

A quilt with a central star pattern made of colorful triangles (brown, blue, pink, yellow) on a white background. The quilt is bordered by a wide, ornate floral border. There are four floral medallions, one in each quadrant, featuring various flowers like roses and peonies. A red star is visible in the center of the quilt.

# Epiphany of the Lord

*Year B*

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14  
Ephesians 3:1-12  
Matthew 2:1-12

Arise, shine; for your light has come ...  
Nations shall come to your light, and  
kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Isaiah 60:1a, 3

Star of Bethlehem  
Quilt

c. 1835  
Metropolitan  
Museum of Art  
New York, NY



In the time of King Herod, after  
Jesus was born in Bethlehem of  
Judea, wise men from the East  
came to Jerusalem,

Matthew 2:1



Journey of the Magi -- James Tissot, Minneapolis Institute of Art, Minneapolis, MN

asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

Matthew 2:2



Three Kings

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When King Herod heard this, he was  
frightened ... and calling together all  
the chief priests and scribes ...

Matthew 2:3a, 4a



Herod Consults with  
Priests and Scribes

Amiens Cathedral  
Amiens, France



... he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

Matthew 2:4b, 5



Figure of the Tres Reyes Magos  
Maracaibo, Venezuela

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Matthew 2:6



Christ Child as Good  
Shepherd

Goa, India  
Walters Art Museum  
Baltimore, MD

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.

Matthew 2:7



Herod Speaks with the Magi -- Mosaic, Santa Maria Maggiore, Rome, Italy

Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

Matthew 2:8





Herod with the Three Kings -- Church of Saint-Gonery, Plougrescant, France

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

Matthew 2:9



Rising Star, Milky Way -- John Fowler, Placitas, New Mexico

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

Matthew 2:10



Nativity

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On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage.

Matthew 2:11a

The Magi and the  
Christ Child, detail

Peter Paul Reubens  
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Brussels, Belgium



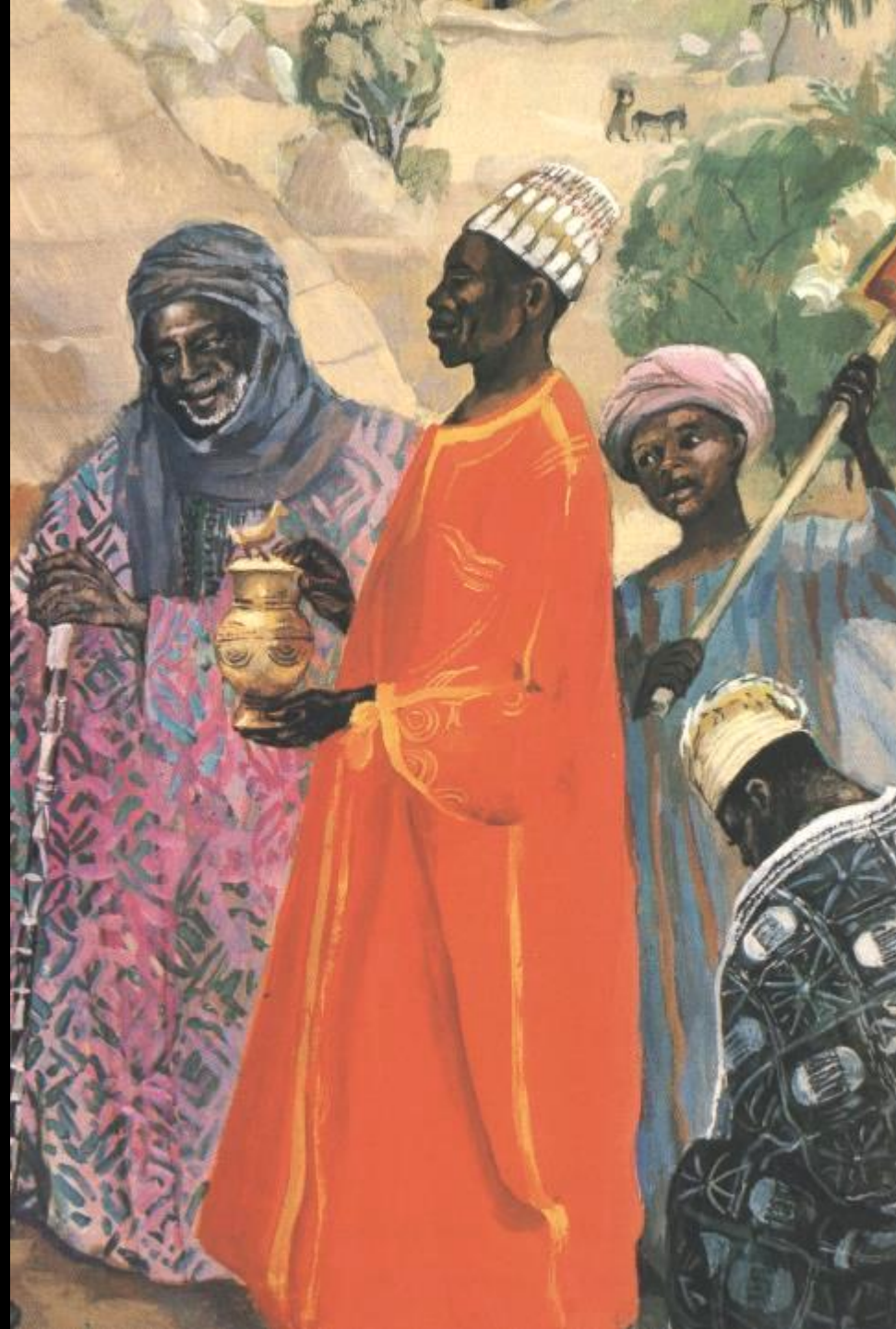
Then, opening their treasure chests,  
they offered him gifts of gold,  
frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:12



Adoration of the  
Magi

JESUS MAFA  
Cameroon



And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Matthew 2:12

The Magi Warned in a  
Dream

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