

**Sunday 8th January 2017**

**Laurieston/ Redding & Westquarter Parish Church**

**Morning Worship for Epiphany**

**Welcome/Notices**

**Introit:** Jesus, name above all names (MP 375)

**Call to Worship**

**HYMN 327:** Brightest and best of the sons of the morning

**Story Time**

**HYMN (JP 253):**

The wise may bring their learning,  
The rich may bring their wealth,  
And some may bring their greatness,  
And some their strength and health.  
We too would bring our treasures  
To offer to the King;  
We have no wealth or learning,  
What gifts then shall we bring?

We'll bring the many duties  
We have to do each day.  
We'll try our best to please him  
At home, at school, at play;  
And better are these treasures  
To offer to our King  
Than richest gifts without them,  
Yet these we all may bring.

We'll bring him hearts that love him,  
We'll bring him thankful praise,  
And souls for ever striving

To follow in his ways;  
And these shall be the treasures  
We offer to the King,  
And these are gifts that ever  
Our grateful hearts may bring.

**O.T. Reading:** Isaiah 60: 1-6 Jerusalem's future glory p. 725  
**Prayer** of approach and confession

**N.T. Readings:** Matthew 2: 1-12 Visitors from the East p. 4  
Ephesians 1: 15-23 Paul's prayer p. 240

**HYMN (MP 385):**

Jesus, the name high over all, in hell, or earth or sky;  
angels and men before it fall,  
and devils fear and fly; and devils fear and fly.

Jesus, the name to sinners dear, the name to sinners given;  
it scatters all their guilty fears,  
it turns their hell to heaven; it turns their hell to heaven.

Jesus the prisoner's fetters breaks, and bruises Satan's head;  
power into strengthless souls he speaks,  
and life into the dead; and life into the dead.

Oh that the world might taste and see the riches of his grace!  
The arms of love that compass me  
would all the world embrace; would all the world embrace.

His only righteousness I show, his saving truth proclaim;  
'tis all my business here below  
to cry, 'Behold the Lamb!'; to cry, 'Behold the Lamb!'

Happy, if with my latest breath I may but gasp his name:  
preach him to all, and cry in death,  
“Behold, behold the Lamb!”; “Behold, behold the Lamb!”

**Sermon:** *Power and humility*

**HYMN 470:** Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

**Offering**

**Choir voluntary:** At the name of Jesus (Hy. 458)

**Prayer of dedication, thanksgiving & intercession**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**HYMN 457:** All hail the power of Jesus' name

**Benediction & Sung Amen**