# **JANUARY 6, EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**

Christians had originally the same significance as Christmas in Rome. It was the

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(Station at St. Peter's) Epiphany means "appearance" or "manifestation," and among the Eastern

festival of the eternal Word, clothed in the flesh, revealing Himself to mankind. Three different phases of this historical manifestation were especially veneratedviz., the adoration of the Magi at Bethlehem, 'the changing of the water into wine at Cana, and the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan. The station at St. Peter's is inspired by the same thought as that of Christmas Day. In Rome the greater festivals are celebrated at the Pastor Ecclesire whose basilica is the sheepfold of the Roman flock. The interior life of a Christian is the reproduction of the life of Jesus; thus the

to commemorate the great historical epochs in the history of our redemption, but also to reproduce in our souls their spiritual teaching. Hence in the Night Office of this feast of the Epiphany we do not so much adore the Christ who showed Himself twenty centuries ago to the Magi, but rather the Christ who has revealed Himself to us, too, who are now living. **INTROIT Malachi 3: 1** Ecce advénit Dominátor Dóminus: et Behold the Lord the Ruler is come: and regnum in manu ejus et potéstas et the Kingdom is in His Hand, and

object of the Church in placing before us the annual cycle of feasts is not merely

## tuum Regi da: et justítiam tuam Fílio Regis. Glória Patri et Fílio et Spirítui

Sancto, sicut erat in princípio, et nunc, et semper, et in sécula seculórum. Amen. Ecce advénit Dominátor Dóminus: et regnum in manu ejus et potéstas et impérium. COLLECT Deus, qui hodiérna die Unigénitum tuum géntibus stella duce revelásti: concéde propítius; ut, qui jam te ex fide

impérium. (Ps. 71: 2) Deus, judícium

### celsitúdinis perducámur. Per eúndem Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum

cognóvimus, usque ad

contemplándam spéciem tuæ

unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum. LESSON Isaiah 60: 1-6 Surge, illumináre, Jerúsalem: quia venit lumen tuum, et glória Dómini super te orta est. Quia ecce ténebræ opérient terram et calígo pópulos: super te autem oriétur Dóminus, et glória ejus in te vidébitur. Et ambulábunt gentes in lúmine tuo, et reges in splendóre ortus tui. Leva in circúitu óculos tuos, et vide: omnes

isti congregáti sunt, venérunt tibi: fílii tui

de longe vénient, et fíliæ tuæ de látere

quando convérsa fúerit ad te multitúdo

dromedárii Mádian et Epha: omnes de

maris, fortitúdo géntium vénerit tibi.

surgent. Tunc vidébis et áfflues,

mirábitur et dilatábitur cor tuum,

Inundátio camelórum opériet te,

Saba vénient, aurum et thus

GRADUAL Isaiah 60: 6, 1

Omnes de Saba vénient, aurum et

thus deferéntes, et laudem Dómino

Jerúsalem: quia glória Dómini super te

in Oríente, et vénimus cum munéribus

Cum natus esset Jesus in Béthlehem

Juda in diébus Heródis regis, ecce

Jerosólymam, dicéntes: Ubi est qui

natus est rex Judæórum? Vídimus

annuntiántes. Surge, illumináre,

annuntiántes.

deferéntes, et laudem Dómino

Fílium tuum, qui tecum vivit et regnat in

## orta est. **LESSER ALLELUIA Matthew 2: 2** Allelúia, allelúia. Vídimus stellam ejus

adoráre Dóminum. Allelúia...

**GOSPEL Matthew 2: 1-12** 

Magi ab Oriénte venérunt

enim stellam ejus in Oriénte, et vénimus adoráre eum. Aúdiens autem Heródes rex, turbátus est, et omnis Jerosólyma cum illo. Et cóngregans omnes príncipes sacerdótum et scribas pópuli, sciscitabátur ab eis, ubi

Christus nascerétur. At illi dixérunt ei: In

Béthlehem Judæ: sic enim scriptum est

per Prophétam: Et tu Béthlehem terra

Juda, nequáquam mínima es in princípibus Juda: ex te enim éxiet dux, qui regat pópulum meum Israël. Tunc Heródes, clam vocátis Magis, diligénter dídicit ab eis tempus stellæ, quæ appáruit eis: et mittens illos in Béthlehem, dixit: Ite, et interrogate diligénter de púero: et cum invenéritis, renuntiáte mihi, ut et ego véniens adórem eum. Qui cum audíssent regem, abiérunt. Et ecce stella, quam víderant in Oriénte, antecedébat eos, usque dum véniens staret supra, ubi erat puer. Vidéntes autem stellam, gavísi sunt gáudio magno valde. Et intrántes domum, invenérunt púerum cum María matre ejus, (hic genuflectitur) et procidéntes adoravérunt eum. Et apértis thesáuris suis obtulérunt ei múnera, aurum, thus, et myrrham. Et respónso accépto in somnis ne redírent ad Heródem, per áliam viam revérsi sunt in regiónem suam. **OFFERTORY Psalms 71: 10, 11** Reges Tharsis et ínsulæ múnera ófferent: reges Arabum et Saba dona addúcent: et adorábunt eum omnes reges terræ: omnes gentes sérvient ei. **SECRET** Ecclésiæ tuæ, quæsumus, Dómine, dona propítius intuére: quibus non jam aurum, thus et myrrha profértur; sed quod eísdem munéribus declarátur, immolátur et súmitur, Jesus Christus, Fílius tuus, Dóminus noster. qui tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula sæculórum.

PREFACE OF THE EPIPHANY

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et

salutáre, nos tibi semper, et ubíque

grátias agere: Dómine sancte, Pater

omnípotens, ætérne Deus: Quia cum

Unigénitus tuus in substántia nostræ

immortalitátis suæ luce reparávit. Et

Thronis et Dominatiónibus, cumque

ídeo cum Ángelis et Archángelis, cum

hymnum glóriæ tuæ cánimus sine fine

mortalitátis appáruit, nova nos

omni milítia cæléstis exércitus,

sacratíssimum celebrántes, quo

memóriam venerántes, in primis

gloriósæ semper Vírginis Maríæ,

Genetrícis eiúsdem Dei et Dómini

Unigénitus tuus, in tua tecum glória

coætérnus, in veritáte carnis nostræ

visibíliter corporális appáruit: sed et

Communicántes, et diem

# dicéntes: **COMMUNICANTES FOR EPIPHANY**

nostri lesu Christi: sed et beáti loseph, eiúsdem Vírginis Sponsi, et beatórum Apostolórum ac Mártyrum tuórum, Petri et Pauli, Andréæ, Iacóbi, Ioánnis, Thomæ, Iacóbi, Philíppi, Bartholomæi, Matthæi, Simónis et Thaddæi: Lini, Cleti, Cleméntis, Xysti, Cornélii, Cypriáni, Lauréntii, Chrysógoni, Ioánnis et Pauli, Cosmæ et Damiáni: et ómnium Sanctórum tuórum; quorum méritis precibúsque concédas, ut in ómnibus protectiónis tuæ muniámur auxílio. Per eúndem Christum, Dóminum nostrum. Amen. **COMMUNION Matthew 2: 2** Vídimus stellam ejus in Oriénte, et vénimus cum munéribus adoráre Dóminum.

**POSTCOMMUNION** 

sæculórum.

Præsta, quæsumus, omnipotens

Deus: ut quæ solémni celebrámus

Jesum Christum Fílium tuum, qui

Sancti, Deus, per ómnia sæcula

offício, purificátæ mentis intelligéntia

consequámur. Per Dóminum nostrum

tecum vivit et regnat in unitáte Spíritus

the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Behold the Lord the Ruler is come: and the Kingdom is in His Hand, and power, and dominion. O God, who on this day, didst manifest Thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles by the guidance of a star: graciously grant, that we, who know Thee now by faith, may be led on even to contemplate the beauty of Thy Majesty. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who lives

and reigns with Thee in the unity of the

Arise, be enlightened, O Jerusalem: for

thy light is come, and the glory of the

Lord is risen upon thee. For behold

Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

power, and dominion. (Ps. 71: 2) Give

to the king Thy judgment, O God: and

to the king's Son Thy justice. Glory be

to the Father, and to the Son, and to

darkness shall cover the earth, and a mist the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall walk in thy light, and kings in the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thy eyes round about and see: all these are gathered together: they are come to thee: thy sons shall come from afar, and thy daughters shall rise up at thy side. Then shalt thou see and abound, and thy heart shall wonder and be enlarged, when the multitude of the sea shall be converted to thee, the strength of the Gentiles shall come to thee. The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Madian and Epha: all they from Saba shall come, bringing gold and frankincense and showing forth their praise to the Lord. All they from Saba shall come, bringing gold and frankincense and showing forth praise to the Lord. Arise and be enlightened, O Jerusalem: for the glory

of the Lord is risen upon thee.

adore the Lord. Alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia. We have seen His star

in the East, and are come with gifts to

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of

Juda in the days of king Herod, behold

there came wise men from the East to

Jerusalem, saying: Where is He that is

born king of the Jews? For we have

seen His star in the East, and are

come to adore Him. And king Herod hearing this was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And assembling together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where Christ should be born. But

they said to him: In Bethlehem of Juda.

For so it is written by the Prophet. And

thou Bethlehem, the land of Juda, are

Juda: for out of thee shall come forth

not the least among the princes of

the Captain that shall rule My people Israel. Then Herod, privately calling the wise men, learned diligently of them the time of the star which appeared to them: and sending them into Bethlehem, said: Go and diligently inquire after the Child, and when you have found Him, bring me word again, that I also may come and adore Him. Who having heard the king went their way. And behold the star, which they had seen in the East, went before them until it came and stood over where the Child was. And seeing the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And entering into the house, they found the Child with Mary His Mother, (Here genuflect) and falling down they adored Him. And opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having received an answer in sleep that they should not return to Herod, they went back another way into their country. The kings of Tharsis and the islands shall offer presents: the kings of the Arabians and of Saba shall bring gifts: and all kings of the earth shall adore Him: all nations shall serve Him. Look graciously, we beseech Thee, O Lord, upon the offering of Thy Church, in which gold, frankincense, and myrrh are no longer offered: but He, who by these same gifts was signified, is sacrificed and received, even Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.

It it truly meet and just, right and for our

salvation, that we should at all times,

and in all places, give thanks unto

Thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty,

everlasting God; for when Thine only-

substance of our mortal flesh, with the

restored us. And therefore with Angels

Dominations, and with all the hosts of

the heavenly army, we sing the hymn

Communicating, and keeping this most

holy day on which Thine only-begotten

Son, who is coeternal with Thee in Thy

glory, showed Himself in true flesh and

with a visible body like unto us; and

also reverencing the memory first of

begotten Son was manifested in the

new light of His own Immortality He

and Archangels, with Throne and

of Thy glory, evermore saying:

the same glorious Mary, ever Virgin, Mother of the same our God and Lord Jesus Christ: as also of the blessed Joseph, her Spouse, and of the blessed Apostles and Martyrs Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon, and Thaddeus; Linus, Cletus, Clement, Xystus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian, and of all Thy Saints, through whose merits and prayers, grant that we may in all things be defended by the help of Thy protection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

We have seen His star in the East, and

are come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty

understanding of a purified mind unto

office. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

that which we celebrate with solemn

Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with

Thee in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

God, forever and ever.

God, that we may attain by the