

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES
January 6, 2019
The Epiphany of the Lord
Isaiah 60:1–6 † Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6 † Matthew 2:1–12



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“In the Bleak Mid Winter” is my favorite Epiphany song. It is a Christmas carol based on a poem by Christina Rossetti, an English poet. I am sure you are all familiar with this song. I love to meditate on all the verses to this poem/song and also to listen to the beautiful harmony of Judy Collins and Tyne Daly. Below is the last stanza of the song.

What can I give Him, Poor as I am? —
If I were a Shepherd I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man I would do my part, —
Yet what I can I give Him, — Give my heart.

Ministering in an area with people who have limited financial resources, what could they possibly lay at the feet of Jesus that could equal the gifts of the Magi? Certainly not gifts with the monetary value of gold, frankincense or myrrh. Yet the gifts they offer are priceless. In spite of the many hardships they face, there is deep faith, joy and hope in the often proclaimed, "God is good all the time. All the time, God is good."

The song ends with, "Yet what can I give Him: give my heart." What better gift could there possibly be?