

HYMN – “How Lovely Shines the Morning Star”

- 1 How lovely shines the Morning Star!
The nations see and hail afar
The light in Judah shining.
Thou David’s Son of Jacob’s race,
My Bridegroom and my King of Grace,
For Thee my heart is pining.
Lowly, Holy, Great and glorious,
Thou victorious Prince of graces,
Filling all the heav’nly places.
- 2 O highest joy by mortals won,
True Son of God and Mary’s Son,
Thou highborn King of ages!
Thou art my heart’s most beautiful Flow’r,
And Thy blest Gospel’s saving pow’r
My raptured soul engages.
Thou mine, I Thine; Sing hosanna!
Heav’nly manna Tasting, eating,
Whilst Thy love in songs repeating.
- 3 Now richly to my waiting heart,
O Thou, my God, deign to impart
The grace of love undying.
In Thy blest body let me be,
E’en as the branch is in the tree,
Thy life my life supplying.
Sighing, Crying, For the savor
Of Thy favor; Resting never
Till I rest in Thee forever.
- 4 A pledge of peace from God I see
When Thy pure eyes are turned to me
To show me Thy good pleasure.
Jesus, Thy Spirit and Thy Word,
Thy body and Thy blood, afford
My soul its dearest treasure.
Keep me kindly In Thy favor,
O my Savior! Thou wilt cheer me;
Thy Word calls me to draw near Thee.

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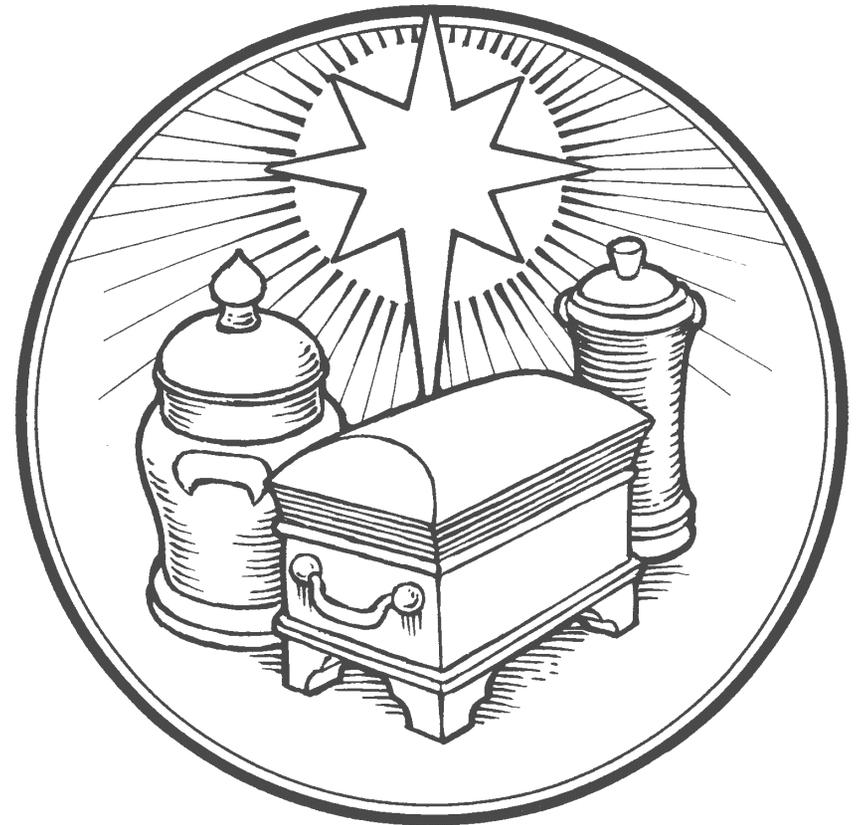
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LESSONS FOR LAMBS

EPIPHANY DAY – JANUARY 6TH

The color for Epiphany Day is white.



What to listen for during the service?

Listen to the Hymn of the Day today, “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright,” which is also printed on the back page. Who is the “Morning Star”? What other names for this “Morning Star” are given in the hymn?

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)

1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him." 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

6 "And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."

7 Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." 9 After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. 11 And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. 12 And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) Where did the wise men travel to in order to look for the "king of the Jews"?
- 2) Where was Jesus born, as it was written by the prophet?
- 3) Why was Herod troubled to hear of this new "king" who was born?
- 4) What led the wise men to find Jesus?
- 5) What did the wise men bring to Jesus and what did they do?
- 6) Why didn't the wise men return to Herod?

People of the Bible: Wise Men

In the Gospel reading today we hear about the wise men. But who were the wise men? These wise men, also called Magi, were very smart because of the many books they read and studied. One of the things they studied was astrology, or study of the stars, which is why they were interested in the star mentioned in the Old Testament that led them to Israel's new King, Jesus. They knew about the promise of the Messiah recorded in the Old Testament, and they wanted to find and worship Him. The wise men brought Jesus expensive gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, and they were possibly kings themselves.

Catechism Corner

The Seventh Commandment

Thou shalt not steal.

What does this mean? Answer:

We should fear and love God that we may not take our neighbor's money or goods, nor get them by false ware or dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property and business.

Draw a picture of the wise men visiting baby Jesus

