**Epiphany**

Epiphany is a Christian feast day celebrated on **January 6** (or the Sunday closest to it, in some traditions). It commemorates the revelation of Jesus Christ to the world, particularly to the Gentiles, as symbolized by the visit of the Magi (Wise Men or Kings) to the infant Jesus.

The word "Epiphany" comes from the Greek *epiphaneia*, meaning "appearance" or "manifestation." Key themes of Epiphany include:

1. **The Visit of the Magi**: The Wise Men followed the star to Bethlehem, bringing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, symbolizing Jesus as King, Priest, and Savior.
2. **The Light of Christ**: The star symbolizes Jesus as the light for all nations, not just for Israel.
3. **Jesus’ Divinity**: Epiphany reflects moments in Jesus’ life when his divine nature was revealed, including his baptism and the wedding at Cana (in some traditions).

Epiphany is celebrated differently across Christian denominations and cultures. For example, in some places, it's called **Three Kings’ Day**, and traditions include processions, gift-giving, and special meals. In MU this is a opportunity to share the God of Light and Revelation with those around us.

**Epiphany Prayer**

God of Light and Revelation,
On this Epiphany, we celebrate the gift of your Son,
the light that guides all nations and peoples.
Just as the Magi followed the star to Christ,
lead us to seek you with open hearts and faithful steps.
Help us to shine your love and truth in our lives,
that we may bring hope and peace to the world.
In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.