

Hymns and readings for The Epiphany

Opening	<i>As with gladness</i>	#119
Offertory	<i>Sing of Mary</i>	#277
Recessional	<i>O worship the Lord</i>	Insert

Intercessions

Parish prayer requests.....

- I ask your prayers for Sean our Presiding Bishop, for Ann our Bishop and for the clergy of the diocese, for our own pastor, Fr Chris,...
- I ask your prayers for the whole world for which Jesus offered himself as a saving source of our reconciliation with God: for all who strive for peace with justice in God's creation. For our civic life; for leaders in government, for all who work for the common good
- I ask your prayers for the mission of the church, and especially for the ministry of Reconciliation and especially for clergy and congregations as we anticipate the Lord's appearing
- I ask your prayers for an end to the ongoing war in Ukraine, and in every place where war is waged.
- We remember today all who have asked our prayers: Barb, Skip, Linda, David, Jim, Nancy, Joe, Residents of Maple Leaf Homes, Marilyn ...for all who are distressed and discouraged because of illness,...and all those we name either silently or aloud
- Of your charity I ask your prayers for the Faithful Departed: Mrs Kay Hereth

Today's Readings

The Epiphany

Collects

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Book of Isaiah [60:1–6]

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord. *The Word of the Lord*

Psalm

72:1-7, 10-14

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *

he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,
from one generation to another.
6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown
like showers that water the earth.
7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon be no more.
10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
11 All kings shall bow down before him, *
and all the nations do him service.
12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in
and the oppressed who has no helper.
13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

Second Reading

Letter of Paul to the Ephesians [3:1–12]

I Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—
assume that you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace
that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to
me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which
will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of
Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to
humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and
prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs,
members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus
through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according
to the gift of God’s grace that was given me by the working of his
power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was
given to me to bring to the
Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make
everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God
who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God
in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and

authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the
eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in
whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through
faith in him. *The Word of the Lord.*

Gospel

Matthew [2:1–12]

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of
Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where
is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed
his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” When
King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with
him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the
people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.
They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written
by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by
no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come
a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ” Then Herod secretly
called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when
the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying,
“Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found
him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.”
When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of
them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped
over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star
had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the
house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt
down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests,
they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And
having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for
their own country by another road. *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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