



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN

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Wednesday, December 24, 2025 – Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist Rite II at 7pm and 10pm

SERVICE NOTES: *We are so glad you have joined us for Christmas Eve! All the hymns can be found in the hymn insert, with some of the service music printed within the text of this bulletin. The congregation is invited to say the words in bold. We encourage you to sing and pray actively. Welcome. Merry Christmas. Bienvenidos. Feliz Navidad.*

PRELUDE

“Alleluia! from *Christmas Oratorio*”
“Pastorale for Christmas “
“Fantasia on Picardy”
“Prelude on Irby”

C. Saint-Saens
J. Woodman
D. S. Wituszynski-Deptola
R. Dinda

CHORAL INTROIT

7pm service

“Ambe,” Andrew Balfour
Translation: “Come in, two-legged beings. Come in all people. There is good life here.”

10pm service

“Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light,” *Ermuntre dich*, harm. J.S. Bach

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

OPENING HYMN

7pm service **H 83** “O Come all ye faithful” (*Adeste Fideles*)

Hymn insert p. 1

10pm service **H 102** “Once in royal David’s city” (*Irby*)

Hymn insert p. 2

CHRISTMAS CANDLE LIGHTING

Reader This is the eve of Christmas, a time when our longing for God’s presence among us is fulfilled.

We light all four Advent candles.

Reader Christmas is when we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. The hope, peace, joy, and love of the entire world are fully realized in this tiny baby, sent to live among us as a human being and to walk with us on the paths of our lives.

We light the white Christ candle.

People **O Emmanuel, God with us, as you let your light shine before all, help us be a light to the world.**

Presider Beloved of God, as we celebrate the birth of the Holy Child, let the light of Christ so enter our hearts and minds, that with simple faith and true hope, we may hasten to Bethlehem to see the baby lying in a manger. **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 **H 87** “Hark! the herald angels sing” (*Mendelssohn*)

Hymn insert p. 3

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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.**

FIRST READING *Please be seated for the readings.*

Isaiah 9:2-7

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. You 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. For 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. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For 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. His 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.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Please join in singing Psalm 96.

Choir

Let the heav'ns re - joice, and the earth be glad!

tone: ADESTE FIDELIS

- 1 Sing to [God a] new song; *
sing to God all the [whole] earth.
- 2 Sing and bless God's [ho]-ly Name; *
proclaim the good news of salvation from [day] to day.
- 3 Declare God's glory a-[mong] the nations, *
God's wonders a-[mong] all peoples.
- 4 For God is great and greatly [to] be praised, *
more to be feared than [all] gods.

REFRAIN

- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they [are] but idols, *
but it is God who [made] the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence [of] God's presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of God's [sanct]-uary!
- 7 Ascribe to God, you families [of] the peoples, *
ascribe to God [honor] and power.
- 8 Ascribe due honor to God's [ho]-ly Name; *
bring offerings and come in-[to] God's courts.
- 9 Worship the Most High in the [beauty] of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble be-[fore] God.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations [that] God reigns! *
God has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved
and will judge the [peoples] with equity.

REFRAIN

- 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 God, [who] will come, *
who will come to [judge] the earth.
- 13 God will judge the [world] with righteousness *
and the [peoples] with truth.

REFRAIN

SECOND READING

Titus 2:11-14

A reading from the book of Titus.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He 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.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you are able. All are invited to sing.

SEQUENCE HYMN

7pm service H 99 "Go tell it on the mountain" / *Go Tell it on the Mountain* *Hymn insert p. 4*

10pm service H 80 "From heaven above" (*Von himmel hoch*) *Hymn insert p. 5*

GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

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

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph 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. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And 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.

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

When 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." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON *Silence is kept after the sermon.*

THE 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 people pray responsively.*

Deacon Let us pray for God's holy church and for the world, which God made and loves.

Leader Lord God, ruler of the universe, we thank you that you hear us when we pray. We are grateful for all your gifts to us, especially the gift of your son who came to live a human life with us. As you guided the Magi to Bethlehem by a star, guide us to come worshipfully to you. *(We pause, making space for prayer.)*

Leader Glory to God in the highest
People **And peace to all people on Earth!**

Leader We pray on this Christmas Eve for our world. We pray for those who govern and hold positions of authority among the nations. Lord, you sent your news of peace and goodwill to shepherds and sent them to see the babe lying in a manger. Let your good news be fulfilled everywhere on earth, for all people.
(We pause, making space for prayer.)

Leader Glory to God in the highest
People **And peace to all people on Earth!**

Leader We pray for your church; we pray especially for our Presiding Bishop, Sean; our Bishop, Megan; and for all who serve Christ and build up the Beloved Community. By your Spirit, strengthen your people for their work and ministry. As you sent your angels to share the good news, send us to show your light to the world.
(We pause, making space for prayer.)

Leader Glory to God in the highest
People **And peace to all people on Earth!**

Leader We pray for one another, for our grandparents, parents, children, and all family and friends, through whom we learn to love and be loved. We thank you for all who care for us as Joseph cared for his family, and we ask you to help us love one another as you first loved us. *(We pause, making space for prayer.)*

Leader Glory to God in the highest
People **And peace to all people on Earth!**

Leader We pray for those who are sorrowful, distressed or lonely. We pray for all people who have to be separated from loved ones on this holy night. We ask you to comfort us as Mary comforted the Baby Jesus. We ask for the grace to serve you as we find you in the poor, the hungry, the homeless, and the sick.
(We pause, making space for prayer.)

Leader Glory to God in the highest
People **And peace to all people on Earth!**

Presider O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *We are encouraged to stand for 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.

OFFERTORY NOTES

The ushers will 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 office. We are very grateful to those who have pledged and give regularly, as well as for all plate offerings.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Sung by the Choir

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “See Amid the Winters’ Snow,” John Goss, arr. David Willcocks

See amid the winter’s snow / Born for us on earth below;
See the tender Lamb appears, / Promis’d from eternal years.

Refrain: Hail, thou everblessed morn; Hail redemption’s happy dawn;
Sing through all Jerusalem, Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Lo, within a manger lies / He who built the starry skies;
He, who throned in height sublime, / sits among the cherubim:

Refrain

Sacred infant, all divine, / What a tender love was thine.
Thus to come from highest bliss / Down to such a world as this:

Refrain

Teach, O teach us, Holy Child, / By thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble thee, / In thy sweet humility:

Refrain

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

stand as you are able, and join in singing.

(Franconia) Please

**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



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WORDS OF INSTITUTION *Please stand or kneel, as you are able. The Presider 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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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.”

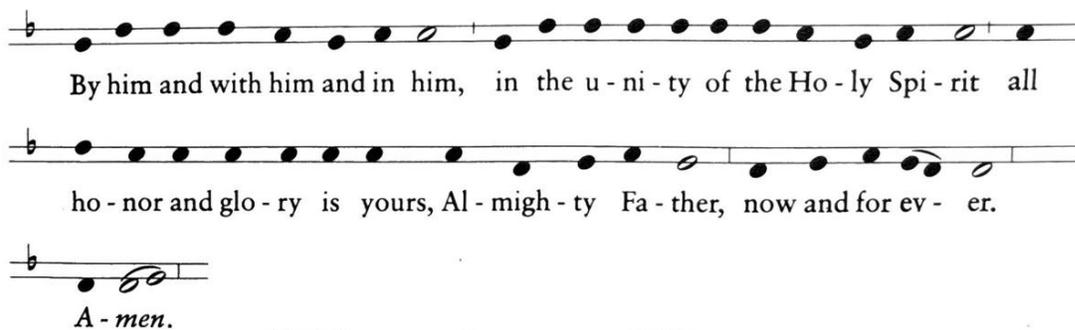
After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.” Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

- We remember Christ’s death.**
- We proclaim Christ’s resurrection.**
- We await Christ’s coming in glory.**

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 blessed Martin and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.



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.
Amén.**

**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

FRACTION ANTHEM *Greensleeves (refrain)* *Please join in singing the refrain.*

All: **This, this is Christ the King, / whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, / the babe, the son of Mary.**

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Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

ABOUT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome at God’s table, children included. The bread is gluten-free and vegan. Come forward down the center aisle and proceed to either side of the altar rail. **You may stand or kneel at the altar rail.** On both sides of the altar rail, you can consume the bread that is placed in your hand and then drink from the common cup. Or you can leave the bread in your hand, allowing the Eucharistic Minister to intinct the bread in the wine (dip it) and put the bread back into your open hand. If you wish to consume bread only, you can cross your arms when the wine chalice comes to you. 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 112 “In the bleak midwinter” (<i>Cranham</i>)	<i>Hymn insert p. 6</i>
	LEVASII 24 “There’s a star in the east” (<i>Mendelssohn</i>)	<i>Hymn insert p. 7</i>
	H 113 “Duermete, niño” (<i>A la rú</i>)	<i>Hymn insert p. 8</i>
	“Noël pour l’amour de Marie”	Misc.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand as you are able.*

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

CANDLE LIGHTING **H 111** “Silent Night” (*Stille Nacht*) *Hymn insert p. 9*
We will take a moment to light our handheld candles before the song begins. All are invited to stand or kneel while singing the hymn.

CHRISTMAS BLESSING *The Presider offers a blessing and the People respond Amen.*

May Almighty God, who sent 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 for ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN **H 100** “Joy to the World” (*Antioch*) *Hymn insert p. 10*

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE “Praise ye the Lord of Hosts! from *Christmas Oratorio*” C. Saint-Saens

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The birth of Lane, our great-niece; and for all our nieces and nephews; and for the Mateo children *by Janet Lane and Bob Holm*

Beloved family and friends, *by Jerry Hulbert*

All our blessings, *by Marianne and Dennis Wilcox*

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