The Gifts

They brought Him gold, the wise men. Gold, that most precious of metals. A metal so precious that at that time, it was the mark of a kings. Gold, the sign that Jesus was a king. Gold, a strange gift to bring a baby in a stable. How did they know?

They brought Him frankincense, the wise men. Frankincense, that most sacred of fragrances. A fragrance so sacred that at that time, it was only used by the high priests. Frankincense, the sign that Jesus was a high priest. Frankincense, a strange gift to bring a baby in a stable. How did they know?

They brought Him myrrh, the wise men. Myrrh, that most foreboding of spices. A spice so foreboding because at that time, it was used to embalm the bodies of the dead. Myrrh, the sign that Jesus was going to die on the cross. Myrrh, a strange gift to bring a baby in a stable. How did they know?

What will you bring Him this Christmas? Will you bring Him gold, because He is the King of Kings? Will you bring Him frankincense, because He is the great high priest? Will you bring Him myrrh, because through His death we can be saved? Or will you bring Him the gift that He really wants, a humble and repentant heart?