Carol Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow African American Spiritual

"Rise up, Oh, rise up. Rise up, shepherd, and follow. "There's a star in the East on Christmas morn, Rise up, shepherd, and follow. It will lead to the place where the Christ was born, Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

Refrain

"Follow, follow, Rise up, shepherd, and follow. Follow the star of Bethlehem. Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

"Rise up, Oh, rise up. Rise up, shepherd, and follow.

"If you take good heed to the angel's words, Rise up, shepherd, and follow. It will lead to the place where the Christ was born, Rise up, shepherd, and follow." (Refrain)

Eighth Lesson:

Matthew 2:1-11

"The wise men are led by the star to Jesus."

Carol

Ninth Lesson:

We Three Kings of Orient Are

Hopkins

"We three kings of Orient are: Bearing gifts we traverse afar-Field and fountain, moor and mountain-Following yonder star,

Refrain

O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright, Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.

"Frankincense to offer have I, Incense owns a Deity nigh; Prayer and praising, all men raising, Worship Him, God on high. (Refrain)

Choir and Congregation:

"Glorious now behold Him arise: King and God and Sacrifice; Alleluia, Alleluia! Earth to heav'n replies." (Refrain)

John 1:1-14

"Saint John unfolds the great mystery of the incarnation."

Anthem

Shout, Ye Heavens

"Shout, ye heav'ns! Rejoice, thou earth! Bless with us our Maker's birth. God now comes to dwell with men. Peace and life break in again.

"Tell, O tell it, Tell, O tell to me again. God now comes to dwell with men.

"Partner of our miseries, And we of His endless bliss. Glory, glory, Glory be to God on high! Sing, ye angels, Shout for joy!"

Prayer

ALL: "Lord Jesus, Child of Bethlehem, who in love made humankind, create in us love so pure and perfect that whosoever our heart loves may be after thy will, in thy name, and for thy sake. Amen."

Go, Tell It on the Mountain African American Spiritual Carol

> "Go, go tell it, tell it. Tell it on the mountain.

Choir and Congregation: Refrain

"Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'rywhere; Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born!

"While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night, Behold thro'out the heavens There shone a holy light. (Refrain)

"The shepherds feared and trembled When lo! above the earth Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth. (Refrain)

"Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born. And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn." (Refrain)

The Dismissal Blessing

Instrumental Postlude

A Virgin Unspotted

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Second Sunday of Advent December 8, 2024

Offertory Prelude As Shepherds in Jewry/How Splendid Shines the Morning Star/Glory to God on High Ingalls/Walker

Offering

Antes

Carol

Oh. Come. Little Children

Schulz.

"Oh, come, little children, oh, come, one and all, To Bethlehem's stable, in Bethlehem's stall. And see with rejoicing this glorious sight, Our Father in heaven has sent us this night.

"Oh, see in the manger, in hallowed light A star throws its beam on this holiest sight. In clean swaddling clothes lies the heavenly Child, More lovely than angels, this Baby so mild.

"Oh, there lies the Christ Child, on hay and on straw; The shepherds are kneeling before Him with awe. And Mary and Joseph smile on Him with love, While angels are singing sweet songs from above."

The Bidding Prayer

The Lord's Prayer The Savior's Universal Prayer

Shaker Song

"Our Father, who art in heav'n, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is done in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not in temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, the glory and power forevermore. Amen."

The Blessing

Carol

Away in A Manger

Kirkpatrick

"Away in a manger, No crib for a bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head; The stars in the sky looked down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

"The cattle are lowing, The Baby awakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes; I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky, And stay by my cradle Till morning is nigh.

Choir and Congregation

"Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay

Close by me forever, and love me, I pray; Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there."

First Lesson: **Genesis 3:8-15**

> "God announces in the Garden of Eden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head."

Carol O Little Town of Bethlehem Brooks/Redner

> "O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, The silent stars go by; Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light; The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

"For Christ is born of Mary, And gathered all above, While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wond'ring love. O morning stars together, Proclaim the holy birth, And praises sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth!

"How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv'n! So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heav'n. No ear may hear His coming, But in this world of sin, Where meek souls will receive Him, still The dear Christ enters in.

Choir and Congregation:

"O holy Child of Bethlehem! Descend to us, we pray! Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today! We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!"

Genesis 22:1-8 Second Lesson:

> "God promises to faithful Abraham that his seed shall the nations of the earth call blessed."

Hymn Anthem Followers of the Lamb Shaker Song

> "Oh, brothers, ain't you happy? Ye followers of the Lamb. Sing on, sing on, Followers of Emmanuel, Sing on, sing on, Ye followers of the Lamb.

> "Oh, sisters, ain't you happy? Ye followers of the Lamb. Sing on, sing on, Followers of Emmanuel, Sing on, sing on, Ye followers of the Lamb.

> > "God will provide the Lamb. Followers of the Lamb."

Third Lesson: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

"Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah."

Thou Child Divine **Anthem**

> "Thou Child Divine, Emmanuel, Welcome into Thy humble manger! With heartfelt joy Thy birth we hail, And greet with songs the heav'nly stranger.

"Our doubts and fears and sadness are turned to joy and gladness. Goodwill to all and peace on earth are now declared by our Savior's birth.

"Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!"

Fourth Lesson: Micah 5:2-5

"The peace that Christ will bring us is foreshown."

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day Longfellow/Calkin Carol

Choir and Congregation:

"I heard the bells on Christmas day Their old familiar carols play, And wild and sweet the words repeat Of peace on earth, good will to men.

"I thought how, as the day had come, The belfries of all Christendom Had rolled along th'unbroken song Of peace on earth, good will to men.

"And in despair I bowed my head: 'There is no peace on earth,' I said, 'For hate is strong, and mocks the song Of peace on earth, good will to men.'

"Then pealed the bells more loud and deep: 'God is not dead, nor doth He sleep; The wrong shall fail, the right prevail, With peace on earth, good will to men."

"Till, ringing, singing on its way, The world revolved from night to day A voice, a chime, a chant sublime, Of peace on earth, good will to men."

Luke 1:26-35, 38 Fifth Lesson:

"The angel Gabriel salutes the blessed Virgin Mary."

A Virgin Unspotted

Carol

Schulz.

"A virgin unspotted, the prophet foretold, Should bring forth a Savior, which now we behold. To be our Redeemer from death, hell and sin, Which Adam's transgression involved us in.

Billings

Luke 2:8-20

Refrain

"Then let us be merry, put sorrow away: Our Savior, Christ Jesus, was born on this day.

"Through Bethlehem city, in Jewry, it was That Joseph and Mary together did pass, And for to be taxed when thither they came. Since Caesar Augustus commanded the same. (Refrain)

"But Mary's full time being come, as we find, She brought forth her firstborn to save all mankind; The inn being full, for this heavenly guest, No place there was found where to lay Him to rest. (Refrain)

"To teach us humility all this was done; Then learn we from hence haughty pride for to shun; A manger's His cradle who came from above. The great God of mercy, of peace and of love." (Refrain)

Sixth Lesson: Matthew 1:18-21

"Saint Matthew tells of the birth of Jesus."

Carol What Child Is This **English Melody**

> "What Child is this, who, laid to rest On Mary's lap, is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?

> > Refrain

"This, this is Christ, the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary!

"So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh, Come, peasant, king, to own Him; The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him." (Refrain)

Seventh Lesson:

"The shepherds go to the manger."