Hymn 45 5v with intro
Lyrics Prudentius, tr by Edward Caswell
Score Stuttgart

Earth has many a noble city
Bethlehem thou dost excel;
out of thee the Lord from heaven
came to rule his Israel.

Fairer than the sun at morning
was the Star that told His birth
to the world its God announcing
seen in fleshly form on earth.

Eastern sages at His cradle
make oblations rich and rare
see them give, in deep devotion
gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Sacred gifts of mystic meaning
incense doth their God disclose
gold the King of kings proclaimeth
myrrh his sepulchre foreshows.

Master whom the gentiles worshipped
at thy glad Epiphany
grant that we with equal fervour
all our hearts my bring to thee.