

SUNDAY 10TH JANUARY 2021

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EPIPHANY SUNDAY – *The Star, The Gifts, The Magi*

Epiphany

Eastern monarchs, Sages Three,
Come with gifts in great plenty.
Worth Christ on bended knee --

Gold, in honour of the King,
Incense to the Priest they bring,
Myrrh, for time of burying --

On His might (it hath no end)
All created things depend,
To His will the world must bend --

His the praise and glory be,
Laud and honour, victorie,
Power supreme! and so sing we

On the feast-day of His birth,
Set on thrones above the earth,
Angels change in holy mirth

Thus, to bless the One in Three,
Let this present company
Raise the voice of melody --

Cum Virgine Maria.

With the Virgin Mary

Latin Text of the 15th Century

EPIPHANY PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Radiant Morning Star, you are both guidance and mystery, Visit our rest with disturbing dreams, and our journeys with strange companions. Grace us with the hospitality to open our hearts and homes to visitors filled with unfamiliar wisdom bearing profound and unusual gifts. God of all good gifts, who gives freely to us, have mercy on us and grant us the peace that only the Prince of Peace can provide.

Grant that our lives would be an offering, and that our work would be a good gift, just as the gifts that the magi brought, pleasing to you and fit for the king of all creation.

We look to you, our Prophet, Priest and King, to rule the world with justice, and to give salvation to all who call upon you.

The prophet speaks of the coming light of God which calls all the people of the earth to come together in God's realm of Peace.

Let us confess the ways in which we have rejected God's vision of wholeness.

God of light and darkness, we have seen the glimmer of your star-light beckoning to us, but we have turned away and followed other paths. We confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength.

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

Forgive us, Holy One.

Strengthen our faltering steps and guide us in your holy way of peace. Amen

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Other readings: Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12

Psalm 71:1-7

¹⁻³ I run for dear life to God, I'll never live to regret it. Do what you do so well: get me out of this mess and up on my feet. Put your ear to the ground and listen, give me space for salvation. Be a guest room where I can retreat; you said your door was always open! You're my salvation—my vast, granite fortress.

⁴⁻⁷ My God, free me from the grip of Wicked, from the clutch of Bad and Bully. You keep me going when times are tough—my bedrock, God, since my childhood. I've hung on you from the day of my birth, the day you took me from the cradle; I'll never run out of praise. Many gasp in alarm when they see me, but you take me in stride.



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Reflections on the journey

Life is unpredictable.

We, however, are called to follow One who leads us through all the unpredictability's and guides us in the Way of Love.

Why not look back on your journey so far? Can you see how what appeared to be wrong turnings or even unwanted diversions have nevertheless brought you to where you are today? Have you ever been tempted to give up on your spiritual journey?

Did you go back to the predictable, the comfortable, the manageable? (I suppose we all have at one time or another. We have all been tempted to give up on the challenges of life) The story of the 'Wise Men travelling' reminds us to keep travelling. We will be pleasantly surprised to find that the light goes with us.

And so for the year 2021 we are simply invited to reflect on the dream that keeps us going. We are invited to 'go with God'.

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