

Gospel Sunday, January 2, 2022. Cycle C
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



A GOD WHO BRINGS US CLOSER



WORSHIP HIM...

SETTING

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord; He manifests himself to humanity. Contemplate the moment, the significance of what was celebrated. The Magi, guided by the Star, went to worship him. The light guides humanity that is on the way, in search ... love energizes. Moment to contemplate, to internalize, experience to share.

The God who always draws near to man is shown in a child. Come closer, adore and communicate it. The child has his star. What will I bring the child?

SONG. WALKING FROM EAST MIX

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T4o63zJLgVc>

GOSPEL - Matthew 2, 1-12

"When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the time of King Herod, some wise men who came from the East appeared in Jerusalem, saying:« Where is the King of the Jews who has been born? For we saw his star in the East and we have come to adore him. " On hearing it, King Herod was startled and with him all Jerusalem. He summoned all the chief priests and scribes of the people, and through them he was informed of the place where the Christ was to be born. They said to him: "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are not, no, the least among the chief clans of Judah, for a leader will come out of you to feed my people Israel. " Then Herod called the Magi aside and specified the time of the appearance of the star from their information. Later, sending them to Bethlehem, he told them: "Go and inquire carefully about that child; and when you find him, let me know, so I can go too. to adore him. " After hearing the king, they set out on their way, and behold, the star that they had seen in the East was going ahead of them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They entered the house; they saw the child with Mary his mother and, bowing down, they worshiped him; then they opened their chests and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. And, warned in their dreams not to return to Herod, they withdrew to their country by another path. "

We deepen the Gospel

It is known how the expectation of the Messiah was lived in the time of Jesus. Everyone was talking about this topic; everyone was asking God to hasten his coming. Most Jews thought that the Messiah would be a king: a descendant of David, who would reign on the throne of Jerusalem, who would dispatch the Romans, who would definitively establish peace, justice and brotherhood in Israel. And, the most optimistic, they went so far as to say that all this joy would be installed in the whole world.

With this idea, the prophecies of the prophets who announced it in the Old Testament were cited: first the prophecy of Balaam in the Book of Numbers. It was also thought that the coming of the Messiah's kingdom would be signaled by the appearance of a star. This is undoubtedly the reason why King Herod, consulted by the magi about the star, takes the scare seriously.

Magicians do not know all these things: they are astrologers and do not share the faith and hope of Israel. They have set out simply because a new star has appeared in the sky and, spontaneously, upon reaching Jerusalem, they turn to the local authorities to request information about the event. And this is, without a doubt, the first surprise that Matthew's story offers us: on the one hand, there are the magicians who have no preconceived ideas and who, without being aware, seek the Messiah and will eventually find him.

On the other hand, there are those who know, those who can quote the Scriptures without fail, but who will not take a step or move from Jerusalem to Bethlehem. Obviously, they will not find the baby in the manger.

As for Herod, this is another story. Let's put ourselves in his place: Herod is the king of the Jews, recognized by the Roman power. Herod is very proud of his title and terribly envious of everything that can overshadow him ... so, he summons the magi to ask them for the date on which the star has appeared. The answer is not known, but what follows makes us imagine, with a great age margin in relation to the newborn, Herod will have all children over two years old suppressed.

Probably, in the story of the Magi, Matthew leaves us a summary of the whole life of Jesus: from the beginning, in Bethlehem, Jesus encountered the hostility and anger of the political and religious authorities. He was never recognized as Messiah, they treated him as an impostor ... They suppressed him, they eliminated him. Nevertheless, Jesus was certainly the Messiah: all who seek him can, like the wise men, enter into God's salvation.

Clues for prayer:

1. How is your search for the Messiah, like that of Herod or like that of the Magi?
2. What is your attitude when you meet Jesus?
3. What path does your life take after meeting Jesus?

WORSHIP THE LORD HOW? _____

AMBIENTAL MUSIC Adestes Fideles - Instrumental

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xLNNxk2EQhY>

THANK YOU FOR CLOSING TO ME

We have seen a star and we come to worship it.

Our journey has a meaning,
path to the Lord.

Worship is a gesture of love,
out of self

It is going to the other.

Worship worshipping,
in the donation, the surrender,

I take you to myself
what I am and what I have,

Get out of oneself
it means to acknowledge God.

Walk in search of the light.

Walking in search of the person
to love God with her.

Worship, kneel before life,

make an exodus from oneself,
put everything in its place,
put God in the center.
To worship is to experience
that in God we find ourselves,
To worship is to discover the essence
and sense of the road,
that we travel from ourselves to God.
To adore is to let ourselves be filled with tenderness.
To worship is to offer more than ask.
To adore is to be with Him, with Them.
To worship is to give God the opportunity
that we change our schemes,
to transform ourselves.
It is to go to the essential,
It is to overcome many superfluous things,
Accept what is important, leave what is dispensable.
Is to become small before
the greatness of God.
To worship is to show that what is important
It is not having, but loving.
To worship is to find in God
the strength to get closer to others.
To adore is to keep silence,
to learn to say nice things.
Worship is a gesture of love
life changing.
Only He is enough
Only He can elevate our life
Only He anoints us
Pray worshipping.
Times and spaces dedicated to you Lord.
Let's experience the joy of the road
going to God.

THANKS YOU - SALOMÉ ARRICIBITA

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