

Epiphany Music Notes

January 6th, 2021

Prelude:

The Three Kings

Peer Cornelius

Postlude:

March of the Magi Kings

Theodore Dubois

The Prelude for our online Epiphany service is one of my favorite pieces, The Three Kings by Peer Cornelius, a 19th century German composer. A soloist sings a text concerning the three kings' visitation to the infant Jesus, and the accompaniment is simply the famous chorale *Wie schon leuchtet der Morgenstern* (How brightly shines the morning star) which is our Sermon hymn for today's service.

The Postlude is another of my favorite pieces for Epiphany, the *March of the Magi Kings* by the 19th century French composer Theodore Dubois. The sustained high note held through the piece represents the Star of Bethlehem guiding the Wise Men towards their destination.