

## OPENING PRAYER

**+In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen**

Father God, thank you for this time with you. May the Holy Spirit be upon me, that I may receive wisdom from your Word, be open to Your holy Will and give glory to You always. Through Christ our Lord, Amen  
Our Father + Hail Mary + Glory Be

## LECTIO DIVINA

Invite the Holy Spirit - Read - Reflect - Respond in Prayer - Rest in Silence

### **Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12**

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.

Epiphany can be symbolic of our journey in life towards Christ. The word "Epiphany" means manifestation. How do we manifest Christ in our own lives? What can we learn from the Magi - the first Gentiles - in the way we should come to Christ? The gifts the Magi bring symbolize Christ's kingship (gold), deity (frankincense) and death (myrrh). What aspect of Christ's identity are you drawn to?

### **Reading I: Isaiah 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 light described here is from the Lord. We are being called to rise up out of darkness - what does this mean? The Lord shines upon you. In what ways has God's light illumined your life? In what ways are you called to shine in your faith?

# Notes

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM RESPONSE:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

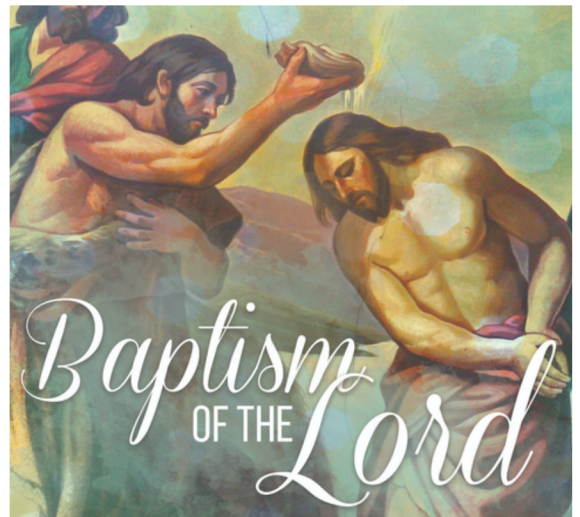
**Reading II: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6**

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.

In St. Paul's letter, the Gentiles receive the grace of salvation and are called to holiness. What roles must the Gentiles take in on their faith? What does this mean for the Gentiles in their ministry with St. Paul? What responsibilities do believers have towards the Gentiles?

**Feast days this week**

**SUNDAY 7 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD\_ SOLEMNITY**  
**MONDAY 8 BAPTISM OF THE LORD FEAST**  
**TUESDAY 9 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME WEEK II**  
**WEDNESDAY 10 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**THURSDAY 11 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**FRIDAY 12 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**SATURDAY 13 WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
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*reflect*

Am I faithfully seeking Christ in all that I do?

*pray*

Father God, may I humbly be a vessel to shine Your light to others.  
Through Christ our Lord,  
Amen

*live*

Live so that those who see you, see Christ in you!