

First Sunday after Christmas
December 27, 2020



Prelude *Rise Up, Shepherd, And Follow*

Traditional Spiritual, arr. John A. Dempsey

Processional Hymn *Once in Royal David's City* ELW#269

IRBY

A Bidding Prayer

L: Beloved in Christ, in this Christmastide, let it be our care and delight to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by his holy Child; and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially in this country and within this city.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless; the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one. These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven, in the words Christ himself hath taught us:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

L: The Almighty God bless us with his grace: Christ give us the joys of everlasting life: and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

Carol *In the Bleak Midwinter* ELW #294

CRANHAM

The First Lesson
Genesis 3: 8–15, 17–19

Carol *God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen*

The Second Lesson
Isaiah 40:1-11

Bell Carol *In the Bleak Midwinter*

The Third Lesson
Isaiah 11:1–3a; 4a; 6–9

Carol *Go, Tell It on the Mountain* ELW #290

GO TELL IT

The Fourth Lesson
St. Luke 2.1–7

Carol *O, Little Town of Bethlehem* ELW #279

ST. LOUIS

The Fifth Lesson
St. Luke 2:22-40

Carol *Angels, From the Realms of Glory* ELW #275

REGENT SQUARE

The Sixth Lesson
St. John 1:1-18

Carol *O Come, All Ye Faithful* verses 1-3 ELW #283

ADESTE FIDELIS

The Collect and Blessing

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And with also with you.

L: Let us pray.

O God, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thy only son, Jesus Christ: grant that as we joyfully receive him for our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him, when he shall come to be our judge; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

C: Amen.

L: Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with peace and goodwill, and make you partakers of the divine nature; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

Hymn *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* ELW #288 IN DULCI JUBILO

Postlude *In Dulci Jubilo*

setting by Johann Sebastian Bach