

EPIPHANY

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
the glory of YHWH is rising on you,
though night still covers the earth
and darkness the peoples.
Above you YHWH now rises
and YHWH's glory now appears on you.
The nations come to your light
and the leaders to your dawning brightness.
Lift up your eyes and look around;
all are assembling and coming toward you,
your daughters and your sons
journey from afar.
At this sight, you will grow radiant,
your heart will thrill and rejoice;
the riches of the sea will flow to you,
and the wealth of the nations will come to you.
Camels in throngs will cover you,
the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah.
Everyone in Sheba will come,
bringing gold and incense
and singing the praise of YHWH.

The Word of God. R. Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I am sure that you have heard of God's grace, of which I was made a steward on your behalf; this mystery, as I have briefly described it, was given to me by revelation, unknown to the people of former ages, but now revealed by the Spirit to the holy

apostles and prophets. That mystery is that the Gentiles are heirs, as we are; members of the Body, as we are; and partakers of the promise of Jesus the Messiah through the Good News, as we are.

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ALLELUIA!

*We have seen a star in the east
and have come to adore our Savior.*

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Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

After Jesus' birth — which happened in Bethlehem of Judea, during the reign of Herod — astrologers from the East arrived in Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the newborn ruler of the Jews? We observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay homage." At this news Herod became greatly disturbed, as did all of Jerusalem. Summoning all the chief priests and religious scholars of the people, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born.

"In Bethlehem of Judea," they informed him.

"Here is what the prophet has written:

‘And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
are by no means least among the
leaders of Judah,
since from you will come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’

Herod called the astrologers aside and found out from them the exact time of the

star's appearance. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, after having instructed them, "Go and get detailed information about the child. When you have found him, report it to me — so that I may go and offer homage too."

After their audience with the ruler, they set out. The star that they had observed at its rising went ahead of them until it came to a standstill over the place where the child lay. They were overjoyed at seeing the star and, upon entering the house, found the child with Mary, his mother. They prostrated themselves and paid homage. Then they opened their coffers and presented the child with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

They were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, so they went back to their own country by another route.

*The Good News of Salvation!
R. Glory and praise to our Savior Jesus Christ!*