



**The Second Sunday of Advent
Sung Eucharist + 10:30 AM**

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

Opening Hymn *Blest be the King Whose Coming*

Hymnal 1982 74

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.*

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Priest: Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

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

The Song of Zechariah *(Simplified Anglican Chant. Remain seated)*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of/Israel;
he has come to his people and set them/free.
He has raised up for us a mighty/savior,
born of the house of his servant/David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from
our/enemies, from the hands of all who/hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our/fathers and to remember his holy/covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father/Abraham,
to set us free from the hands of our/enemies,
Free to worship him without/fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our/life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most/High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his/way,
To give the people knowledge of sal/vation by the forgiveness of their/sins.
In the tender compassion of our/God
the dawn from on high shall break up/on us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of/death,
and to guide our feet into the way of/peace.
Glory to the Father, and to the/ Son, and to the Holy/Spirit:
as it was in the be/ginning, is now, and will be forever. A/men.

A Reading from the First Epistle to the Philippians

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. The Word of the Lord/ *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation *(Please stand)*

Alleluia (repeated) Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths;
All nations shall see the salvation of God.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke



Glo - ry to you, Lord Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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, 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 Hymn *Prepare the Way O Zion*

Hymnal 1982, 65

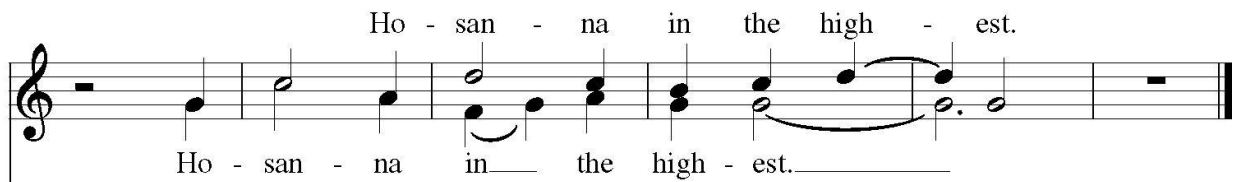
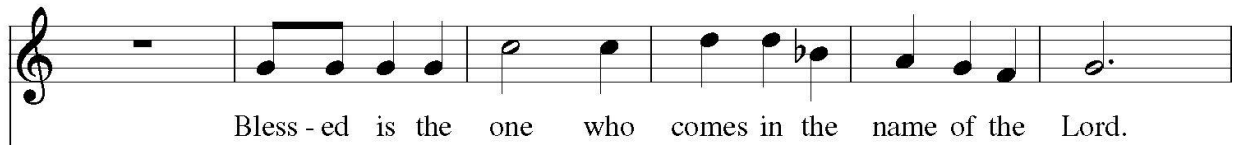
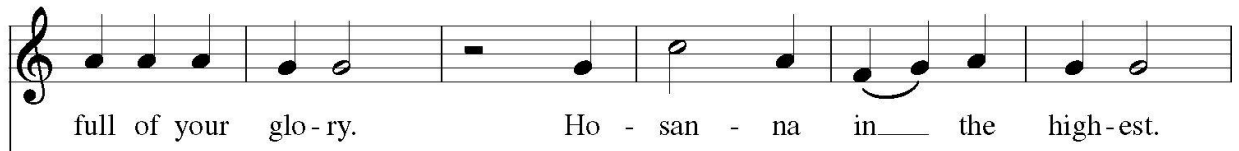
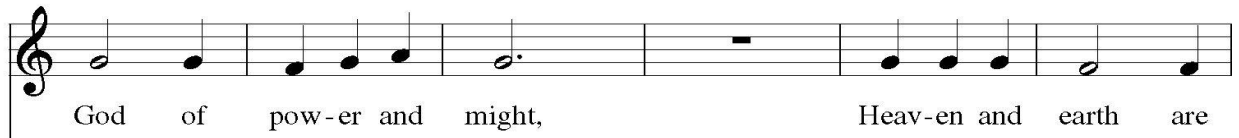
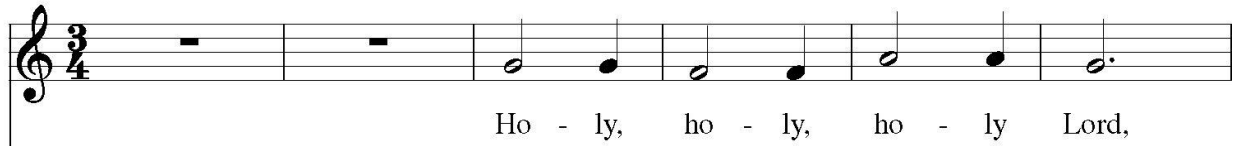
The Liturgy of the Altar *(Remain standing if able)*

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:



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

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 who are drawn to the grace of God offered in this Blessed Sacrament are welcome to receive Communion. We will be offering communion with both Christ's Body and Blood. The consensus of public health studies to date show that there is no documentable risk of COVID-19 transmission through the common cup. 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

Savior of the Nations Come

Hymn 54, Hymnal 1982

God of Flowing Light (Choir)

Hymn 56, Voices Found

R: Guide us to the joy of your heart's romance. Lead us as we join your lilting dance.

God of flowing light, gleaming golden ray,
wheeling host at night, dazzl'ing sun by day: Refrain

God of flowing streams, moist distilling dew,
source of greening dreams, life made fresh and new: Refrain

God of flowing flame, fierce refiner's fire,
burning to reclaim passion's pure desire: Refrain

God of flowing breath, living wind that frees,
soaring over death, pulsing spirit's breeze: Refrain

God of flowing grace, holy love imparts
to your arms' embrace, raptured, yielding hearts: Refrain

Post 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 *On Jordan's Banks (1,2,5)*

Hymn 76, Hymnal 1982

Serving Today

Thurifer: Fausto Beleno Crucifer: Clare Francis

Lay Reader: Omar Francis Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Picazio

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 two candles of the Advent wreath. The first candle represents hope, and the second candle represents love. As the light of the wreath burns brighter each week, my God enkindle hope and love in our hearts.