

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

## SECOND READING

*A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians  
3:2-3a, 5-6*

Brothers and sisters:

You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace

that was given to me for your benefit,  
namely, that the mystery was made known to me  
by revelation.

It was not made known to people in other generations  
as it has now been revealed  
to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:  
that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body,  
and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the  
gospel.

The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
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.

The Gospel of the Lord.