

The Epiphany of The Lord Year A

Tuesday, January 05, 2020

Readings: 1) Isaiah 60:1-6 2) Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 3) Matthew 2:1-12

Sunday Liturgy

The focus for today's Mass is: Jesus is the Savior born for all.

Today, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus' coming to all as our Savior. That news is not received gratefully and joyfully by all – as we see by King Herod's reaction, and the actions of many today who do not believe. As Christians who have the grace of redemption through the paschal mystery of Christ, may our lives be a joyful and generous witness to others – that they, too, may come to share in it. May they, too, have an *epiphany*.

Isaiah prophesies that a light has come to Jerusalem, while darkness covers the earth. All will come to the city *bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord*. Paul tells the Ephesians that Gentiles are coheirs of God, along with the people of Israel. In the Gospel, magi arrive in Jerusalem from the east in search of the *newborn king of the Jews*. Herod is troubled by this, and the magi visit Mary and her child and offer gifts.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

PRIEST:

**Trusting in God's love and faithfulness,
let us bring our petitions before him.**

**For all Church leaders,
may they be filled with joy in their mission to radiate God's love.**
We Pray to the Lord.

**For people throughout the world,
may they come to know lasting peace through faith in Christ.**
We Pray to the Lord.

**For all those suffering in body, mind or spirit;
may they find companionship and support from those around them.**
We Pray to the Lord.

**For all those who have died,
may they find peace in God's Holy kingdom.**
We Pray to the Lord.

**For the children of this community and the world,
may they be a sign of God's delight in creation.**
We Pray to the Lord.

For our own personal intentions, (long pause).
We Pray to the Lord.

PRIEST:

**Gracious and loving God,
please hear and answer our prayers according to your will.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.**