



Lesson's & Carol's  
St. David's on-the-Hill  
Episcopal Church  
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**The Bidding Prayer**

Dear People of God: In this Christmas Season, let it be our duty and delight to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, 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 justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

And now, to gather up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us, saying:

**Presider and People**

**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, forever  
and ever. Amen.**

Presider

The Almighty God bless us with His grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above, may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

Genesis 3:1-15

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.

Read by Sue Hurn

Hymn: The First Nowell

Isaiah 40:1-11

God comforts God's people and calls on them to prepare for redemption.

Read by Fred Malaby

Hymn: God Rest You Merry Gentlemen

Isaiah 7:10-15

God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as "God with us."

Read by Alan Cotnoir

Hymn: Away In A Manger

Luke 1:39-56

The Virgin Mary is greeted by Elizabeth and proclaims her joy.

Read by Lois Bogda

Hymn: What Child Is This

Luke 1:57-80

John the Baptist is born and his father rejoices that his son will prepare the way of the Lord.

Read by Grace Malaby

Hymn: It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

Luke 2:1-20

Jesus is born at Bethlehem and is worshipped by angels and shepherds.

Read by Lynn Schoer

Hymn: O Little Town Of Bethlehem

Luke 2:21-36

Jesus receives his name and is presented to Simeon in the Temple.

Read by Bob Souza

Hymn: O Holy Night

Hebrews 1:1-12

In the fullness of time, God sent his Son whose reign is for ever and ever.

Read by Paula Bolig

Hymn: Hark The Herald Angels Sing

John 1:1-18

The Word was made flesh, and we have seen his glory.

Proclaimed by The Rev. Jennifer K. West

The Collect

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Christmas Blessing

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill us with his joy and peace; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us, and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.