

HOMILY SUNDAY- EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
THEY OFFERED HIM GIFTS OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE AND MYRRH

My dear brothers and sisters... *I must say that I feel very moved when I think about the journey we've walked as a community during these past weeks...*

And if we look back, we can admire the way the liturgy has been guiding us, step by step, during these days...

In Advent, God repeated to us again and again... **Do not be afraid...** **At Christmas**, God entered our **concrete, fragile, and real history...**

And today, at **the Epiphany**, God takes one more step... He lets Himself be seen... **He reveals Himself... He makes Himself known...**

Dear friends... **Today we celebrate the manifestation of God...** That is Epiphany... The manifestation of a God **who doesn't hide... a God who wants to be found...**

Rise up and shine, for your light has come! the Prophet Isaiah tells us in the first reading... And this... isn't just a beautiful phrase... **It's a certainty...** God comes to light up the darkness... God comes to show Himself... **God comes to reveal His presence in the middle of history...**

Because when God reveals Himself... when His light appears... **He never does it in a distant way...**

The light of God always creates movement... it wakes up the heart... it sets us on a journey... Epiphany isn't only that God shows Himself... **It's that someone allows himself to be drawn by that light...**

It's the story of people who, when they notice a different light, rise up... go out... search... *And that!* **Is where today's Gospel becomes deeply human...** *The wise men...* Men who come from far away... searching men... men who don't settle... They didn't know the promises of the people of Israel...

But they had attentive hearts... They knew how to read a sign... a star... and they set out on the journey...

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Epiphany reminds us of something very important... **God allows Himself to be found by those who seek Him sincerely...**

It doesn't matter where you come from... it doesn't matter how much you know... **What matters is the desire of the heart...**

So today we could ask ourselves...

- **Where is the Lord revealing Himself to me today?**
- **In which people, in which situations, in which moments of my life is God coming out to meet me?**

Because Epiphany isn't only something that happened centuries ago... **It's something that continues to happen today...**

God continues to reveal Himself... **sometimes in small things... sometimes in daily life...** Sometimes in someone we didn't expect... **in a word, in a need, in a gesture of love, and even in the cross we carry...**

And this immediately calls us to action... The Magi, when they find Jesus, my dear friends... don't stay just looking... **they adore... they offer...**

When someone truly encounters the Lord... something changes... Life doesn't remain the same...

We learn **to look differently... to walk differently... to choose differently...** And here another beautiful key of this feast appears...

Just as Jesus is light for the nations, we too are called to reflect that light... **Not to be the center... not to take the spotlight... but to carry a light that isn't our own...**

Because the wise men, after adoring and offering, returned to their lands... *Surely to be light for their people...* **Because they were already filled with the true Light...**

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Isaiah told us clearly... **Don't walk in darkness... let the light of God pass through you...**

To be light isn't to shine... It's to help others find the way... It's to point to where Jesus is... just as the star did for the Magi...

Dear brothers and sisters... today let us celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord with open hearts... Asking for the grace to recognize where the Lord is revealing Himself to us... And also, the grace to be, with simplicity, a small light for others...

So that many may discover that God is still present... **That God is still speaking... And that God still allows Himself to be found.**

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