



**The Second Sunday of Advent
Sung Mass + Rite One + 10:30 AM**

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

BCP refers to the red prayer book in your pew.

Opening Hymn *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*, vv. 1,5
Opening Acclamation and Collect of Purity
Kyrie Eleison

Hymnal 1982, 616
BCP, 323
Hymnal 1982, S-91

The Collect: 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 for ever. *Amen.*

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

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious. *The Word of the Lord/ Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 72:1-5, 7, 18-19 *Simplified Anglican Chant*

1 Give the King your justice, O/ God, * and your righteousness to the King's/ Son;
2 That he may rule your people/ righteously * and the poor with/ justice;
3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the/ people, *
 and the little hills bring/ righteousness.
4 He shall defend the needy among the/ people; *
 he shall rescue the poor and crush the op/pressor.
5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon en/dure, *
 from one generation to an/other.
7 In his time shall the righteous/ flourish; *
 there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no/ more.
18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of/ Israel, * who alone does wondrous/ deeds!
19 And blessed be his glorious Name for/ ever! *
 and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. A/men.

A Reading from St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him", and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

Gospel Acclamation *(Please stand)*

Choir: Alleluia; People: Alleluia. Choir: Alleluia; People: Alleluia.

Verse: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths; all nations shall see the salvation of God.

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The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.” The Gospel of the Lord.

The Homily

Father Scott Russell

The Nicene Creed *(Please stand)*

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The Prayers of the People

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The Confession of Sin and Absolution

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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 with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

The Eucharistic prayer continues on the Book of Common Prayer, on page 333

Sanctus

Hymnal 1982, S 114

(Kneel or Stand. The prayers continue in the Book of Common Prayer on page 334)

The Lord's Prayer

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The Fraction

Agnus Dei

Hymnal 1982, S 158

Prayer of Humble Access

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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

Communion Hymns

The des - ert shall re - joice and blos - som as a rose:

1. It shall
2. For the
3. For the
4. For the

blos - som a - bun - dant - ly and re - joice with praise and sing - ing.
ears of the deaf shall hear And the blind, their eyes be o - pened.
tongue of the mute shall sing and the lame will dance with glad - ness.
ground will be - come a pool and the dry land springs of wa - ter.

5. The desert shall rejoice
and blossom as a rose:
as the ransomed return to God
and come singing back to Zion.

6. The desert shall rejoice
and blossom as a rose:
unto Zion we come with joy,
for our God has come to save us.

Post Communion Prayer (*Please kneel or stand*)

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Blessing and Dismissal

Closing Hymn *Christ Is the World's True Light*

Hymnal 1982, 542

Serving Today

Crucifer: Claire Francis

Lay Reader: Omar Francis Eucharistic Minister: Yvonne Comeau

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

Organist: Kathy Shanklin Celebrant: Father Scott Russell

Christmas Appeal

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