural and intellectual differences to pursue peace for all peoples of the world and ensure that there is equitable vaccine to help all nations recover from the pandemic.(Pause) Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for those who do not know your truth, and have not heard of Jesus Christ, that they will become enlightened just like the Magi in Bethlehem, by the messengers who proclaim Your Word..(Pause) Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for those in our care; the young and vulnerable, the elderly and those in aged care, that they are treated with compassion and dignity, and that those who care for them are filled with Your love. We pray for frontline health workers that they will be supported in their wonderful efforts through the pandemic. (Pause) Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for our community, that we can live in harmony, and as we leave here having shared in the Eucharist, may we offer our unconditional friendship to everyone we meet in our daily lives.(Pause) Lord hear us.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: We offer these petitions and those unspoken in our hearts with confidence that God will provide all our needs. We make our prayer through the power of the Spirit and in the name of our lord, Jesus Christ.**Amen.**

Communion Antiphon

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