

LITURGY OF THE KINGDOM

JANUARY 6

The Feast of the Epiphany

FIRST READING

Reader: *A reading taken from the spiritual heritage of humanity.*

Assembly: *From all time, Heaven has prepared the coming of the Kingdom.*

Reader: *Today, a passage from Raoul Auclair's book, "L'Eschatologie de notre Temps" [pp. 13 and 19].*

It is written:



The Epiphany.

What, then, is the Epiphany, if not the second Christmas, the Christmas of glory, when all the peoples, prefigured by the Kings from the East who came to Bethlehem to adore the newborn King, will come to adore Christ the King who will finally reign.

For Christ will reign.

The reign of Christ over all the peoples; and it will be unity in freedom and diversity.

This has ceased being a prophecy, for it has become history. A story that has begun, into which we are well advanced, but which has not yet been completed. But it will be completed in the "*final completion*" of this world.

Because, all of a sudden, the New Day, the Seventh Day, will be like a coming out of death, like something emerging from darkness. A resurrection.

There was Christmas.

It will be the EPIPHANY.

Reader: *This was a passage from Raoul Auclair's book, "L'Eschatologie de notre Temps".*

Assembly: *Thanks be to God.*