

January 3, 2021

Gathering Hymn "There's A Star in the East"

**There's a star in the east on Christmas morn
Rise up shepherd and follow
It'll lead to the place where the Savior's born
Rise up shepherd and follow**

**Follow, follow
Rise up shepherd and follow
Follow the Star of Bethlehem
Rise up shepherd and follow**

**If you take good heed to the angel's words
Rise up shepherd and follow
You'll forget your flocks
You'll forget your herds
Rise up shepherd and follow**

**Follow, follow
Rise up shepherd and follow
Follow the Star of Bethlehem
Rise up shepherd and follow**

Opening Litany

L: Unto us a Child is born!

C: Unto us a Son is given!

L: And the government shall be upon his shoulder.

**C: And His name shall be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

L: Son of David, son of God,

C: Prophet, Priest and King;

L: Root of Jesse, Key of David,

C: Rock of Ages, Cornerstone,

L: Dayspring dawning from on high,

C: Light of the world,

L: Alpha and Omega,

C: The beginning and the End;

L: The Good Shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep,

C: The lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world,

L: Bread of Life,

C: The world's Redeemer,

L: Emmanuel, God with us,

C: A Savior, who is Christ the Lord!

Prayer

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. Eternal God,

All: You have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that in the new year we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever - the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Meditation

Communion

Communion Prayer

L: O God,

All: You have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

L: God is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. God grant you grace and peace at the dawn of this new year.

C: Amen.

L: All flesh is grass, but the word of God remains forever. God who is eternal keep you in hope of the resurrection.

C: Amen.

L: The past, the present, and the future rest in God's hands. God guard your coming in and your going forth, this new year and forevermore.

C: Amen.

L: Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn "The Bells of Christmas"

**1. The bells of Christmas chime once more;
The heavenly guest is at the door
He comes to earthly dwelling still
With new year gifts of peace, good will**

**2. Now let us go with quiet mind,
The swaddled babe with shepherds find,
To gaze on him who gladdens them
The loveliest flow'r of Jesse's stem**

**3. Oh join with me, in gladness sing,
To keep our Christmas with our King,
Until our song, from loving souls,
Like rushing mighty water rolls!**

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