

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
AT THE MASS DURING THE DAY (YR A,B,C)**

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah (60:1-6)

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 daughters being tenderly carried.

At this sight you will glow 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. Cf. v.11)

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

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

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Ephesians
(3:2-3,5-6)

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. The 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)

R. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

R. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew
(2:1-12)

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.