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November 28, 2021

Holy Eucharist

The First Sunday of Advent

8:00AM

Please note: Masks are required at indoor worship, regardless of vaccination status. Communion will continue to be distributed by hand at the altar rail. We ask that you keep your mask on at all times except when consuming the host.

+ THE ENTRANCE RITE +

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Celebrant O God of our hope, come.

People As we begin this Advent journey, restore us to faithfulness, and shepherd us through these weeks. Soften us and open us trust in your love, your goodness, your guiding presence. May we take in your word and bring it to life, giving hope to the hopeless through our words and actions. We ask this through Christ, our Savior and our hope. Amen.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Prepare the way of the Lord; make a highway for our God.

People Every valley shall be lifted up; every mountain and hill be made low, and the rough places a plain.

Celebrant The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.

People All people shall see it together.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

People Christ, have mercy.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

TRISAGION

Celebrant Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,

People Have mercy upon us.

THE SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray,

People **Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

+ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +

THE FIRST READING Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-9(*Spoken by all*)

Ad te, Domine, levavi

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

THE SECOND READING Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL Luke 21:25-36

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

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jarrett Kerbel

THE NICENE 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: 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. 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

Intercessor Come, Lord God, change us and we shall be changed. Come, increase our awareness of your presence. Come, strengthen our love for you. Come, fill our hearts with holiness. Come, awaken us to be ready and watchful of your coming. Come, Lord God, change us and we shall be changed; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

Intercessor Holy and mighty God, we long for you and for your love. Fill your church with your grace and goodness, that we may grow in holiness and in hospitality, that we may reach out in mission and love, that we may reveal your light and your glory. Lord, make us active in service and joyful in praise. Lord, show us your way

People **and teach us your paths.**

Intercessor We pray for the nations of the world and for righteous dealings. May the resources of the earth be neither hoarded nor squandered, but used to the benefit of all and the relief of those who need. Strengthen all who strive for justice and integrity in world trade; may vulnerable peoples be freed from oppression and abuse. May we all have compassion and concern for the poor. Lord, show us your way,

People **and teach us your paths.**

Intercessor Come, Lord, fill our homes with your light and love. Make us sensitive in our dealings and gentle in our actions. Keep us alert to the needs and hopes of others, that our homes may reflect your presence and your glory. We pray for all who work in your Name to serve those around them. We pray especially for Episcopal Relief and Development and our Chalice Bearers. Lord, show us your way,

People **and teach us your paths.**

Intercessor God of freedom and peace, we remember before you all who are captives to sin, vice or addiction, all who are damaged by oppression, violence or abuse. We pray also for friends and loved ones who are ill or struggling.

When the intercessor indicates, you are invited to say the names of others you wish to pray for.

Intercessor Lord, show us your way

People and teach us your paths.

Intercessor We rejoice in the fellowship of the saints and pray we may follow their way of holiness and love. We give thanks for all who have passed beyond trouble and darkness and are now at peace in your kingdom.

When the intercessor indicates, you are invited to say the names of others you wish to pray for.

Intercessor Lord, show us your way

People and teach us your paths.

Intercessor And now, either aloud or in the silence of our hearts, let us add our own thanksgivings and petitions.

The congregation may add their own prayers.

Intercessor Lord, show us your way

People and teach us your paths.

Intercessor 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.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

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 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.

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

People Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Please offer thanks for God's blessings with a financial gift to St. Martin's.

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If you are joining us in person, you may leave your gift in the offertory plate once it is passed to you.

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Mail your check to the office at St. Martin's.

Thank you for your continued support of our worship and ministry!



+ THE HOLY COMMUNION +

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Eucharistic Prayer 3, EOW p.62*

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS (*prayed 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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The celebrant continues

Celebrant Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

People **Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Celebrant Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and the Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Mary and Martin and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

People **Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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 Christ our Passover is Sacrificed for us.

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

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

To those joining us in person, you may proceed to the altar rail when invited via the center aisle. After receiving communion, please return to your seats via the side aisles. Please keep your mask up at all times when not consuming the host.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us walk in hope as we love and serve the Lord.

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

+ PRAYER LIST +

St. Martin's Ministries and Partners: Episcopal Relief and Development and Chalice Bearers

Prayers: Claire Concilio; Sharika Browne; Lyn and Andrew Fulton; Alexandra Ashbrook; Caroline Simmonds Cook; Ferris; Wayne Kressley; Victoria Hallerman; David; Jennifer and Phil Ryan; Barbara Baumgartner; Madelyn Morris; Barbara; Jonathan Bridges; Marj Little; Sylvia and Natalie Smith; Charles Waldrop and family; Kevin Norton; Jenny Dundon; Taylor Anderson; Carol Pomplun; Kathleen and Peter Whiting; George; the Arnebeck Family; Pete Davis; Marjorie Bailey; John McDevitt; the Kachler family; Dorie Schenkel; Vanessa, Robert, and Callum; Essie and Jess Busco; Ron Rising; Dale Morrison; Joanne Conway, Jean Patterson; Floyd; McHugh-Halt family

Recently Died: Lou Crusi and Barbara Futej

+ SERVING TODAY +

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Jarrett Kerbel

Lector: Gary Glazer

Intercessor: Michelle Williams

Usher: Dorrie Schenkel

Altar Guild: Tina Bell



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