

The Epiphany
or
The Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles



INTROIT

Ecce adventi (Malachi 3)

Behold, he appeareth, the Lord and Ruler: And in his hand the kingdom, and power, and dominion.

(Psalm 72) Give the King thy judgements, O God: And thy righteousness unto the King's Son.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen

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THE COLLECT

O GOD, who by the leading of a star didst manifest thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles; Mercifully grant that we, who know thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of thy glorious Godhead; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen. Amen.

THE EPISTLE
Ephesians 3.1-12

BRETHREN, for this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, if ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God, which is given me to you-ward: how that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; that the Gentiles should be fellow-heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: in whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

GRADUAL AND ALLELUIA
(Isaiah 60)

All they from Saba shall come, bringing gold and incense, And shall shew forth the praises of the Lord.
Arise and shine, O Jerusalem: For the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.
Alleluia. Alleluia.
(Matthew 2) We have seen his star in the East, And are come with offerings to worship the Lord. Alleluia!

THE HOLY GOSPEL
Matthew 2.1-12

AT THAT time: when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea, in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

OFFERTORY
Psalm 72

THE kings of Tharsis and of the isles shall give presents: the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts: all kings shall fall down before him, all nations shall do him service.

SECRET

WE BESEECH Thee, O Lord, mercifully to look upon the oblations of thy Church: wherein no longer offering gold and frankincense and myrrh, we sacrifice and receive him who by those gifts was mystically signified, even Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen

COMMUNION
St. Matthew 2

WE have seen his star in the East, and are come with offerings to worship the Lord.

POSTCOMMUNION

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that we, which here have celebrated thy holy mysteries, may in all purity of heart and mind receive the benefits of the same. Through Jesus Christ our Lord Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen..