

Carey Baptist Church & Dacorum Community Choir
Epiphany Service

Sunday 10th January 2016, 6.30pm

CALL TO WORSHIP

Choir: Starlight – Nicola LeFanu

***We three kings – J.H. Hopkins,
arr. David Willcocks***

1. 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.*

2. Born a king on Bethlehem plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King for ever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

O star of wonder, etc.

3. Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a Deity nigh:
Prayer and praising all men raising,
Worship Him, God most high.

O star of wonder, etc.

4. 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, etc.

5. Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and sacrifice!
Heav'n sings alleluia!
Alleluia the earth replies.

O star of wonder, etc.

READING - Matthew 2, v.1 - 12

+Choir: *Kings came riding* – Kevin Stannard

***Congregation: *As with gladness* – German chorale,
arr. David Willcocks
(Baptist Praise and Worship 189)**

READING - Matthew 2, v.13 - 18

+Choir: *What Child is this* – trad. English, arr. Bob Chilcott

**+Congregation: *From the Eastern Mountains* –
R. Vaughan Williams**

From the Eastern Mountains pressing on they come,
Wise men in their wisdom to His humble home;
Stirred by deep devotion, hasting from afar,
Ever journeying onward, guided by a star.

There their Lord and Saviour as an infant lay,
Wondrous Light that led them onward on their way,
Ever now to lighten nations from afar,
As they journey homeward by that guiding star.

Thou who in a manger once hast lowly lain,
Who dost now in glory o'er all kingdoms reign,
Gather in the peoples who in lands afar
Ne'er have seen the brightness of Thy guiding star.

Gather in the outcasts, all who've gone astray,
Throw Thy radiance o'er them, guide them on their way.
Those who never knew Thee, those who've wandered far,
Guide them by the brightness of Thy guiding star.

Until every nation, whether bond or free,
'Neath Thy star-lit banner, Jesu, follows Thee.
O'er the distant mountains to that heavenly home,
Where nor sin nor sorrow evermore shall come.

OFFERING

[*Marche des Rois Mages* – Th. Dubois (organ solo)]

READING - Matthew 2, v.19 - 23

+Choir: *Poor L'll Jesus* – trad. Spiritual, arr. Peter Hunt

MEDITATION AND PRAYERS

***Congregation: *The First Nowell* – trad. English,
arr. David Willocks
(Baptist Praise and Worship 178)**

Refreshments will be served in the Memorial Hall. All welcome.

*with organ
+with piano
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