

St. Martin in the Fields

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Service of Holy Eucharist, Rite II
on the
Eve of the Nativity

December 24, 2023

6:00 p.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 (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 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. Colin Brown | Preacher: The Rev. Monica Mainwaring

Deacon | The Rev. Victoria Jarvis

Verger | Andy Moore

Thurifer | Connor Ford

Lectors | Mark Adkins, Judi Oakley

Intercessor | Besty Harrington

Handbell Choir Director | Maryann Lozano

Organist and Choirmaster | Will Gotmer

The St. Martin's Adult Choir

The St. Martin's Handbell Choir

Martha Gardner, *Violin 1*; Felix Farrar, *Violin 2*; Patti Gouvas, *Viola*; Sarah Kapps, *Cello*

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Prelude Concert

Cantate Domino

Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni, arr. David Warin Solomons

In the bleak mid-winter

Harold Darke

Tory Farrington, Soprano

Cody Otero, Tenor

*In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made moan;
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak mid-winter long ago.*

*Our God, heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain,
Heav'n and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign:
In the bleak mid-winter, A stable-place sufficed.
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.*

*Enough for Him, whom cherubim worship night and day,
A breast full of milk and a mangerful of hay;
Enough for Him, whom angels fall down before,
The ox and ass and camel, which adore.*

*What can I give Him, Poor as I am?
If I were a Shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give Him, give my heart.*

Divinum Mysterium

Craig Phillips

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

arr. Cathy Moglebust

Ring, Little Bells

arr. Lynne Hollander

O Holy Night

arr. Sandra Eithun

Ding Dong! Merrily on High

Traditional French Carol

Verbum caro factum est

Spanish 16th Century

Gaudete

Traditional Swedish/Finnish Carol

Angels' Carol

John Rutter

*Have you heard the sound of the angel voices
Ringing out so sweetly, ringing out so clear?
Have you seen the star shining out so brightly
As a sign from God that Christ the Lord is here?
Have you heard the news that they bring from heaven
To the humble shepherds who have waited long?
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo!
Hear the angels sing their joyful song.*

*He is come in peace in the winter's stillness,
Like a gentle snowfall in the gentle night;
He is come in joy like the sun at morning
Filling all the world with radiance and with light.
He is come in love as the child of Mary;
In a simple stable we have seen his birth:
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo!
Hear the angels singing 'Peace on earth.'*

*He will bring new light to a world in darkness,
Like a bright star shining in the skies above;
He will bring new hope to the waiting nations
When he comes to reign in purity and love.
Let the earth rejoice at the Saviour's coming;
Let the heavens answer with the joyful morn:
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo!
Hear the angels singing 'Christ is born.'*

Noël Huron

Denis Bedard

Carol of the Bells

Arr. Mykola Leontovych

Blessing of the Creche

Celebrant The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.
People **And we beheld his glory, full of grace and truth.**
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, who on this night did cause your only begotten Son to be born of the blessed and ever-glorious Virgin Mary for our salvation; vouchsafe, we beseech you, so to hallow and bless this crib, wherein are shown forth the wonders of the sacred birth; that all those who, beholding the same, shall ponder and adore the mystery of his holy incarnation, may be filled with your heavenly benediction unto life eternal. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Let us proceed in peace.
People **In the name of the Lord. Amen.**

Processional Hymn

O come, all ye faithful

Hymnal 83

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major and 4/4 time. The score is divided into three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2 God from — God, — Light from Light e - ter - nal, —
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, —
*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle, —
*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger, —

1 come ye, O come — ye to Beth - le - hem;
2 lo! he ab - hors — not the Vir - gin's womb;
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;
4 leav - ing their flocks, — draw — nigh to gaze;
5 we would em - brace — thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son — of the Fa - ther;
3 glo - ry to God, — glo - ry in the high - est;
4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;
5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -
dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
now in flesh appearing;

Opening Acclamation

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

Refrain

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The people sit.

The Lessons

First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

¹*Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.*
²*Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.*
³*Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.*
⁴*For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.*
⁵*As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.*
⁶*Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!*
⁷*Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.*
⁸*Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.*
⁹*Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.*
¹⁰*Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *
He has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."*
¹¹*Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.*
¹²*Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.*
¹³*He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.*

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

A Reading from Paul's letter to Titus.

¹¹The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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

1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!
 2 Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;
 3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty.
 Risen with heal - ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an - gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right - eous - ness! hail, the heaven - born Prince of Peace!

allegretto
 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

*All stand.**Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.****The Homily****The Rev. Monica Mainwaring***A moment of silent reflection is observed following the sermon.***The Nicene Creed***All stand.*

**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

The people stand or kneel.

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence.

The People may their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people,
and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Form III

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

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory Anthem

What Sweeter Musick
Victoria Kerr, soprano

William Bradley Roberts

What sweeter musick can we bring
Than a carol, for to sing
The birth of this our heavenly King?
Awake the voice! Awake the string!

*We see him come, and know him ours,
Who, with his sunshine and his showers,
Turns all the patient ground to flowers.*

Dark and dull night, fly hence away,
And give the honor to this day,
That sees December turned to May.
If we may ask the reason, say:

Refrain

The darling of the world is come,
And fit it is, we find a room
To welcome him. The nobler part
Of all the house here, is the heart.

Which we will give him; and bequeath
This holly, and this ivy wreath,
To do him honour, who's our King,
And Lord of all this revelling.

Refrain

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, or give online at www.stmartins.org/give.

The People stand.

Presentation Hymn

The first Nowell (verses 1, 2, and 6)

Hymnal 109

*The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

*They looked up and saw a star
shining in the east beyond them far,
and to the earth it gave great light,
and so it continued both day and night.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

*Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord;
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.*

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B

The people stand.

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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 say,

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.

The first line of the Fraction Anthem features a treble and bass clef staff in G major. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with a supporting bass line. 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.

The second line continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us."

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

The third line continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:"

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The fourth line concludes the Fraction Anthem with a double bar line. The lyrics are: "give us your peace, give us your peace."

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. If you only wish to receive a blessing, cross your arms in front of your chest.

Music at Communion

“Sinfonia” from *Oratorio de Noël*, Op. 12
String Quartet

Camille Saint-Saëns

Communion Hymn

O little town of Bethlehem

Hymnal 78

Unison or harmony

The musical score is written for a string quartet, consisting of two staves (treble and bass clef). The music is in a 3/4 time signature and a key signature of one flat (B-flat major). The score is divided into four systems, each with a vocal line and a string quartet accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
2 For Christ is born of Ma - ry; and gath - ered all a - bove,
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is given!
*4 Where child - ren pure and hap - py pray to the bless - ed Child,
5 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

1 A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
2 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - dering love.
3 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heaven.
4 where mis - er - y cries out to thee, Son of the mo - ther mild;
5 cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

1 yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
2 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
3 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
4 where char - i - ty stands watch - ing and faith holds wide the door,
5 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

1 the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
2 and prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
3 where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.
4 the dark night wakes, the glo - ry breaks, and Christ - mas comes once more.
5 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Unison or harmony

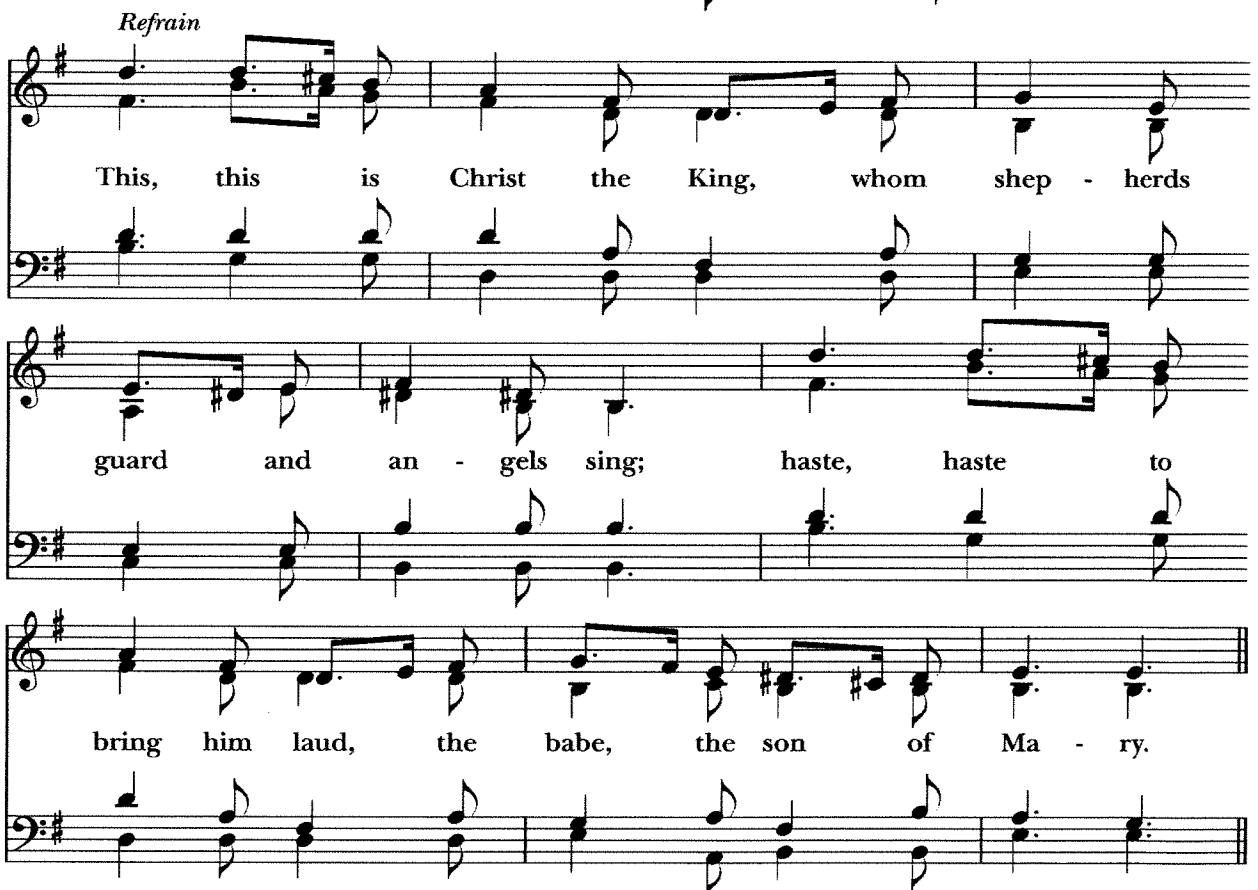


1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Refrain



This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds
 guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to
 bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that
 2 Still through the clov - en skies they come with
 3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the
 4 For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by

glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing
 peace - ful wings un - furled, and still their heaven - ly
 world has suf - fered long; be - neath the heaven - ly
 pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -

near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
 mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;
 hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;
 cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from
 a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they
 and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not the
 when peace shall o - ver all the earth its

heaven's all - gra - cious King." The world in sol - emn
 bend on hov - ering wing, and ev - er o'er its
 tid - ings which they bring; O hush the noise and
 an - cient splen - dors fling, and all the world give

still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.
 Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.
 cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing!
 back the song which now the an - gels sing.

The Post-Communion Prayer

The People stand or kneel.

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.

The People stand.

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly
 hea - ven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!
 birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Remain standing.

Christmas Blessing

May Almighty God, who send his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Please extinguish your candle and place it in a basket at the door of the church as you exit.

Processional Hymn

Joy to the world! the Lord is come

Hymnal 100

1 Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth re -
2 Joy to the world! the Sa - vior reigns; let us our
*3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in -
4 He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the

ceive her King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room, and
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains, re -
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow far
na - tions prove the glo - ries of his right - eous - ness, and

heaven and na - ture sing, and heaven and na - ture
peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
as the curse is found, far as the curse is
won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

1 and heaven and na - ture sing, and
2 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re -
3 far as the curse is found, far
4 and won - ders of his love, and

sing, and heaven, and heaven and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.
love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heaven and na - ture sing,
peat the sound - ing joy,
as the curse is found,
won - ders of his love,

Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Postlude sur un Noel

Denis Bedard

Christmas Flowers to the Glory of God

- In memory of **David & Anserianna Adkins** by Mark Adkins
- In remembrance of my husband **Carl H. Anderson** by Lyna Anderson & the Anderson family
- In memory of **Dan Bacon & Jun Jang** by Lauren Bacon
- In thanksgiving for **Harper, Thomas & Lily** by Leslie Bentley
- In thanksgiving for **Grace, Hope, Andrew, & Hannah** by Susan & Ned Breunig
- In memory of **Frank, Bob, & Nell** by Susan & Ned Breunig
- In memory of **John W. Robinson** by Grant & Leigh Ford
- In memory of **Richard & Eugenia Sedlar** by Rebecca Gilbert
- In memory of **Dorothy Joan Edwards St. Clair** by Joan & Bill Goodhew
- In loving memory of **Sara Martin, mother of Lisa Martin Smith** by the Flower Guild
- In memory of loved ones & in thanksgiving for those in my life by Carolyn Haile & Jerry Smith
- In memory of "Miss" **Fran Farmer** by Susan and Bob Hamilton
- In loving memory of **Margaret Hurlbutt Graft** by Steve & Janet Hurlbutt
- In memory of **Gil Crumpler** by Raine Hyde
- In memory of **Deloris Coleman** by Cecelia Coleman Ingraham
- In memory of **John A. Jolley & Karen Ann Archer** by Gay Jolley
- In memory of **Belinda Wedgwood** by Karen Klein
- In memory of **Paul & Pearl Lloyd & Jane Friday** by John & Karole Lloyd
- In thanksgiving for **Alan, Jennifer, Colin & Andrew Lloyd, Michael Lloyd, Mitchell & Callie Lloyd, Grady Friday & Deborah Friday** by John & Karole Lloyd
- In loving memory of **Alden MacArthur, Jr & Keiko MacArthur** by Linda MacArthur
- In loving memory of **Silvio & Roselle D'Orazio** by Linda MacArthur
- In thanksgiving for **St. Martin's leadership, staff, volunteers, and parish family** by Monica Mainwaring
- In love forever to our parents, **David & Marge Young, Fred & Beverly McCracken** by Jackie McCracken
- In loving memory of son **Daniel Mudler** by Michael & Barbara Mudler
- In memory of **Sid Oakley** by Judi Oakley
- In thanksgiving for **Mary & Lucy Berend** by Judi Oakley
- In loving memory of parents **Emily & Marshall Ellingsworth** by Karen Otto
- In memory of **Joseph Thomas Pearson** by Fran Pearson & her family
- In thanksgiving for son, **John, nephews & their families - Lee, Alexa, Harper, & Hudson Gutschenritter; Peter, Camy, & Betts Gutschenritter; Chris & Jessica Gutschenritter** by Nancy Perk
- In thanksgiving for **Reeves, Mia, Anderson, Rees, Teddy, and Wheeler Roberts** by Jim and Carol Roberts
- In memory of **Ashley Dozier** by Jon & Sally Roy
- In memory of **Richard Leigh** by Matt & Caroline Rose
- In memory of **Allison, Sandy, Katherine & Stanley Rose, Irene & Fred Lewchik** by Karen, Chris & Whitney Rose
- In loving memory of **Dave Schwefler** by his children, grand children, & Marcia Schwefler
- In memory eternal of my parents, **Richard and Eugenia Sedlar** by the Silbert Family
- In loving appreciation for **Andy, Emily, Jasper, Meadow, Katie, Darren, Layla & Landon** by Barbara & John Skrobko

Upcoming Events at St. Martin's



A **Gathering Of Women** is a retreat at the church for all women of St. Martin's. On the cusp of Lent, this is a chance to connect as community, meet new friends, step away from our busy day-to-day, and recharge with many creative and interactive options through the day.

REGISTER FOR
WOMEN'S RETREAT:



Looking for the best Mother's Day gift? Bring Mom (and the family) to our **Kanuga Parish Retreat** on Mother's Day Weekend. See God's gifts in: the mountains, our children playing in the fresh air, communion with other families, music, and worship. Share your own God-given gifts at Kanuga. Come and enjoy.

REGISTER FOR
KANUGA:



Vacation Bible School 2024 is June 10 - 14, 2024. Registration is now open for all campers (4 years old - 5th grade), Jr. Counselors (6th - 8th grade), Sr. Counselors (9th - 12th grade), and Adult Leaders & Volunteers.

REGISTER FOR VBS:



Join in the church-wide **ASP Mission Trip**, June 23 - 29, 2024. We'll journey to the Appalachian region of the U.S. and partner with Appalachia Service Project (ASP) for this week of service to others who call Appalachia their home.

REGISTER FOR ASP:





Scan for the Connection Card.



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

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 mmainwaring@stmartins.org and if you have any questions related to year-end giving, reach out to Business Administrator Leslie Rose at lrose@stmartins.org.

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. 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.

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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



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