

Agriculture Museum and De Colores Multicultural Folk Arts
Presents
LAS POSADAS

In Memory of those lost in pandemic and those who experienced undue hardships
Friday, December 17, 2021 – 6:00 p.m. Procession

1. Gather in front of Universalist Unitarian Church – 740 E. Main Street
Greetings and Invocation by Rev. Maddie Sifantus followed by Javier Gómez of Inlakech and Lencho Moraza of De Colores with youth group leading the procession.

Las Posadas song to be sung at each way point

The Pilgrimage

In the name of Heaven.
Can you give us lodging?
My poor wife's exhausted.
After hours of walking.

The Innkeepers

This is not an Inn.
I don't take in strangers.
You might be a robber.
I can't risk that danger.

2. In front of Clock Tower/Odd Fellows Lodge - 868 E. Main Street
2nd Invocation by Mayor Rev. Jenny Crosswhite of First Christian Church

Do not be so heartless.
Help us we implore you.
God who sees from heaven,
Surely will reward you.

I cannot assist you.
Find someone who can.
Leave me now, I warn you.
Or you will wish you had.

3. In front of Glen Tavern Inn - 134 N. Mill Street
3rd Invocation by Elvia Hernandez of Esperanza/Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

We have come from Nazareth,
Walking all the way.
I'm poor woodworker.
Joseph is my name.

Knowing what your name is,
Does not change my answer.
Go and let me sleep.
Stop this useless banter.

4. Dave's Xmas Trees
4th Invocation by Rev. Lupita Alonso-Redondo of El Buen Pastor Church

Please, sir, all we ask,
Is one night of lodging.
For the Queen of Heaven,
Can you offer nothing?

I heard many stories.
This beats every one.
Since when does a queen
Walk at night alone?

5. In front of Agriculture Museum – 926 Railroad Avenue
5th Invocation by Vice Mayor Andy Sobel

Truly my wife, Mary, Is
a queen most blessed.
She will be the mother
Of the Word Made Flesh.

Is that you, St. Joseph?
And the Virgin too?
I'd have opened sooner,
I'd recognized you.

Everyone

Enter, Enter Holy Pilgrims, Holy Pilgrims
Welcome to my humble home!
Though it's little I can offer, I can offer,
All I have, please call your own.
Mary, Joseph, and Our Savior, and Our Savior
What a joy to have you here!
We are honored to receive you, to receive you.
May you stay through all the year!

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