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**First Lesson**—Isaiah 60:1-6 EHV

Arise, shine, for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord is dawning upon you.  
Look, the darkness covers the earth,  
and deep darkness covers the peoples,  
but the Lord will dawn upon you,  
and his glory will be seen over you.  
Nations will walk to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.  
Look up. Look all around and see!  
All of them are gathered. They come to you.  
Your sons will come from far away,  
and your daughters will be carried on the hip.  
Then you will look and be radiant.  
Your heart will race with excitement and burst with joy.  
For the great riches of the sea will be delivered to you.  
The wealth of the nations will come to you.  
Caravans of camels will cover your land,  
young camels from Midian and Ephah.  
All of them from Sheba will come.  
They will carry gold and incense,  
and they will announce the good news of the Lord’s praises.

**Psalm of the Day**—Psalm 72, p. 93

**Second Lesson**—Ephesians 3:2-12 EHV

Surely you have heard of the administration of God’s grace given to me for you, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation (as I have already written briefly). When you read this, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ. This mystery was not made known to people in past generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that in Christ Jesus the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and people who also share in the promise through the gospel.

I became a servant of this gospel, in keeping with the gift of God’s grace that was given to me by the working of his power. To me—even though I am the very least of all the

saints—was given this grace: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ and to enlighten everyone about the administration of this mystery. In past ages this mystery remained hidden in God, who created all things. He did this so that, through the church, the multifaceted wisdom of God in the heavenly places might now be made known to the rulers and authorities. This was done according to the eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him we can freely approach God with confidence through faith in him.

**Verse of the Day**—Matthew 2:2

Alleluia. We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him. Alleluia.

**Gospel**—Matthew 2:1-12 EHV

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, when Herod was king, Wise Men from the east came to Jerusalem. They asked, “Where is he who has been born King of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” When King Herod heard this, he was alarmed, and all Jerusalem with him. He gathered together all the people’s chief priests and experts in the law. He asked them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, because this was written through the prophet:

You, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are certainly not least among the rulers of Judah:  
because out of you will come a ruler,  
who will shepherd my people, Israel.”

Then Herod secretly summoned the Wise Men and found out from them exactly when the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. When you find him, report to me, so that I may also go and worship him.”

After listening to the king, they went on their way. Then the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them, until it stood still over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with overwhelming joy. After they went into the house and saw the child with Mary, his mother, they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Since they had been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they went back to their own country by another route.

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