

St. Martin in the Fields

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II on the Fourth Sunday of Advent

> December 24, 2023 10:00 a.m.



Welcome to St. Martin in the Fields Episcopal Church. We are so grateful that you are here for worship today. Please know that this church is Christ's church and you are always welcome here. Please feel at home. If you are new among us or simply visiting with us, please make yourself known to the clergy and other parishioners so that we may properly welcome you.

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE (resuming January 14, 2024)

8:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist: no music

9:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist: Wonder Church Wonder Church is a wonderfully alternative service geared toward children and their families.

10:00 a.m. | Formation for all ages

11:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist with choir and congregational singing

FIRST SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:00 a.m. | Service of Holy Eucharist

On the first Sunday of each month, St. Martin's has one Service of Holy Eucharist, with a meal to follow.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

December 24 | Christmas Eve

3:00 p.m. | Family Service with Pageant & Holy Eucharist
5:30 p.m. | Christmas Concert
6:00 p.m. | Christmas Eve Service with Holy Eucharist and incense

December 25 | Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. | Christmas Day Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

December 31 | First Sunday after Christmas

10:00 a.m. | Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II

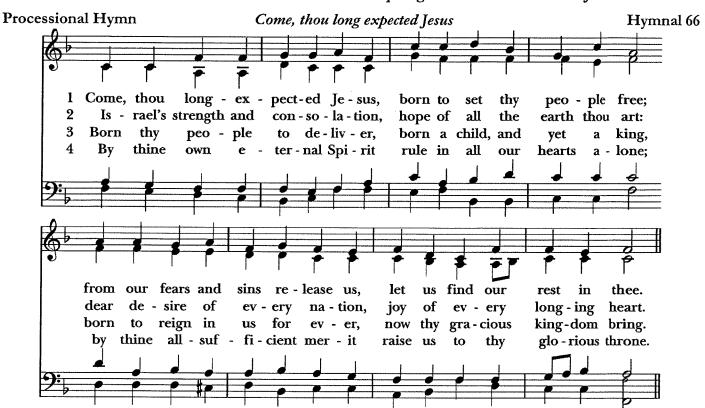
ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Celebrant: The Rev. Monica Mainwaring | Preacher: The Rev. Colin Brown
Deacon | The Rev. Victoria Jarvis
Lectors | Tory Farrington, Nancy Runion
Intercessor | Maryann Lozano
Organist and Choirmaster | Will Gotmer
Victoria Kerr, soprano
Sarah-Ellena Hogrefe, alto
Cody Otero, tenor
Caleb Cole, bass



Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen

Johannes Brahms



Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

In unison

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people sit

The Lessons

First Reading 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

A Reading from the Second book of Samuel.

¹Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." ³Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

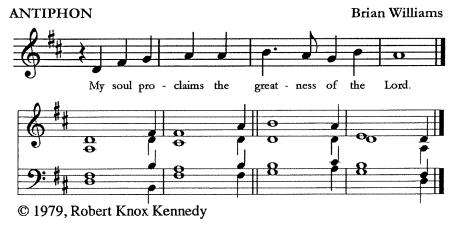
But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Canticle Canticle 15



The Antiphon is sung first by the cantor, then repeated by all. The verses are chanted by all.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my / Savior; * for he has looked with favor on his lowly / servant. From this day all generations will call me / blessed: * the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his / Name. [ANTIPHON]

He has mercy on those who / fear him *
in every gener / ation.

He has shown the strength of his / arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their con / ceit. [ANTIPHON]

He has cast down the mighty from their / thrones, *
and has lifted up the / lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good / things, *
and the rich he has sent away / empty. [ANTIPHON]

He has come to the help of his servant / Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of / mercy,

The promise he made to our / fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for / ever. [ANTIPHON]

Second Reading

Romans 16:25-27

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

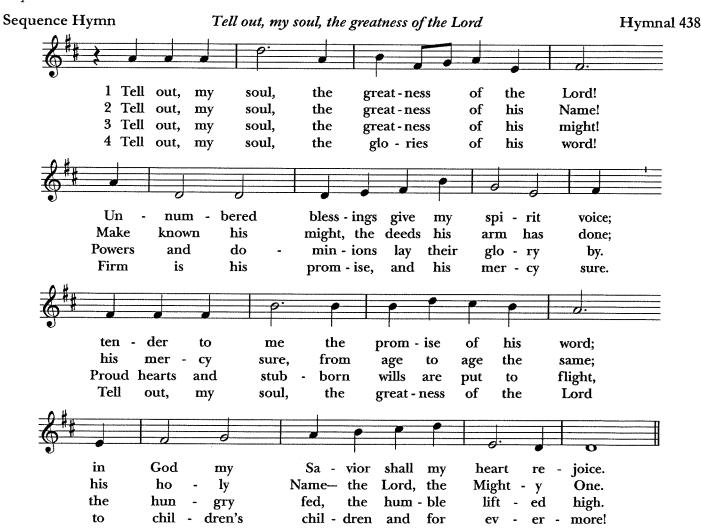
²⁵Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—²⁷to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.



The Gospel Luke 1:26-38

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. Colin Brown

A moment of silent reflection is observed following the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The people stand or kneel.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Rob, our own Bishop, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, particularly in the Holy Land, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For	 we pray	to	you,	O	Lord
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Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, including ______, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Martin, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Remaining standing or kneeling. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory Anthem

The Angel Gabriel

Malcolm Archer

The Angel Gabriel from heaven came, His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame, 'All hail!' said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary! Most highly favoured Lady.' Gloria!

For know a blessed mother thou shalt be, All generations laud and honour thee, Thy son shall be Immanuel, by seers foretold, Most highly favoured Lady. Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head, To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said, 'my soul shall laud and magnify his holy Name.' Most highly favoured Lady. Gloria!

Of her, Immanuel, the Christ, was born in Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn, and Christian folk throughout the world will ever say, 'Most highly favoured Lady.' Gloria! Thank you for your generosity. Your food offerings in support of the food pantry can be placed in the baskets outside the doors of the church. You may place your monetary offering in the plates as they are passed, mail it to the church, give online at www.stmartins.org/give, or you may text to give by doing the following:

1. Open a new text message. 2. Type 73256. 3. Use our code letters: SMECATL. 4. Put in the amount you would like to give.

Presentation Hymn

O come, O come, Emmanuel (verses 7 and 8)

Hymnal 56

O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind; bid thou our sad divisions cease, and thyself our King of Peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee,
O Israel.

O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee,
O Israel.

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B

The people stand.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
 People And also with you.
 Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

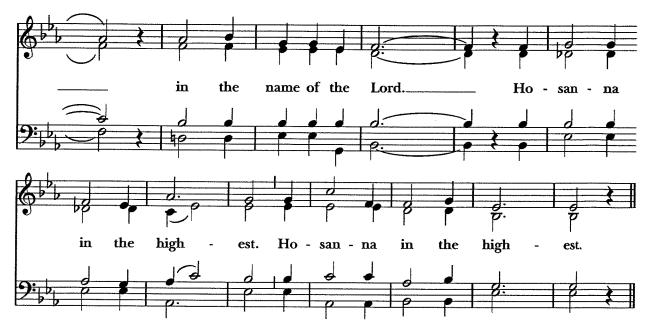
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:





The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept



Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please remain in your pew until the usher prompts you to go forward to receive communion or a blessing. Gluten-free communion wafers are available. Please let the priest know if you desire gluten-free. If you wish to receive Communion in one kind (bread only), please proceed to the rail and extend one hand to receive the host only. If you wish to receive a host that has been dipped into the chalice of wine, please proceed to the rail and extend both hands, and it will be placed into your hand.



The Post-Communion Prayer Standing or kneeling.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All stand for the blessing.

The Blessing



Dismissal

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Toccata on Veni Emmanuel

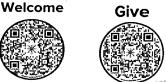
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Announcements

Christmas Gifts - Gift an Experience with St. Martin's

If you are struggling with what to get your family member for Christmas, consider an experience with St. Martin's: the Women's Retreat (February 10), Kanuga Parish Life Retreat (Mother's Day Weekend, May 10 - 12), Intergenerational Mission Trip with Appalachia Service Project (June 23 - 29), Vacation Bible School Week (June 10 - 14). Registration is now open for each of these events on Realm. If you are not wanting or able to attend but would like to support these efforts financially, your gifts are welcome. Please make a note designating your gift.



Office Closure

The Church offices will be closed December 26 - January 1. If you have pastoral needs, reach out to Mtr. Monica at <u>mmainwaring@stmartins.org</u> and if you have any questions related to year-end giving, reach out to Business Administrator Leslie Rose at <u>lrose@stmartins.org</u>.

Pledge for 2024 - "Close the Gap" for 2023

Please send your 2024 pledge card into the church, complete your pledge online, or email our Business Administrator Leslie Rose at lose@stmartins.org. Thank you also for your 2023 pledges and gifts - you will have received your statements in the mail this week. As we work to "close the gap" between revenue and expenses in 2023, there is a special dropdown in our online giving menu entitled "close the gap." We look forward to seeing the year end well.

Charitable Giving Before Year End

As the end of the year approaches, here are a few reminders regarding charitable giving...

- Checks that are mailed must be postmarked by December 31, 2023 to be credited in this calendar year. For a check to be credited in this tax year, it MUST be postmarked by December 31, 2023. The mailing address is Post Office Box 190109 Brookhaven 31119.
- Online gifts are time stamped. Please make sure all online gifts are made by December 31 so that they can be credited in 2023.
- If you plan to give a stock gift, please make the request of your broker by mid-December. We need time to sell the stock before the December 31 deadline.

ONE St. Martin's Service, Baptisms and Feast January 7 at 10:00 a.m.

Join us for our January ONE St. Martin's Service and Feast. We will welcome many to the church through baptism. Following the service, all are invited to share a feast in Gable Hall, hosted by Wonder Church families. AMIS (Atlanta Ministry to International Students) leadership and students will be with us to share about this good outreach partner. Nursery care is available from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

THE CLERGY

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

8:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:00 a.m., Wonder Church

11:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist, Rite II