



KAPITI UNITING PARISH

ChristianChurchesNZ – Methodist – Presbyterian
10 Weka Road, Raumati Beach, Paraparaumu 5032

United@9 combined Raumati 10am
12 January
Epiphany

Worship Leader: Rev Anna Gilkison
Musician: Erice Carley
Reader: Jan Rae



Welcome and Notices

Opening prayer

God of God
Light of Light
True God of true God
We bless you

Object of the Magi's search
Subject of an old man's song
Fulfilment of the Baptist's preaching
We bless you

Mary's child
Joseph's child
God's child
We bless you

Epiphany Carol We Three Kings

We three Kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
following yonder star.

*O Star of wonder, Star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to Thy perfect light.*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never
over us all to reign.

O Star of wonder, Star of night, ...

Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a Deity nigh,
Prayer and praising, voices raising,
Worship Him God most High.

O Star of wonder, Star of night, ...

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom,
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

O Star of wonder, Star of night, ...

Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and sacrifice,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Sounds through the earth and skies.

O Star of wonder, Star of night, ...

John Henry Jr. Hopkins.

Epiphany prayer

As gold is purified in fire
Purify us that we may be royal priests to you
We offer ourselves to you as gold

As incense, rising, speaks of your presence
May our hearts always rise to you in adoration
We offer ourselves to you as incense

As myrrh spreads the fragrance of perfume
May our beautiful deeds be fragrant to you
We offer ourselves to you as myrrh

Epiphany Proclamation

Wise men, they came to look for wisdom,
finding one wiser than they knew;
rich men, they met with one yet richer
King of the kings, they knelt to you:
Jesus, our wisdom from above,
wealth and redemption, life and love.

Pilgrims they were, from unknown countries,
searching for one who knows the world;
lost are their names, and strange their journeys,
famed is their zeal to find the child:
Jesus, in you the lost are claimed,
aliens are found, and known, and named.

Magi, they stooped to see your splendour,
led by a star to light supreme;
promised Messiah, Lord eternal,
glory and peace are in your name.
Joy of each day, our Song by night,
shine on our path your holy light.

Guests of their God, they opened treasures,
incense and gold and solemn myrrh;
welcoming one too young to question
how came these gifts, and what they were.
Gift beyond price of gold or gem,
make among us your Bethlehem.

Christopher Martin Idle

Readings

Isaiah 43: 1-7

Matthew 2: 19-23

Reflection

Epiphany reading

Epiphany Carol ‘Love Came Down at Christmas’ WOV 243

Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, Love Divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead,
Love incarnate, Love divine
Worship we our Jesus:
But wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token,
Love be yours and love be mine,
Love to God and all men,
Love for plea and gift and sign.

Prayer of dedication for our offering

Epiphany is a jewel, multi-faceted
Flashing colour and light.
Epiphany embraces the nations of the world
Kneeling on a bare floor
Before a child.
Epiphany shows a man
Kneeling in the waters of baptism.
Epiphany reveals
the best of is kept for last
as water becomes wine at the wedding feast.

**O Holy One
To whom was given
The gifts of power and prayer
The gift of suffering,
Help us to use these, our gifts,
In your way
And in your name.**

Prayers for the World

Epiphany Carol 'Every Star Shall Sing a Carol'

Every star shall sing a carol;
Every creature, high or low,
Come and praise the King of heaven
by whatever name you know:
*God above, Earth below,
Holy is the name I know.*

When the King of all creation
had a cradle on the earth,
Holy was the human body,
Holy was the human birth:
*God above, Earth below,
Holy is the name I know.*

Who can tell what other cradle,
High above the Milky Way,
Still may rock the King of heaven
on another Christmas Day?
*God above, Earth below,
Holy is the name I know.*

Who can count how many crosses,
Still to come, or long ago,
Crucify the King of heaven?

Holy is the name I know:
God above, Earth below,
Holy is the name I know.

Who can tell what other body
He will hallow for his own?
I will praise the Son of Mary,
Brother of my blood and bone:
God above, Earth below,
Holy is the name I know.

Every star and every planet,
Every creature, high and low,
Come and praise the King of heaven
by whatever name you know:
God above, Earth below,
Holy is the name I know.

Sydney Carter

Sending prayer:

Open our eyes
Our ears and our minds
Open our imagination
To your presence and your love
Mysterious God

Open our hands, Holy One,
That we may sow generosity,
Open our fists, God,
That we may scatter the good news
Of your coming
Far and wide.
AMEN