



# St. Martin in the Fields

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

December 10, 2023

11:00 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.

St. Martin's offers three distinct worship services inside the church most Sundays.

### **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 this 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. Monica Mainwaring | Preacher: The Rev. Colin Brown

Deacon | The Rev. Victoria Jarvis

Verger | Mark Adkins

Lectors | Wade Mitchell, Susan Breunig

Intercessor | Janet Shepherd

Organist and Choirmaster | Will Gotmer

The St. Martin's Adult Choir

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## Processional Hymn

## Comfort, comfort ye my people

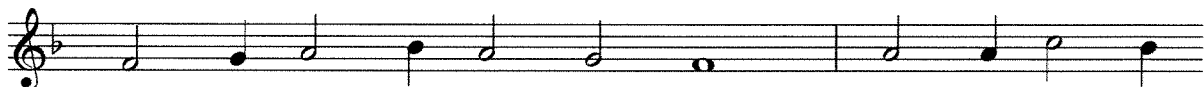
Hymnal 67



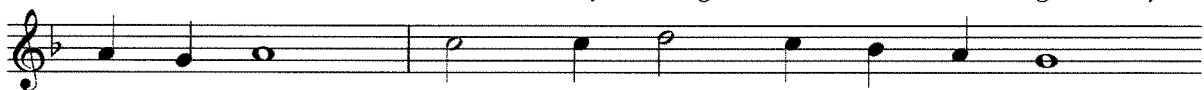
1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus  
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert  
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



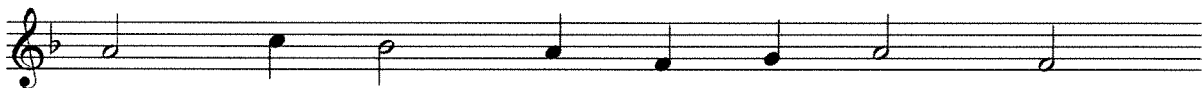
saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness  
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance  
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -  
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing  
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,  
 let the val - leys rise to meet him  
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
 and the hills bow down to greet him.  
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

## 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.

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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 40:1-11

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>“Comfort, O comfort my people,”  
says your God.

<sup>2</sup>“Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her

that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the LORD’s hand  
double for all her sins.”

<sup>3</sup>A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

<sup>5</sup>Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

6A voice says, "Cry out!"  
 And I said, "What shall I cry?"  
 All people are grass,  
 their constancy is like the flower of the field.  
 7The grass withers, the flower fades,  
 when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;  
 surely the people are grass.  
 8The grass withers, the flower fades;  
 but the word of our God will stand forever.  
 9Get you up to a high mountain,  
 O Zion, herald of good tidings;  
 lift up your voice with strength,  
 O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
 lift it up, do not fear;  
 say to the cities of Judah,  
 "Here is your God!"  
 10See, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
 and his arm rules for him;  
 his reward is with him,  
 and his recompense before him.  
 11He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
 he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
 and carry them in his bosom,  
 and gently lead the mother sheep.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**The Psalm**

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

**ANTIPHON**

Brian Williams

Show us your mer - cy, O Lord, and grant us your sal - va - tion.

*Tone II.1*

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

- 1    You have been gracious to your land, O / LORD, \*
- you have restored the good fortune / of Jacob.
- 2    You have forgiven the iniquity of your / people \*
- and blotted out / all their sins. [ANTIPHON]
- 8    I will listen to what the LORD God is / saying, \*
- for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
       and to those who turn / their hearts to him.
- 9    Truly, his salvation is very near to those who / fear him, \*
- that his glory may dwell / in our land. [ANTIPHON]
- 10   Mercy and truth have met to / gether, \*
- righteousness and peace have kissed / each other.
- 11   Truth shall spring up from the / earth, \*
- and righteousness shall look down / from heaven. [ANTIPHON]
- 12   The LORD will indeed grant pros / perity, \*
- and our land will yield / its increase.
- 13   Righteousness shall go be / fore him, \*
- and peace shall be a pathway / for his feet. [ANTIPHON]

## Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8-15a

A Reading from the Second letter of Peter.

<sup>8</sup>Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. <sup>9</sup>The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

<sup>11</sup>Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? <sup>13</sup>But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; <sup>15</sup>and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

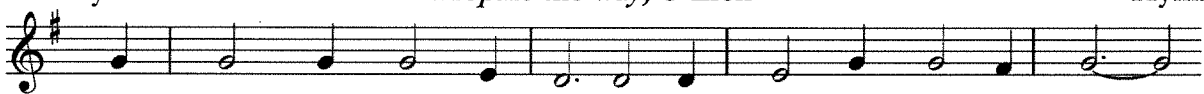
*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

## Sequence Hymn

### *Prepare the way, O Zion*

Hymnal 65



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!  
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.  
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.  
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.  
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.  
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.  
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



*Refrain*  
Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

## The Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

*All stand.*

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

*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>1</sup>The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

<sup>2</sup>As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way;

<sup>3</sup>the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.’”

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful

than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

*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 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.**

For \_\_\_\_\_, 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**

#### **Offertory Anthem**

#### ***E'en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come***

**Paul Manz**

*Peace be to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sins,  
Who loved us all and shed His blood that we might saved be.*

*Sing holy, holy to our Lord,*

*The Lord almighty God,*

*Who was and is, and is to come;*

*Sing holy, holy Lord.*

*Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,*

*Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,*

*For Christ is coming, is coming soon for Christ is coming soon.*

*E'en so Lord Jesus quickly come,*

*And night shall be no more;*

*They need no light, no lamp, nor sun for Christ will be their All!*

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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/](http://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 3 and 4)

Hymnal 56

*O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height  
in ancient times didst give the law,  
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice!*

*Emmanuel shall come to thee,  
O Israel.*

*O come, thou branch of Jesse's tree,  
free them from Satan's tyranny  
that trust thy mighty power to save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave.*

*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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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*

### Fraction Anthem

### *Jesus, Lamb of God*

S 164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.', 'Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.', 'Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:', and 'give us your peace, give us your peace.' The score ends with a double bar line.

## Invitation

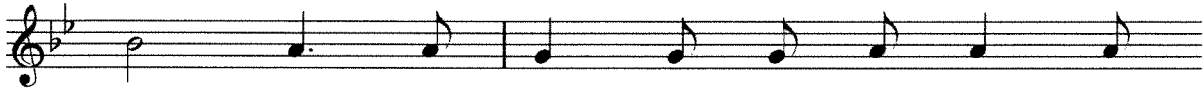
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*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.*

## Communion Hymn

### *What is the crying at Jordan*

Hymnal 69



1 What is the cry - ing at Jor - dan? Who  
2 Who then shall stir in this dark - ness, pre -  
3 Lord, give us grace to a - wake us, to  
4 Now comes the day of sal - va - tion, in



hears, O God, the pro - phe - cy? Dark is the  
pare for joy in the win - ter night? Mor - tal in  
see the branch that be - gins to bloom; in great hu -  
joy and ter - ror the Word is born! God gives him -



sea - son, dark our hearts and shut to mys - ter - y.  
dark - ness we lie down, blind - heart - ed, see - ing no light.  
mi - li - ty is hid all heaven in a lit - tle room.  
self in - to our lives; O let sal - va - tion dawn!

## Communion Anthem

### *Canticle of the Turning*

Rory Cooney

Rick Lozano, Janet Shepherd, Maryann Lozano, Tim Peek

*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.*

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

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Dismissal

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Fugue in e minor BWV 533

J.S. Bach



**Welcome**



Scan for the Connection Card.



**Give**



*In addition to Sunday services listed in the front of the bulletin, you are invited to:*

**Youth at Cathedral Confirmation  
December 10, 4:00 p.m.**

Lily Mac Dennard and Matthew Ford are being confirmed at the Cathedral of St. Philip on December 10. All are welcome to attend their Confirmation service. We ask for your prayers for them in this next step of their faith journey.

**Christmas Pageant Rehearsal  
December 17, 12:30 p.m.**

We will rehearse our Christmas Pageant on December 17 at 12:30 p.m. (lunch provided) in the church. The pageant will be presented at the 3:00 p.m. service on Sunday, December 24. Speak with Children and Youth Minister Molly Herman-Gallow about your role in the pageant.

**Longest Night Service  
December 20, 6:00 p.m.**

The Longest Night service, sponsored by St. Martin's Stephen Ministry, is a service of comfort and hope for those for whom this Christmas season may not be the happiest time of the year. Come, be still, and rest in the knowledge that you are surrounded by God's love in every season of life.

**Stewardship - 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 [lrose@stmartins.org](mailto:lrose@stmartins.org). Thank you also for your 2023 pledges and gifts - you will have received your statements digitally 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.

**Christmas Flower Donations**

Remember a loved one with a donation to the Flower Guild's spectacular array of flowers, which will adorn the interior and exterior of St Martin's for Christmas. Make a dedication online or contact the front office for your dedication. Gifts made by December 17 will be recognized in the Christmas bulletin.

**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.





*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

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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



