



# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN

## Second Sunday of Advent The Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:00am Sunday, December 10, 2023

**SERVICE NOTES:** *We are glad you have joined us! If you are online:* We have posted a hymn insert, which also has other helpful information about attending online. *If you are in person:* The hymns can be found in the hymn book in the pew rack in front of you, with some of the service music printed within the text. We encourage you to sing and pray actively. Thank you and welcome!

**PRELUDE** “Choral Prelude on *Land of Rest*” R. Donovan

*Please stand, as you are able, for the Opening Hymn.*

**OPENING HYMN** H 65 “Prepare the way O Zion” (*Bereden vag for Herran*) *In the Hymnal*

### ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING

*Reader* Today is the second Sunday of Advent. The Church learned a long time ago that people need a way to get ready to come close to a mystery like the Incarnation, the mystery we call Christmas. So, the Church set aside four weeks as a season of preparation.

On the first Sunday of Advent we remembered the prophets, who pointed the way to Bethlehem. Today, the second Sunday of Advent, we remember the Holy Family. With faith and courage, the Holy Family walks the road to Bethlehem, and invites us to walk with them. During Advent, we are all getting ready to welcome Jesus into our lives once more.

*We light two Advent candles.*

*All* **O Emmanuel, Jesus Christ, desire of the world, Savior of all peoples, come and dwell among us.**

*Presider* Beloved in Christ, in this season of Advent, let it be our care and delight to prepare our hearts and minds for the mystery of the Incarnation and the coming of our Savior, who was and is and is to come. **Amen.**

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

*People* **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*All are invited to sing the Song of Praise.*

**SONG OF PRAISE** WLP 724 “People look east” (*Besançon Carol*) *See page 11*

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* 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.**

**FIRST READING** *Please be seated for the readings.*

**Isaiah 40:1-11**

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.  
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.

A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.  
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.  
Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry out!”  
And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All people are grass,  
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,  
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get 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!”

See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

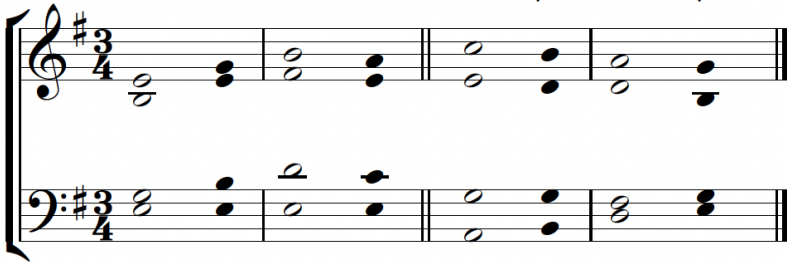
He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Please join in singing from Psalm 85.

adapated from *Veni, veni Emmanuel*  
by William Bradley Roberts



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

## SECOND READING

**2 Peter 3:8-15a**

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

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. 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. 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.

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, 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? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN**      *Veni Emmanuel*      *Please stand, as you are able.*

*Choir*      Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!  
*All*          **Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
*Choir*      Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.  
*All*          **Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL**

**Mark 1:1-8**

*Gospeller*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People*          **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. 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. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. 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. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

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

**THE SERMON**      *Silence is kept after the sermon.*

**THE NICENE CREED**      *Please stand as you are able and join in saying the 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:**

**was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.**

**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.**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified; who 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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**      *The Leader and the People pray responsively.*

*Adapted from prayers written by Lynne Mallonee Schlimm.*

*Deacon*      God of the watching, God of the waiting: Be present with us.

*Leader*      God of the watching, may the circle of the Advent wreath remind us of your infinite love, which has  
no beginning or end. Help us to set our minds on things eternal.

*(We pause, making space for prayer to be said, either silently or aloud.)*

Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* God of the waiting, we pray for all in authority in the church and in the world. We look forward to the day when the nations of the world walk in the light and your peace is experienced by all.  
*(We pause, making space for prayer to be said, either silently or aloud.)*

Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* God of the watching, we pray for the city of Davis and for all of Yolo County, that we may be a community of hope and light in this world.  
*(We pause, making space for prayer to be said, either silently or aloud.)*

Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* God of the waiting, we pray for all the people of your church that you may strengthen them for the ministry that you have set before them. For bishops, deacons, priests, and lay people, that all of us may heed your call on our lives and be committed to your service.  
*(We pause, making space for prayer to be said, either silently or aloud.)*

Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* God of the watching, God of the waiting, we pray for the sick, the friendless, and the needy, that they may experience your healing presence. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list.  
*(The deacon will share prayer requests and then will invite the congregation to add their own prayers.)*

Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* God of time and eternity and the source of comfort for all who mourn; we pray for all who have died, especially those we hold in our hearts and name before you now.  
*(We pause, making space for prayer to be said, either silently or aloud.)*

Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* God of abundance and hope, we are challenged in our worship to set our hearts and minds on the here and now, and to remember and be thankful for all you have given us.  
*(We pause, making space for prayer to be said, either silently or aloud.)*

Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Hasten, O God, the coming of your kingdom, and grant that we, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his advent in glorious majesty. **Amen.**

**CONFESSION OF SIN** *Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

*The Deacon says* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*(We pause for a moment of silent reflection).*

*Presider and People*

**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 our Savior 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**      *The Presider stands and says*

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

**THE PEACE**

*Presider*      The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**      *We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please see the announcement insert, and feel free to take this bulletin home with you. If you do not currently receive an email from us with current news and events, please reach out to [info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org).*

**CELEBRATIONS AND MILESTONES**

*All may join in praying.*

**Watch over your children O Lord, as their days increase: bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**OFFERTORY NOTES**

*The ushers will pass collection plates. Online giving is also available; just look for the green “give” button on our website or the QR code near the back of this bulletin, or contact the office for more information. We are very grateful to those who have pledged and who give regularly, as well as for all plate offerings.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**      ”Dearest Lord Jesu,” J.S. Bach

*Sung by the Choir*

Dearest Lord Jesu, oh why dost thou tarry? Come now for I am of waiting so weary.

Come now and comfort my heart in despair; Take me from misery, sorrow and care.

Come now, Lord Jesu. Oh why dost thou tarry? Come now, for I am of waiting so weary.

Deck thee, oh deck thee, meet garment prepare thee; Keep thy lamp burning, and oil ever near thee,

Ready, oh faithful one, fit for the Feast; At midnight call for thee, oh wedding guest.

Come now, Lord Jesu. Oh why dost thou tarry? Come now, for I am of waiting so weary.

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE**      *(Franconia)*

*Please join in singing*

**We give thee but thine own, / Whate'er the gift may be;**

**All that we have is thine alone, / A trust, O God, from thee.** —William Walsham Howe

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

*Presider*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Presider*      Lift up your hearts.

*People*      **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*      **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

**SANCTUS**

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r, of pow'r and might.  
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
*Opt. des.*  
Blessed is he, is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
*molto rit.*  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

*The Presider continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus, the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with Martin and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, *(first in Spanish and then in English,)*

*People and Presider*

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,  
santificado sea tu Nombre,  
venga tu reino,  
hágase tu voluntad,  
en la tierra como en el cielo.**

**Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.**

**Perdona nuestras ofensas,  
como también nosotros perdonamos a los  
que nos ofenden.**

**No nos dejes caer en tentación  
y líbranos del mal.**

**Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder,  
y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre.**

**Amen.**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

### THE FRACTION ANTHEM

organ Be known to us, Lord Je - sus Christ, —  
in the break - ing of — the bread. — God — of hope — and  
God — of pro - mise, you have pre - pared — a ban - quet for us;  
Come, Lord Je - sus, come — and cheer, Come and make thine Ad - vent here.

*The Presider says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*About Receiving Holy Communion*

All are welcome at God's table, children included. Gluten-free Communion hosts are available; please ask. Please come forward down the center aisle for Communion. **Choose the station on the left for intinction by the priest. Choose the station on the right to drink from the common cup.** The customary response upon receiving



*Communion is “Amen.” Crossing your arms over your chest indicates you would like a blessing instead of Communion.*

**COMMUNION MUSIC** H 54 “Savior of the nations, come” (*Nun komm, Der Heiden Heiland In the Hymnal*)  
H 600 “O day of God, draw nigh” (*Bellwoods*)

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Presider* Let us pray:

*Presider and People*

**Loving God,  
we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth  
a people forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### **BLESSING FOR ADVENT** *Presider*

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

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

**CLOSING HYMN** H 76 “On Jordan’s bank the baptist’s cry” (*Winchester New*) *In the Hymnal*

### **DISMISSAL**

*Leader* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” E. Simpson-Curenton

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*We acknowledge the land on which we are gathered. For thousands of years, this land has been the home of Patwin people. Today, there are three federally recognized Patwin tribes: Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community, Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation, and Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. The Patwin people have remained committed to the stewardship of this land over many centuries. It has been cherished and protected, as elders have instructed the young through generations. We are honored and grateful to be here today on their traditional lands.*

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SONG OF PRAISE

WLP 724 "People look east" (*Besançon Carol*)



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
5. com - ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.