



Epiphany

by Malcom Guite

It might have been just someone else's story,
Some chosen people get a special king.
We leave them to their own peculiar glory,
We don't belong, it doesn't mean a thing.
But when these three arrive they bring us with them,
Gentiles like us, their wisdom might be ours;
A steady step that finds an inner rhythm,
A pilgrim's eye that sees beyond the stars.
They did not know his name but still they sought him,
They came from elsewhere but still they found;
In temples they found those who sold and bought him,
But in the filthy stable, hallowed ground.
Their courage gives our questing hearts a voice
To seek, to find, to worship, to rejoice.

For the Time Being

by W H Auden

First Wise Man:

To discover how to be truthful now
Is the reason I follow this star.

Second Wise Man:

To discover how to be living now
Is the reason I follow this star.

Third Wise Man:

To discover how to be loving now
Is the reason I follow this star.

The Three Wise Men:

To discover how to be human now
Is the reason we follow this star.



A Gathering Prayer

Lord of our journeys,
help us this day to have
eyes to see your leading,
ears to hear your guidance,
and a heart of courage,
that we may journey faithfully and find your way -
even when the path may seem difficult and dark. **Amen.**

Prayer for Others

Lord of all our journeys,
we pray for those searching for warmth and safety,
for those fleeing persecution and violence,
for those in temporary accommodation because their homes have been
flooded or damaged - remembering particularly those affected by
Storm Bella and by the earthquake in Croatia.

Jesus child of the crib;

bless them with the gifts of hope and courage

and may they find security in you. *(repeated after further prayers)*

A sending out prayer

Lord, as we continue our journey with you this week,
as we seek to live out our faith every day,
be with us, surprise with your love,
nudge us when you want us
to see or do something new -
for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

If you have any notices you would like included in this weekly
sheet, please email the Chaplain at YpresPadre@outlook.com

or Tel: +32 (0)493 306920 - Rev'd Andrew McMullon

During the present lockdown, there are no Sunday services and St George's Church remains closed.

You are invited to join the Chaplain for worship on Zoom this **Sunday at 10.30am**: link attached to this email - or ask

YpresPadre@outlook.com

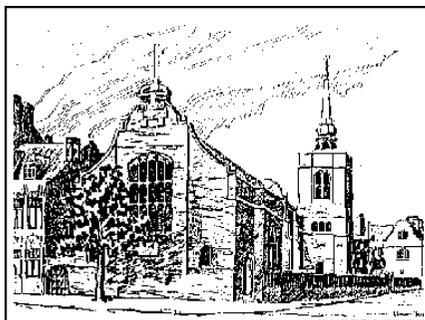
Epiphany Prayers

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men
have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence
in your Son, the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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January 3rd 2021
Epiphany Sunday

Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.1-12; Matthew 2.1-12

Copy and paste readings into the online Oremus Bible here:

Searching?

The wise men come searching - though to start with they look in the wrong place - for the newborn king. Turning their backs on those in the palaces of power they return to following the light of the star and find the Christ child in Bethlehem.

Following where God is leading is not always as easy as following a star in the heavens. Can you think of a time you experienced God's guidance in making a decision or finding your way? Sometimes it may be dramatic and clear but more often it is something subtle and quiet - God's still small voice, perhaps.

Particularly at the start of a new year we look for new beginnings but may be confused about where they lie and which is the right road. We can start by being faithful to the light which has led us thus far, and listening to God's voice leading us onward and upward to what he has in store for our lives.



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