

A quilt with a central star pattern, floral motifs, and a decorative border. The quilt features a large, multi-pointed star in the center, composed of various colored triangles (brown, blue, green, and pink). The background is white with floral patterns. The border is a repeating pattern of small flowers and leaves. There are four green stars in the corners and a red star 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

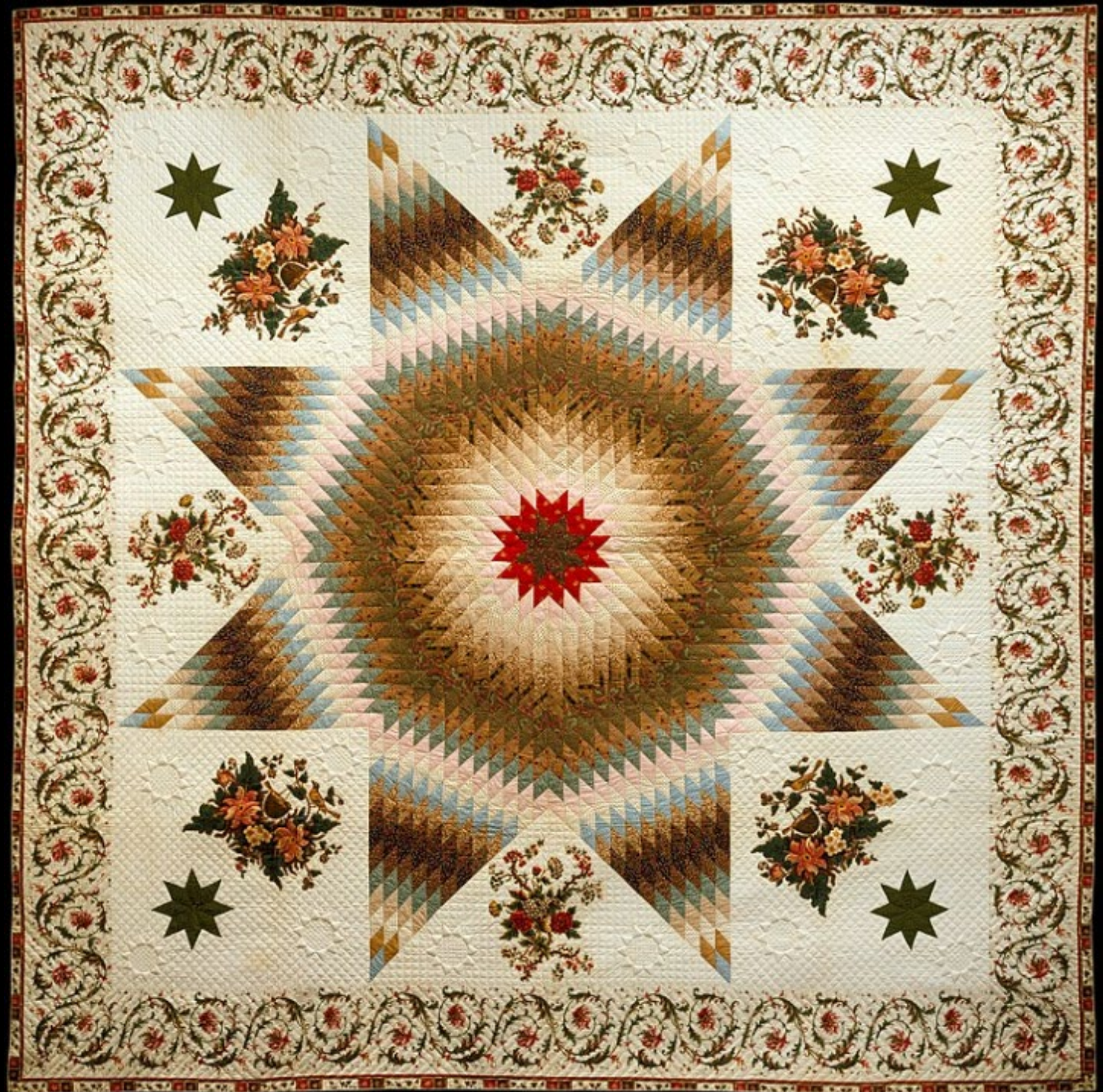
Matthew 2:1-12

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
Royal Museums of Fine
Arts of Belgium
Brussels, Belgium

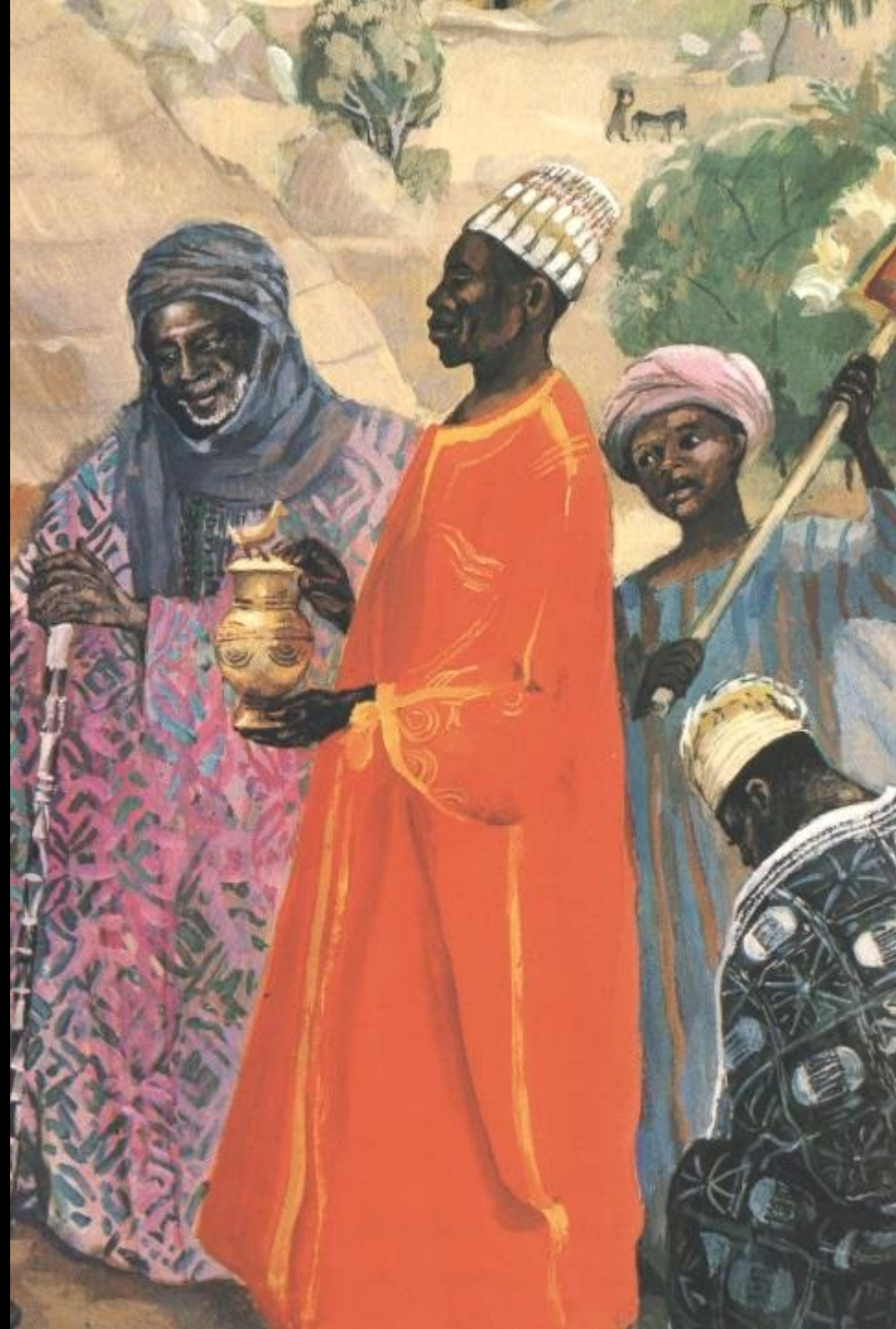


Then, opening their treasure chests,
they offered him gifts of gold,
frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:11b

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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