

## The Bidding Prayer

*Leader:* Beloved in Christ: On this first Sunday in Christmas, let it be our delight to hear the words of Holy Scripture that remind us of God's love and promise to us and to all people.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our rebellion against that love 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 the 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 community.

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, 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 has been in the Word made flesh and with whom in Jesus we are one for evermore. And now, to sum up all these petitions, let us pray in the words which Christ himself has taught us saying:

**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.**

*Leader* 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.

*People* Amen.

## Five Lessons and Carols

<b>Lesson One</b>	The Book of Genesis	3:1-15
<b>Hymn 86, vss 1, 3, 6</b>		<i>Gonfalon Royal</i>
<b>Lesson Two</b>	The Prophecy of Isaiah	40:1-11
<b>Hymn 92</b>		<i>Personet hodie</i>
<b>Lesson Three</b>	The Prophecy of Jeremiah	31:31-35
<b>Hymn 101</b>		<i>Cradle Song</i>
<b>Lesson Four</b>	The Prophecy of Zepheniah	3:14-20
<b>Hymn 93</b>		<i>Regent Square</i>
<b>Lesson Five</b>	The Gospel of Luke	2:21-32
<b>Hymn 94</b>		<i>Winchester Old</i>

### The Prayers of the People

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, Joe, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For our towns, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering especially (*we read from the book and leave time for other names to be added*), let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For all those things for which we are thankful (*we leave time to lift up thanksgivings*). For all these blessings let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection (*we read from the book and leave time for names to be added*), and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**To thee, O Lord our God.**

*Leader* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

### Announcements

*Leader* Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

### Offertory Hymn 98

*Puer nobis nascitur*

### Doxology Hymn 380, vs 3

*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

*Leader* Let us say together The General Thanksgiving.

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all whom you have made.**

**We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

**And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

*Leader* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.  
**Amen.**

**Hymn 100** *Antioch*

*Leader* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** *Gevert*

### Announcements

**Sunday, Jan. 2** 8 and 10:30 AM services as normal

**Wed., Jan. 5** 11:00 AM Pastor Heidi at Noble Horizons

**Thursday, Jan. 6** The Epiphany  
12:30 PM Bible Study resumes on zoom  
First and Second Thessalonians

**Sunday, Jan. 9** Next Vestry Meeting

**Wed. Jan. 12** 2:00 PM Pastor Heidi at Geer Nursing

**Sunday, Jan. 23** 12:00 Noon Parish Annual Meeting  
(snow date January 30)

At all our services: We ask that all people wear masks covering nose and mouth, and observe social distancing.

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### Serving Today

*Rector:* The Rev. Heidi Truax  
*Lay worship leaders:* Tom and Susanna Schindler  
*Readers:* Maureen Tesoro, Pari Forood,  
Jim Conzo Carol Taylor, Eleanore Jenks  
*Music Director:* Christine Gevert  
*Intercessor:* John Oler  
*Counter:* Gordon Gustafson  
*Usher:* Michael Cuoco  
*Flowers:* Flower Committee  
*Verger:* Geoff Brown



Creator God, we gather around this evergreen tree in thanksgiving for creation and your love. We give you thanks for sending us Jesus, your son, to be our savior. Bless this tree of light, that it may brighten our nights and remind us that Jesus is a light of all people. Bless us also, that we may give the gift of light to others. Amen.  
*(from Common Prayer for Children and Families)*

*Even though this beautiful tree has not been lit this year, we remember it fondly. And we hope that we may return to this tradition soon.*

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### CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021



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**Prelude**

*Gevert*

**Opening Hymn 87**

*Mendelssohn*