



# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN

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## Sunday, December 22, 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Advent Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:00am

**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 Hymnal 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. Welcome!

**PRELUDE** “Pastoral Symphony” from the *Christmas Oratorio, BWV 248* J.S. Bach

*Please stand, as you are able, and join in singing.*

**OPENING HYMN** H 268 “Ye who claim the faith of Jesus” (*Julion*) *In the Hymnal*

**ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING** *Please remain standing, if you are able.*

*Reader* Today is the fourth 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. On the second Sunday we remembered the Holy Family, who invite us to walk with them on the road to new life. On the third Sunday of Advent, we remembered the shepherds and the joyful song of the angels.

Today, on the fourth Sunday of Advent, we remember the Magi, the wise men who followed a star all the way to Bethlehem. Even though they don’t arrive until after Christmas, remembering the Magi now reminds us not to lose hope, no matter where we are on our journey.

*We light all four 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,” v. 1, 2, 5 (*Besançon Carol*)

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### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

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

**FIRST READING** *You may be seated for the readings.*

Micah 5:2-5a

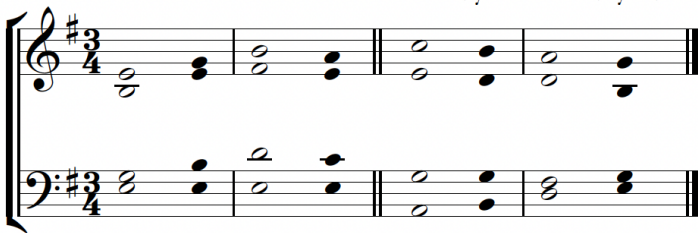
A reading from the book of Micah.

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.  
Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labor has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.  
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,  
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;  
and he shall be the one of peace.

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

**PSALM** *Please join in singing from Psalm 80.*

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



- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- †7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)." When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

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

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN** H 56 "O come, O come, Emmanuel" (*Veni Emmanuel*), v. 7

*In the Hymnal*

## GOSPEL

**Luke 1:39-55**

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

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

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.  
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.  
His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.  
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;  
he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.  
He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

*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 remember that you are with us always.  
*(We pause, making space for prayer to be said, either silently or aloud.)*

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

*Leader*     God of the waiting, we pray for all in positions of authority 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.)*

*Leader*     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.)*

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

*Leader*     God of the waiting, we pray for the people of your church that you may strengthen them for the ministry 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.)*

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

Leader 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.)*

Leader 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.)*

Leader 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

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

*Presider and People*

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love, and serve only your will. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION *Presider*

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. In addition, an extended announcement sheet is on our website. 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) so we can be in touch.*

## 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 pass collection plates. Online giving is also available; look for the blue “give” button on our website or the QR code near the back of this bulletin—or contact the church office. We are very grateful to those who have pledged and who give regularly, as well as for all plate offerings.

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM “The Coming Joy,” Joseph M. Martin

My soul doth magnify the Lord; How can I keep from singing?

I will praise forevermore, Love’s music in me ringing: “Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!”

My soul doth magnify the Lord, for God has shown me favor.

Soon I’ll greet the happy morn, when I shall hold the Savior. Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!

Gentle Mary, chosen one, hear this salutation:

You shall bear God’s holy One; He will rule the nations.

Call his name Emanuel, God to earth descending; Promised King of Israel, bringing joy unending.

My should doth magnify the Lord. His grace in me is living.

I will praise forever more. I’ll serve Him with thanksgiving. Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Hosanna in excelsis!

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE (Franconia) *Please stand, as you are able, and 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

*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.**

### *The Presider continues*

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

## SANCTUS *Please join in singing*

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.



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Then the Presider continues*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah, you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Blessed Martin and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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. All the Communion bread is gluten-free and vegan. Come forward down the center aisle for Communion. **Choose the station on the left for intinction by the priest or 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 HYMN

**H 258** "Virgin-born, we bow before thee" (*Psalm 86*)

*In the Hymnal*

**H 60** "Creator of the stars of night" (*Conditor alme siderum*)

*In the Hymnal*

"Pastorale" J.S. Bach

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Presider says*

Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

### BLESSING FOR ADVENT *Presider*

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** **H 64** "O heavenly Word, eternal Light" (*O Heiland, reiss*)

*In the Hymnal*

### DISMISSAL

*Leader* Let us bless the Lord.

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

### POSTLUDE

"Wachet auf!"  
(Sleepers Wake)

S. Karg-Elert



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Wonder, Love, and Praise 724 "People, look East," v. 1, 2, 5 (*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.



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**BLUE CHRISTMAS**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 AT 4PM**  
**CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE FOR THOSE**  
**WHO FEEL "BLUE" THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24**  
**3PM CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST**  
**WITH PAGEANT**  
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