

The Epiphany of the Lord

Entrance Hymn: *What Star Is This*

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

Response: Amen.

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Response: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

Response: Lord, have mercy

Celebrant: You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

Response: Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant: You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

Response: Lord, have mercy.

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

Response: Amen

Celebrant: Let us pray ...

Liturgy of the Word

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah:

Is 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD. The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians:

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people

in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. The Word of the Lord.

Response: Thanks be to God.

Celebrant/Deacon: Alleluia, alleluia. We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.

Response: Alleluia, alleluia.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Mathew:

Mt 2:1-12

Glory to You, O Lord.

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. The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: Praise be to You Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily:

The Creed: (see supplemental page)

Deacon or Lector: Prayers of the Faithful:

Response: Lord hear our prayer

Offertory Hymn: *We Three Kings*

Preparation of the Gifts

Celebrant: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

Response: 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 holy Church.

Celebrant: Prayer over the Offerings.

Response: Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Response: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

Response: We lift them up to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Response: It is right and just. reads the Preface. After its conclusion.

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. 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

Celebrant: Eucharistic Prayer and words of Consecration.

The Mystery of Faith:

Celebrant completes the Eucharistic Prayer. Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

Response: Amen

Celebrant: At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say: **Response:** All pray the Our Father...

Celebrant: Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Response: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

Response: Amen.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Response: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

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.

Celebrant: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Response: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Hymn: *The First Nowell*

Celebrant: recites the Prayer After Communion

Response: Amen

The Concluding Rites

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

Response: And with your spirit.

Celebrant: May God, who by the Resurrection of his Only Begotten Son was pleased to confer on you the gift and redemption and of adoption, give you gladness by his blessing.

Response: Amen.

Celebrant: May he, by whose redeeming work you have received the gift of everlasting freedom, make you heirs to an eternal inheritance.

Response: Amen.

Celebrant: And may you, who have already risen with Christ in Baptism through faith, by living in a right manner on this earth, be united with him in the homeland of heaven.

Response: Amen.

Celebrant: And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you forever.

Response: Amen.

Celebrant: Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia.

Response: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

Concluding Hymn: *As with Gladness, Men Of Old*