



*And blessed is the fruit
of your womb*

The Fourth Sunday of Advent:

Sung Eucharist + 10:30 AM

**St. Martin of Tours Episcopal Church
Bridgewater NJ**

Opening Hymn *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vv.1-4)*

Hymnal 1982, 56

Priest: Bless the Lord who forgives our sins.

All: God's mercy endures forever.

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All: 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.*

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

Kyrie Eleison**Wonder, Love and Praise, 839**

Lord, have mer - cy.____

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Priest: 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 forever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Prophet Micah *(Please be seated)*

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.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

The Song of Mary (*Metrical Cantic. Remain seated*) **Hymnal 1982, 438**

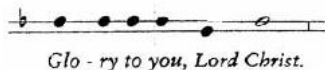
A Reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews (*Please be seated*)

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. The Word of the Lord/ *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation (*Please stand*)

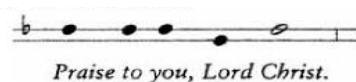
Alleluia (repeated) A Virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be Emmanuel. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke



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."

The Gospel of the Lord.



The Homily

The Nicene Creed *(Please stand)*

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 and the Son. 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 *(Please stand or kneel)*

Intercessor: Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer.

That God may bring in his kingdom with justice and mercy, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

That we may seek Christ in the Scriptures and recognize him in the breaking of the bread, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That God may bind up the brokenhearted, restore the sick, and raise up all who have fallen, especially Andrea, Stephanie, Alex, Kelsey, Linda, Anna Rose, Sarah, Marion, and those we now name let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the light of God's coming may dawn on all who live in darkness and the shadow of death, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That, with all the departed and all the saints in light, we may shine forth as lights for the world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Priest: Almighty God, as your blessed Son Jesus Christ first came to seek and to save the lost; so may he come again to find in us the completion of his redeeming work; for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Peace and Announcements

Offertory Anthem: Advent Dialogue

Offertory Hymn *(Please stand)*

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Hymnal 1982, 265

The Liturgy of the Altar *(Remain standing if able)*

The Lord be with you/ *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts/ *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

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 you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of pow-er and might, Heav-en and earth are

full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Glory and praise to you, Lord God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You created us in your image and invited us to dwell in your love; but we rejected your love, abused your creation and brought death to the world. Yet, you would not abandon us to sin and death. You sent Jesus Christ, your only Son, to become one of us, to show us the way of life. In obedience to your will, he offered himself upon the cross in love, to free us from the power of sin and death, and to reconcile us to you and to one another.

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."

Remembering now the suffering and death and proclaiming the resurrection and ascension of Jesus our Redeemer, we bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Christ.

Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in the Risen One, and make us a living sacrifice of praise. 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*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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 Fraction and Agnus Dei (Sung by choir)

WLP, 868

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Happy are they who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive Communion. We will be offering communion with both Christ's Body and Blood. We understand individuals may have different comfort levels as to how they receive communion. Following ancient Christian teaching, all persons may, but no person must, receive communion in both kinds to receive the fullness of Christ's Body and Blood. You may choose to receive only the host at this time. Should you choose to receive the wine, one vessel will be offered for those who want to sip the wine from the common cup. Please do not dip the host into the chalice at this time.

Communion Hymns

Ye Who Claim the Faith of Jesus

Hymnal 1982, 268

Savior of the Nations Come

Hymnal 1982, 54

Communion Prayer (*Please kneel or stand*)**BCP, 365**

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

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.*

Dismissal**Closing Hymn** *Lo, he Come with Cloud Descending***Hymnal 1982, 57****Serving Today**

Thurifer: Randy Jandak Crucifer: Delaney Swain

Lay Reader: Jason Swain Eucharistic Minister: Larry Ottenstroer

Choir: Beth Hixenbaugh, Alison Jandak, Jane Maloney, Rob Vernon

Organist: Kathy Shanklin Celebrant: Father Rob Laws

The Eucharistic Prayer that we are using throughout the season of Advent comes from *Enriching Our Worship*, which has been approved for use by the General Convention and the Bishop of our diocese.

Today we light four candles of the Advent wreath. The first candle represents hope, the second candle represents love, the third, joy, and the fourth peace. As the light of the wreath burns brighter each week, may God empower us to be peacemakers, following the example of our Savior, the Prince of Peace.