

Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II on The First Sunday of Advent

> December 3, 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

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 5:00 p.m. | Holy Eucharist only on the third Sunday of each month

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.

ASSISTING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

Celebrant: The Rev. Colin Brown | Preacher: The Rev. Monica Mainwaring
Deacon | The Rev. Victoria Jarvis
Verger | Mark Adkins
Lectors | Maryann Lozano, Jacob Arkin
Intercessor | Nancy Martin
Organist and Choirmaster | Will Gotmer
The St. Martin's Adult Choir



Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

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

People

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

The Collect for Purity

As we do in Wonder Church, please repeat after the leader.

Almighty God,

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open, to you all hearts are open,

all desires known, all desires known,

and from you no secrets are hid: and from you no secrets are hid:

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you, that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your holy Name; and worthily magnify your holy Name;

through Christ our Lord. through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Amen.

During the Trisagion, the children make their way to the baptismal font to follow leadership to Lower Pierce Hall to make their art offering. They will rejoin the congregation after the sermon.



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The people sit

The Lessons

First Reading Isaiah 64:1-9

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—

²as when fire kindles brushwood

and the fire causes water to boil-

to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,

you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

4From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you,

who works for those who wait for him.

⁵You meet those who gladly do right,

those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;

because you hid yourself we transgressed.

⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,

and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,

and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name,

or attempts to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us,

and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;

we are the clay, and you are our potter;

we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,

and do not remember iniquity forever.

Thanks be to God.

Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader The Word of the Lord. People

The Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

ANTIPHON Brian Williams





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

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a / flock; * shine forth, you that are enthroned up / on the cherubim.
- In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Man / asseh, * stir up your strength and / come to help us.
- Restore us, O / God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance,
 and / we shall be saved. [ANTIPHON]
- 4 O LORD / God of hosts, *
 how long will you be angered
 despite the prayers / of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of / tears; * you have given them bowls / of tears to drink.
- You have made us the derision of our / neighbors, * and our enemies / laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore, us, O / God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance,
 and / we shall be saved. [ANTIPHON]
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your / right hand, * the son of man you have made so / strong for yourself.
- And so will we never turn a / way from you; * give us life, that we may / call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD / God of hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance,
 and / we shall be saved. [ANTIPHON]

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Corinthians.

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



The Gospel Mark 13:24-37

All stand.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, 24"In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³² But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Monica Mainwaring

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 Prayers of the People

Form V

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. ____, we pray to you, O Lord. 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

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.

Let the fires of your justice burn.

Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.

Refrain

From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r, not a stone will be left on stone.

Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.

The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn; there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn.

Refrain

Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around.

Refrain

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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.

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.

O come, thou wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily; to us the path of knowledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.

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:

Sanctus Holy, holy, holy S 130





The people stand or kneel.

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

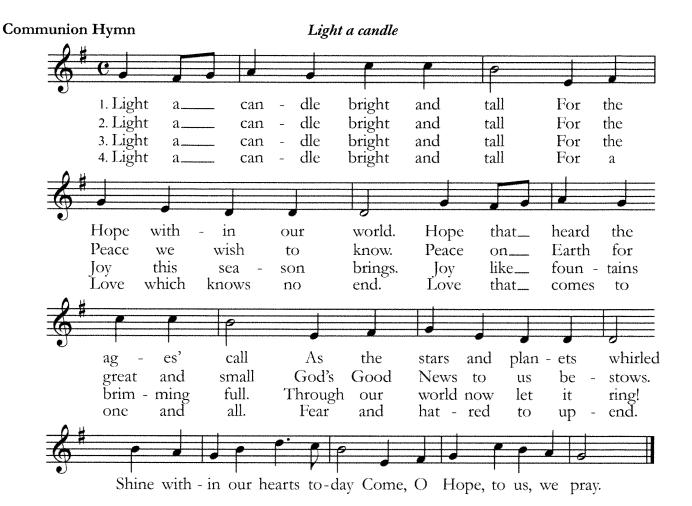
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept



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.





On Sundays when Eucharistic Visitors are making visits, they will be commissioned as follows:

Sending Forth of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Standing or kneeling.

As we do in Wonder Church, please repeat after the leader.

Loving God,

Loving God,

we give you thanks for feeding us with spiritual food, we give you thanks for feeding us with spiritual food,

the bread of life and cup of salvation, the bread of life and cup of salvation,

Christ's Body and Blood.

Christ's Body and Blood.

Now send us forth a people Now send us forth a people

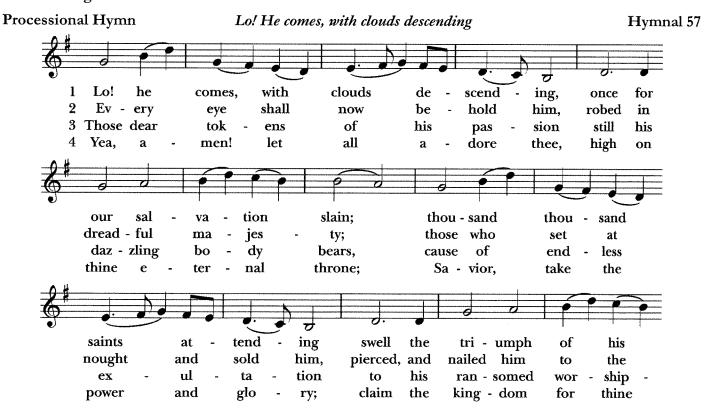
forgiven, healed, renewed; forgiven, healed, renewed;

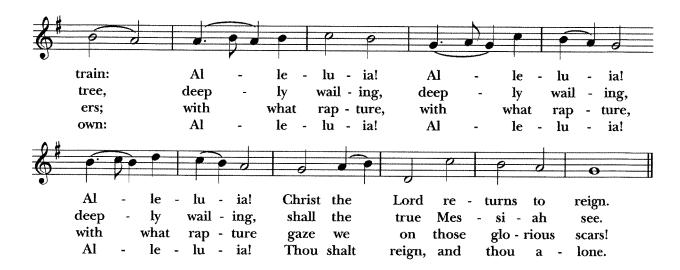
that we may share your love and joy that we may share your love and joy

and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. 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 Rorate Caeli desuper

Colin Mawby



Could the world be about to turn?

Advent Worship

December 3 (Advent I)

10:00 a.m.

ONE St. Martin's Worship Service * +

11:00 a.m.

Family Feast hosted by Oasis and Crossroads Youth +

11:00 a.m.

Advent Wreath-Making +

December 10 (Advent II)

8:00 a.m.

Spoken Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:00 a.m.

Wonder Church +

10:00 a.m.

History of Christmas Carols &

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal +

11:00 a.m.

Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II * +

December 20

6:00 p.m.

Longest Night Service

December 9

9:00 a.m.

Advent Quiet Day

December 17 (Advent III)

8:00 a.m

Spoken Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:00 a.m.

Wonder Church +

10:00 a.m.

Formation For All: Human Nature +

11:00 a.m.

Advent Lessons & Carols with Eucharist, Rite II * +

12:00 p.m.

Lunch for Christmas Pageant families

12:30 p.m.

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

5:00 p.m.

Abbreviated Evening Eucharist

December 24 (Advent IV)

10:00 a.m.

Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II * +

Christmas Worship

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, incense * +

December 25 (Christmas Day)

10:00 a.m.

Christmas Day Holy Eucharist Rite II Service *

December 31 (Christmas I)

10:00 a.m.

Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II * +

^{*} indicates live-streamed service

⁺ indicates nursery will be available