

Reading 1 IS 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come,
 the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
*See, darkness covers the earth,
 and thick clouds cover the peoples;*
 but upon you the LORD shines,
 and over you appears his glory.
 Nations shall walk by your light,
 and kings by your shining radiance.
*Raise your eyes and look about;
 they all gather and come to you:*
 your sons come from afar,
 and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see,
 your heart shall throb and overflow,
 for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you,
 the wealth of nations shall be brought to you.
 Caravans of camels shall fill you,
 dromedaries from Midian and Ephah;
 all from Sheba shall come
 bearing gold and frankincense,
 and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

Gospel MT 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea,
 in the days of King Herod,
 behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
*"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
 We saw his star at its rising
 and have come to do him homage."*
 When King Herod heard this,
 he was greatly troubled,
 and all Jerusalem with him.
 Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people,
 He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born.
 They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea,
 for thus it has been written through the prophet:
*And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
 are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
 since from you shall come a ruler,
 who is to shepherd my people Israel."*
 Then Herod called the magi **secretly**
 and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance.
 He sent them to Bethlehem and said,
*"Go and search diligently for the child.
 When you have found him, bring me word, ////
 that I too may go and do him homage."*

After their audience with the king they set out.
 And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them,
 until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.
 They were overjoyed at seeing the star,
 and on entering the house
 they saw the child with Mary his mother.
 They prostrated themselves and did him homage.
 Then they opened their treasures
 and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
 And having been *warned in a dream not to return to Herod,*
they departed for their country by another way.

Gospel LK 3:15-16, 21-22

The people were filled with expectation,
and all were asking in their hearts
whether John might be the Christ.
 John answered them all, saying,
 "I am baptizing you with water,
 but one mightier than I is coming.
 I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.
 He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

After all the people had been baptized
 and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,
 heaven was opened and *the Holy Spirit descended upon him*
in bodily form like a dove.
 And a voice came from heaven,
 "You are my beloved Son;
 with you I am well pleased."

Gospel JN 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee,
 and the mother of Jesus was there.
 Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.
 When the wine ran short,
 the mother of Jesus said to him,
 "They have no wine."
 And Jesus said to her,
 "Woman, how does your concern affect me?
 My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers,
 "Do whatever he tells you."
 Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings,
 each holding twenty to thirty gallons.
 Jesus told the them,
 "Fill the jars with water."
 So they filled them to the brim.
 Then he told them,
 "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter."

So they took it.
 And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine,
 without knowing where it came from
 — although the servers who had drawn the water knew —,
 the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him,
 "Everyone serves good wine first,
 and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one;
but you have kept the good wine until now."
Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee
 and so revealed his glory,
 and his disciples began to believe in him.

Gospel LK 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events
 that have been fulfilled among us,
 just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning
 and ministers of the word have handed them down to us,
 I too have decided,
 after investigating everything accurately anew,
 to write it down in an orderly sequence for you,
 most excellent Theophilus,
 so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings
 you have received.

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit,
 and news of him spread throughout the whole region.
 He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all.

He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up,
 and went according to his custom
 into the synagogue on the sabbath day.
 He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah.
 He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written:
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, Isaiah 61 post exilic
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
*and recovery of **sight to the blind,***
to let the oppressed go free,
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord. Happning now.
 Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down,
 and the **eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently** at him.
 He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."