

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

from the Common English Bible

¹Arise! Shine! Your light has come; the Lord's glory has shone upon you. ²Though darkness covers the earth and gloom the nations, the Lord will shine upon you; God's glory will appear over you. ³Nations will come to your light and kings to your dawning radiance. ⁴Lift up your eyes and look all around: they are all gathered; they have come to you. Your sons will come from far away, and your daughters on caregivers' hips. ⁵Then you will see and be radiant; your heart will tremble and open wide, because the sea's abundance will be turned over to you; the nations' wealth will come to you. ⁶Countless camels will cover your land, young camels from Midian and Ephah. They will all come from Sheba, carrying gold and incense, proclaiming the Lord's praises.

Psalm Reading

72:1-7, 10-14

from the Common English Bible

¹God, give your judgments to the king.
Give your righteousness to the king's son.

²Let him judge your people with righteousness
and your poor ones with justice.

³Let the mountains bring peace to the people; let the hills bring righteousness.

**⁴Let the king bring justice to people who are poor;
let him save the children of those who are needy,
but let him crush oppressors!**

⁵Let the king live as long as the sun, as long as the moon, generation to generation.

**⁶Let him fall like rain upon fresh-cut grass, like
showers that water the earth.**

⁷Let the righteous flourish throughout their lives, and let peace prosper until the moon is no more. ¹⁰Let the kings of Tarshish and the islands bring tribute; let the kings of Sheba and Seba present gifts.

**¹¹Let all the kings bow down before him; let all the
nations serve him.**

¹²Let it be so, because he delivers the needy who cry out, the poor, and those who have no helper.

¹³He has compassion on the weak and the needy...

...he saves the lives of those who are in need.

**¹⁴He redeems their lives from oppression and
violence; their blood is precious in his eyes.**

Second Scripture Reading

Matthew 2:1-12

from the Common English Bible

¹After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in the territory of Judea during the rule of King Herod, magi came from the east to Jerusalem. ²They asked, “Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We’ve seen his star in the east, and we’ve come to honor him.” ³When King Herod heard this, he was troubled, and everyone in Jerusalem was troubled with him. ⁴He gathered all the chief priests and the legal experts and asked them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They said, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for this is what the prophet wrote:

⁶You, Bethlehem, land of Judah, by no means are you least among the rulers of Judah, because from you will come one who governs, who will shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the magi and found out from them the time when the star had first appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search carefully for the child. When you’ve found him, report to me so that I too may go and honor him.” ⁹When they heard the king, they went; and look, the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stood over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they were filled with joy. ¹¹They entered the house and saw the child with Mary his mother. Falling to their knees, they honored him. Then they opened their treasure chests and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²Because they were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.