

WCC Hymns for January 10, 2021 - The Feast of Epiphany

George Wiese (and Tabitha Day), organists
1906 Mason and Hamlin American Harmonium, Style 559

O MORNING STAR

O Morning Star, how clear and bright,
your beam shines forth in truth and light!
My Sovereign meek and lowly!
O Root of Jesse, Promised One,
my God and Ruler, you have won
my heart to serve you solely!
You are holy,
great and glorious, all-victorious,
Rich in blessing,
rule and might o'er all possessing.

Words and Music by Philp Nicolai, 1598
Translation by Catherine Winkworth
Harmonization by J.S. Bach, 1731

BRIGHTEST AND BEST ARE THE STARS OF THE MORNING

1 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
dawn on our midnight and lend us your aid.
Star of the East the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

3 Shall we not offer our costly devotion,
fragrance of Edom and offerings divine,
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
vainly with gifts would his favor secure;
Richer by far is the heart's adoration;
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

Words by Reginald Heber, 1811
Music by James P. Harding, 1892 (outer verses)
Music from The Southern Harmony (compiled by William Walker), 1835 (middle verse)

ON THIS DAY EARTH SHALL RING

1 On this day earth shall ring
with the song children sing
to the Lord, Christ our King,
born on earth to save us;
him the Father gave us.

Refrain

Id-e-o-o-o, id-e-o-o-o,
Id-e-o gloria in excelsis Deo!

3 God's bright star, o'er his head,
Wise Men three to him led;
kneel they low by his bed,
lay their gifts before him,
praise him and adore him.
(Refrain)

4 On this day angels sing;
with their song earth shall ring,
praising Christ, heaven's King,
born on earth to save us;
peace and love he gave us.
(Refrain)

*Words and Music from the 12th Century, Collected in 1582 by Jacobus Finno
Translated by Jane (aka James) M. Joseph (1894-1929)
Music Arranged by Gustav Host, 1916*

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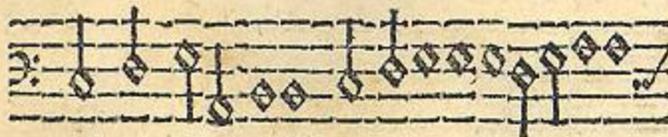
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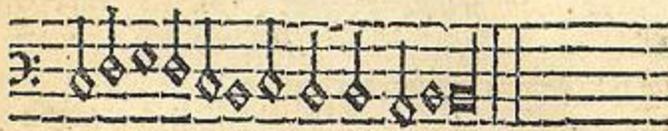
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summo Deo datus, & de vir u



u gineo ventre procreatus.

In mundo nascitur, pannis inuoluitur,
Præsepi ponitur stabulo brutorum,
Rector supernorum, perdidit spolia princeps in-
fernorum. † munera offerunt
Magi tres venerunt, paruulum inquirunt,
Stellulam sequendo, ipsum adorando,
Aurum, thus & myrrham ei offerendo.

Omnes clericuli, pariter pueri
Cantent ut angeli, aduenisti mundo,
Laudes tibi fundo. Ideo gloria in excelsis Deo.

Photo: Personant Hodie as it appeared in the 1582 edition of *Piae Cantiones*