

The Epiphany





Gather



We hear God's Word

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you O Lord

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem, some Wise Men came to Jerusalem from the east. They asked, 'Where is the child, the king of the Jews? We saw his star rise in the east and we have come to worship him.'

When King Herod heard this, he was troubled. He gathered his advisers and asked them, 'Where will the saviour be born?'

Herod's advisers replied, 'The prophet wrote long ago that that the saviour would be born in Bethlehem.'



He questioned the Wise Men about the star and sent them to Bethlehem. He said, 'Go and find the child, and when you have found him, let me know so that I too may visit him.'

The Wise Men set out and followed the star to where it stopped over the place where the child was. Going into the house, they saw the child with his mother, Mary. They fell on their knees, worshipped him, and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Response



- Do you think the journey for the wise men to Bethlehem was hard? If so, why did they do it?
- Sometimes, our faith journey towards God can be hard. We can have doubts or worries, but the wise men show us it is worth the journey. Jesus loves it when we arrive.

Mission

- The Epiphany is a great time to think about the gifts that we can bring to God.
- Briefly talk to the person next to you about how you can use your God given gifts in the new Year? How can you share your gifts with one another to serve God and serve others?

