**READINGS AT MASS THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 5TH JANUARY 2025**

**First Reading** **Isaiah 60:1-6**

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.
Lift up your eyes all round, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.
Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned 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 bring good news, the praises of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

**Responsorial Psalm** **Ps 72(71):1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13**

*All the nations on earth 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.

*All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.*

In his days justice shall flourish,
and great peace till the moon is no more.

He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the River to the bounds of the earth.

*All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.*

The kings of Tarshish and the islands
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.

*All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.*

For he shall rescue the needy when they cry,
the poor who have no one to help.
He will have pity on the weak and the needy,
and save the lives of the needy.

*All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.*

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

Brothers and sisters: I assume that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy Apostles and prophets by the Spirit. This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.
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**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**
We saw his star when it rose
and have come to worship the Lord.
**Alleluia!**

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

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king,
behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, 'Where is he who has been
born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship
him.' When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him;
and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he enquired of them
where the Christ was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is
written by the prophet:
"And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel." '
Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time
the star had appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search
diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may
come and worship him.' After listening to the king, they went on their way. And
behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest
over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly
with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother,
and they fell down and worshipped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered
him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned in a dream not to
return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ