

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, a feast that reminds us that God is the light that leads our way and guides our lives.

On this feast we read the story from Matthew's gospel of the magi traveling from the East, following the star deep into the night, and, discovering the Christ, they offered their gifts.

This story reminds us of the journey that we are on and the invitation to follow the star, the light that is God. We also celebrate that in Christ, all are welcome, no matter where we come from, no matter how far we have traveled.

As you listen to the gospel story today, a story that is so very familiar, I invite you to listen to it as if you are hearing it for the first time. We are standing at the beginning of a new year, we have had many experiences since the last time we heard this story....we are in a new place. How does this story touch our lives today? What or who are we seeking and what light are we following today?

As we begin our celebration of the Eucharist, let us pray that we may recognize and have the courage to follow the Light of God that leads us to the joy of being one community of faith welcoming all at the Table of Christ.