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[In the Diocese of the United States]

Sunday between January 2 and January 8

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, **Solemnity**

At the Mass during the Day

Prayer after Communion:

Go before us with heavenly light, O Lord,
always and everywhere,
that we may perceive with clear sight
and revere with true affection
the mystery in which you have willed us to participate.
Through Christ our Lord.

Reflection:

This Prayer after Communion for this Mass during the day admits the birth of the Savior, who is the presence of Light which dispels the dark gloom of sinful humanity. This is God's true gift, a once and for all event in Bethlehem which continues to interpret the ages until this very day.

We pray that same Light go before us, this heavenly light, the stuff of brilliance, given in an age which delivers darkness as a suspicious gift. We ask not for cheap light, but heavenly light from the Spirit of God, so that we may see and understand what we see, dismissing suspicious gifts and desiring God's true gift, costly entrance into the Mystery, i.e., the Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ. This is the bright darkness which unfolds in living through ever deepening spirals of life and death, death and life. The secret of life itself.

Prayer:

Cast your heavenly light before us, O Christ,
that we may see clearly the path of life
and have courage to follow you without fear. Amen.

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