

# *The Epiphany of The Lord's Birth*

## **Celebrating Epiphany with The Three Wise Men**

The Feast of Epiphany at CHRIST's Birth – “in The Adoration of The Magi, The Baptism of The Lord by John The Baptist, The Cana Wedding Miracle and The Most Holy Eucharist” – celebrate The Manifestations of GOD of The Incarnation of CHRIST. <sup>1</sup>

## **The Meaning of The Magi's Gifts - St. Odilo of Cluny**

The Magi offered gold, incense and myrrh:

“To offer gold is to proclaim CHRIST's Kingship,  
to offer incense is to adore His Godhead,  
to offer myrrh is to acknowledge His Mortality.” <sup>2</sup>

## **A Hymn**

As with gladness, men of old Did the guiding star behold  
As with joy they hailed its light Leading onward, beaming bright  
So, most glorious Lord, may we Evermore be led to Thee.  
As they offered gifts most rare At that manger rude and bare;  
So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy,  
All our costliest treasures bring, CHRIST, to Thee, our heavenly King. <sup>3</sup>

## **PSALM 48:10-11**

10 We ponder, O GOD, Your Mercy within Your Temple  
11 Like Your Name, O GOD, so is Your praise to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is fully victorious. <sup>4</sup>

## **MATTHEW 2:9-12**

9 ...And behold, the star that... [the Magi] had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where The Child was.  
10 They were overjoyed at seeing the star,  
11 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. <sup>5</sup>

## **The Question**

What is our response to GOD's Offer of Divine Mercy?

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<sup>1</sup> “Epiphany Homily.” 1/06/2009. Pope Benedict XVI. Catholic Diocese of Peoria, Illinois.  
[http://epiphanyparish.com/Parish/History/Meaning\\_of\\_Epiphany.shtml](http://epiphanyparish.com/Parish/History/Meaning_of_Epiphany.shtml)

<sup>2</sup> Commentary on Solemnity of The Epiphany of The Lord, St. Odilo of Cluny.(962-1049). The 5<sup>th</sup> Benedictine Abbot of Cluny, France, known as “The Archangel of Monks,” a reformer known for his simple life and care of the poor. Magnificat, Sunday, 1/04/2015, p 62.

<sup>3</sup> Hymn, “As With Gladness, Men of Old.” Konrad Kocher, “Stimmen aus dem Reiche Gottes,” 1838. William C. Dix, 1860. <http://www.cyberhymnal.org/htm/a/s/aswithgl.htm>

<sup>4</sup> New American Bible, PSALM 48:10-11.

<sup>5</sup> New American Bible, MATTHEW 2:9-12.