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**December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Christmas Day**

**Festival Holy Eucharist with Music**

**Welcome to St. Martin's**

We are grateful you are with us in this sacred space. If you are joining us for the first time or the first time in a long time, please sign the Guest Book in the Narthex and leave your up-to-date contact information on a Welcome Card.

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# The Entrance Rite

## PRELUDES

## OPENING CAROL

## O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O come ye, O come ye to  
God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal, lo! he ab - hors not the  
Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion, sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of  
Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py mor - ning; Je - sus to thee be

Beth - le - hem; come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
Vir - gin's womb; on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther,  
heaven a - bove; glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;  
glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pea - ring;

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

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

Translation: F Oakeley, W. T. Brooke, et al. | Arr. David Willcocks

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

## THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* May God be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## GLORIA

*Gloria in Excelsis*

The musical score is written for a choir or congregation, using a two-staff system (treble and bass clefs). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the staves.

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,

and the moun-tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a

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

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

Text: Angels we have heard on high | Translator: James Chadwick (1813-1882)

Tune: GLORIA | Arranger: Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958)

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH**

How beautiful upon the mountains  
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,  
who brings good news,  
who announces salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,  
together they sing for joy;  
for in plain sight they see  
the return of the LORD to Zion.

Break forth together into singing,  
you ruins of Jerusalem;  
for the LORD has comforted his people,  
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The LORD has bared his holy arm  
before the eyes of all the nations;  
and all the ends of the earth shall see  
the salvation of our God.

*Lector*     The Word of the Lord.

***People*     Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 98** (*Sung by the Cantor*)

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.

- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

**A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS**

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

*Lector*     The Word of the Lord.

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



1 A sta - ble lamp is light - ed Whose  
 2 (This) child through Da - vid's ci - ty Shall  
 3 (Yet) he shall be for - sak - en, And  
 4 (But) now, as at the end - ing, The



glow shall wake the sky; The stars shall bend their voic - es,  
 ride in tri - umph by; The palm shall strew its branch - es,  
 yield - ed up to die; The sky shall groan and dark - en,  
 low is lift - ed high; The stars shall bend their voic - es,



And ev - ery stone shall cry. \_\_\_\_\_ And ev - ery stone shall cry,  
 And ev - ery stone shall cry. \_\_\_\_\_ And ev - ery stone shall cry;  
 And ev - ery stone shall cry. \_\_\_\_\_ And ev - ery stone shall cry,  
 And ev - ery stone shall cry. \_\_\_\_\_ And ev - ery stone shall cry,



And straw like gold shall shine; A barn shall har - bor hea - ven,  
 Though hea - vy, dull, and dumb, And lie with - in the road - way  
 For ston - y hearts of men: God's blood up - on the spear - head,  
 In prais - es of the Child By whose de - scent a - mong us



A stall be - come a shrine. \_\_\_\_\_ 2 This  
 To pave his king - dom come. \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Yet  
 God's love re - fused a - gain. \_\_\_\_\_ 4 But  
 The worlds are rec - on - ciled. \_\_\_\_\_

## THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Luke Selles

*Please stand as you are able.*

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Leader* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*(Silence may be kept)*

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*(Silence may be kept)*

*Leader* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*(Silence may be kept)*

*Leader* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, which reflects your glory.

Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**



*(Silence may be kept)*

*Leader* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for Juliana; Charlie; Ethan; Betsy; Michael; Bonnie; Yuri; Christopher; Rebecca; Susie; Wayne; Phil; Brent; Joanne; Kim; Melissa; Marianne; Sharon; Barb; Scott; Eda and Lois; Diane and Nate; and those we name now...

*The congregation may add their own petitions.*

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

*(Silence may be kept)*

*Leader* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled, remembering especially Charlotte Bohner Luchak; Eileen Dowling; and those we name now...

*The congregation may add their own petitions.*

And we pray that we may share with Mary, Martin, and all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Leader* Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

*(Silence may be kept)*

*Celebrant* 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 Savior. **Amen.**

**THE PEACE**

# The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY CAROL

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



1. Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the  
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored; Christ, the ev - er -  
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of



new - born King! Peace on earth and mer - cy mild,  
last - ing Lord! Late in time be - hold him come,  
Right-eous-ness! Light and life to all he brings,



God and sin - ners rec - on-ciled!" Joy - ful, all you  
Off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the  
Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his



na - tions, rise; Join the tri - umph of the skies;  
God - head see; Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty,  
glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die,



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.  
Born to raise each child of earth, Born to give us sec-ond birth.



Hark! The her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King!"

Words: C. Wesley, T Whitefield, M. Madan, et al. | Tune: Mendelssohn, Arr. Willcocks

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

*Celebrant* 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 in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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:

## SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS (*Said by all*)

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* 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,

***People* We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant* 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 Mary, Martin, and 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

***People* 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

***People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

#### **THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God's Love for God's Loving People.

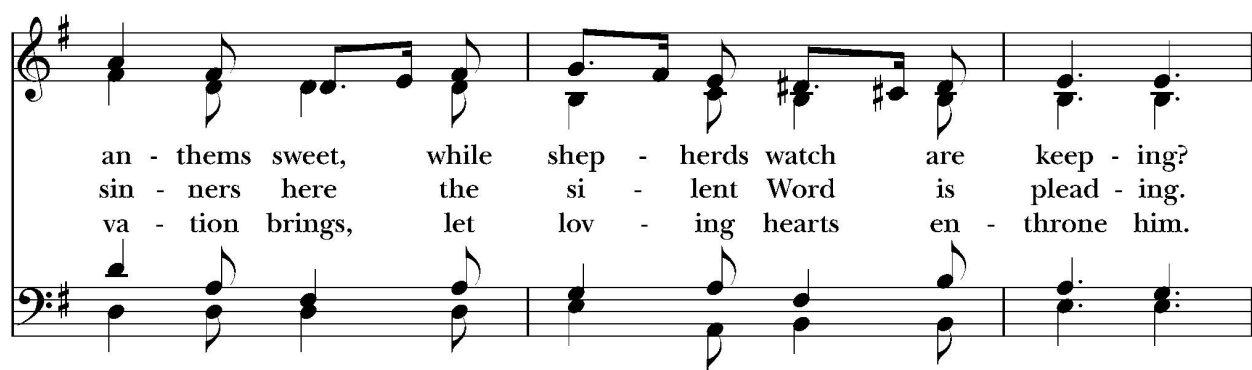
*Unison or harmony*



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.

Text: What child is this, who, laid to rest | Author: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) | Tune: GREENSLEEVES

#### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**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.

#### THE BLESSING

# FINAL CAROL

Unto us a boy is born!



1 Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre -  
 2 Cra - dled in a stall was he with sleep - y cows and  
 3 He - rod then with fear was filled; "A prince," he said, "in  
 4 Now may Ma - ry's son, who came so long a - go to  
 \*5 Un - to us a boy is born! The King of all cre -



1 a - tion, came he to a world for - lorn, the  
 2 ass - es; but the ve - ry beasts could see that  
 3 Jew - ry!" All the lit - tle boys he killed at  
 4 love us, lead us all with hearts a - flame un -  
 5 a - tion, came he to a world for - lorn, the



1 Lord of ev - ery na - - - tion.  
 2 he all men sur - pass - - - es.  
 3 Beth - lehem in his fu - - - ry.  
 4 to the joys a - bove - - - us.  
 5 Lord of ev - ery na - - - tion.

Text: Unto us a boy is born | Translator: Percy Dearmer (1867-1936) | Tune: PUER NOBIS Harm.: Geoffrey Turton Shaw (1879-1943)

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the wonder of our savior's birth. Alleluia.  
 Alleluia.

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

## POSTLUDE

Postlude on *Mendelssohn*

David Willcocks (1919-2015)

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### **PRAYER LIST**

**Please pray for the living:** Juliana; Charlie; Ethan; Betsy; Michael; Bonnie; Yuri; Christopher; Rebecca; Susie; Wayne; Phil; Brent; Joanne; Kim; Melissa; Marianne; Sharon; Barb; Scott; Eda and Lois; Diane and Nate

**Please pray for the recently deceased:** Charlotte Bohner Luchak and Eileen Dowling

*Please note: The prayer list was last updated on the date of leaflet publication, Dec. 17th, 2025.*

### **SERVING TODAY**

*Celebrant & Preacher:* The Rev. Luke Selles

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*Assisting Priest:* The Rev. Dr. Mary Barber

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*Director of Music and Arts:* Tyrone Whiting

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