



**The Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Sung Eucharist 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** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, vv 1-3*

*Hymnal 1982, 56*

**Opening Acclamation and Collect of Purity**

*BCP, 323*

***Kyrie Eleison***

*Hymnal 1982, S91*

**Collect:** 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 Isaiah** *(Please be seated)*

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

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

**Psalm 80:1-7; 16-18**

*Simplified Anglican Chant*

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a / **flock**; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the/ **cherubim**.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Man/asseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to/ **help us**.

3 Restore us, O God of/ **hosts**; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be/ **saved**.

4 O Lord God of/ **hosts**, \*  
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your/ **people**?

5 You have fed them with the bread of/ **tears**; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to/ **drink**.  
6 You have made us the derision of our/ **neighbors**, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to/ **scorn**.  
7 Restore us, O God of/ **hosts**; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be/ **saved**.  
16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right/ **hand**, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for your/ **self**.  
17 And so will we never turn away from/ **you**; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your/ **Name**.  
18 Restore us, O Lord God of/ **hosts**; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be/ **saved**.

### **A Reading from Romans**

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. The Word of the Lord/ *Thanks be to God*.

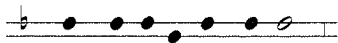
### **Gospel Acclamation** *(Please stand)*

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

**V/ A Virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called, Emmanuel.**

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### **The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew**



*Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.*

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had

resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

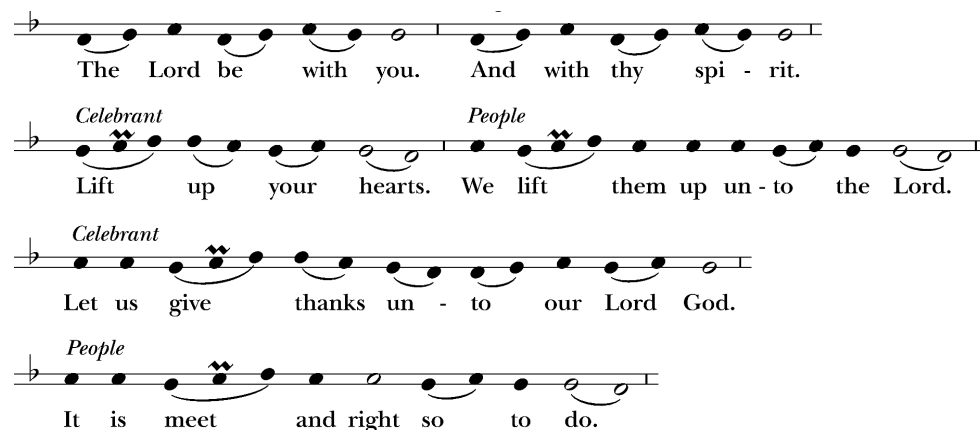
The Gospel of the Lord.   
*Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

**The Homily**

<b>The Nicene Creed</b> <i>(Please stand)</i>	<b>BCP, 326</b>
<b>The Prayers of the People</b>	<b>BCP, 328</b>
<b>The Confession of Sins and Absolution</b>	<b>BCP, 330</b>
<b>The Comfortable Words</b>	<b>BCP, 332</b>
<b>The Peace and Announcements</b>	
<b>Offertory Sentence</b>	
<b>Offertory Hymn</b> <i>The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came</i>	<b>Hymnal 1982, 265</b>

*Please stand to sing: Verse 1: All; Verse 2: Men; Verse 3: Women; Verse 4: All*

**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, 114**  
*(Kneel or Stand. The prayers continue in the Book of Common Prayer on page 334)*

**The Lord's Prayer**

*BCP, 336*

**The Fraction**

**Agnus Dei**

*Hymnal 1982, 158*

**The Prayer of Humble Access**

*BCP, 337*

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**

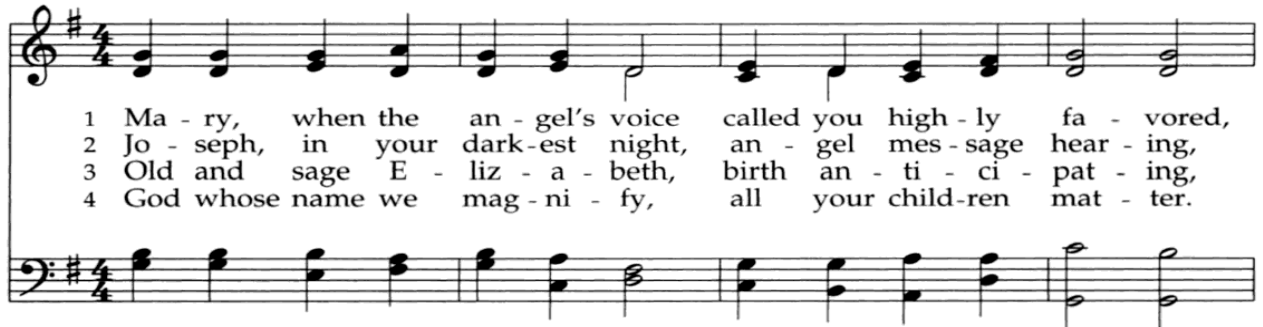
**Communion Hymns**

*Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love*

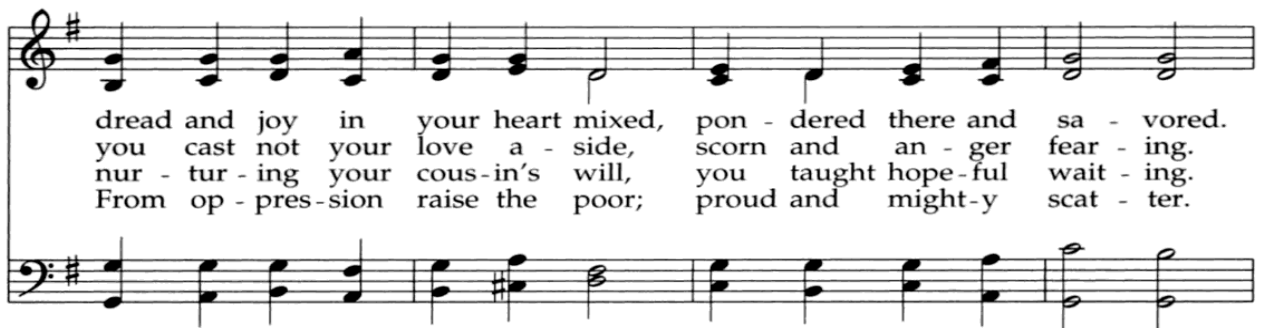
*Hymnal 1982, 252*

# Mary, when the angel's voice

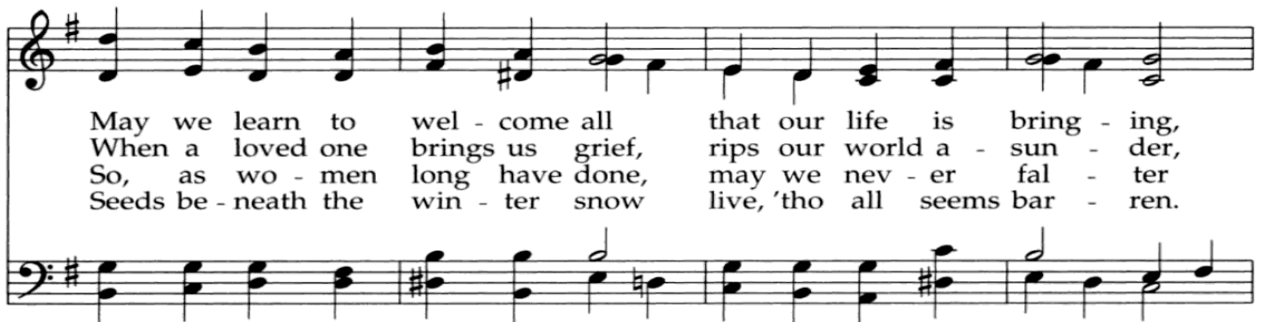
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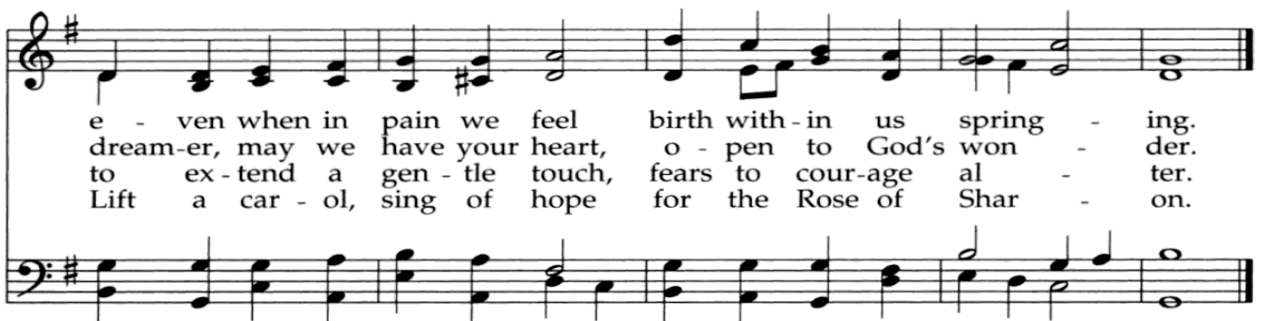
1 Ma - ry, when the an - gel's voice called you high - ly fa - vored,  
 2 Jo - seph, in your dark - est night, an - gel mes - sage hear - ing,  
 3 Old and sage E - liz - a - beth, birth an - ti - ci - pat - ing,  
 4 God whose name we mag - ni - fy, all your child - ren mat - ter.



dread and joy in your heart mixed, pon - dered there and sa - vored.  
 you cast not your love a - side, scorn and an - ger fear - ing.  
 nur - tur - ing your cous - in's will, you taught hope - ful wait - ing.  
 From op - pres - sion raise the poor; proud and might - y scat - ter.



May we learn to wel - come all that our life is bring - ing,  
 When a loved one brings us grief, rips our world a - sun - der,  
 So, as wo - men long have done, may we nev - er fal - ter  
 Seeds be - neath the win - ter snow live, 'tho all seems bar - ren.



e - ven when in pain we feel birth with - in us spring - ing.  
 dream - er, may we have your heart, o - pen to God's won - der.  
 to ex - tend a gen - tle touch, fears to cour - age al - ter.  
 Lift a car - ol, sing of hope for the Rose of Shar - on.

**Post Communion Prayer (*Please kneel or stand*)**

*BCP, 339*

**Blessing and Dismissal**

**Closing Hymn** *Lo! He Comes with Clouds vv. 1,3,4*

*Hymnal 1982, 57*

**Serving Today**

Thurifer: Michael Maloney Crucifer: Delaney Swain

Lay Reader: Carl Picazio Eucharistic Minister: Larry Ottenstroer

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

Organist: Kathy Shanklin Celebrant: Father Rob Laws

**Christmas Appeal**

Please remember St. Martin's in your Christmas giving. You can drop a check in the plate with Christmas in the memo, or you may make a contribution online on the parish website. Click the one time contribution banner, then choose Christmas in the drop dwn menu. Thank you for your generosity.

**Prayer Intentions**

- Juanita asks for prayers for Jeff Keates
- Jennifer Persson, who will be having surgery on her foot on 12/20
- Cindy Meyer's brother, David, was in a serious car accident and is now paralyzed from the waist down
- Laura Butrico asks for prayers for Christine Pudimott and Cristina Butrico
- From Maureen Prendergast: For strength and peace of heart for her daughter Katelyn who is grieving the loss of her father
- Marilyn's grandson, Ian, and a dear friend, Mary
- Yvonne Comeau's aunt, Pat Sailer, has many health issues.
- Healing prayers for Karen Bockus
- Audrey, Bill Valiant's wife
- Bill Valiant
- Bonnie Whalen requested prayers for her 28 yr old grandson.
- Linda Virtue
- Chris Semanchik
- Mary Irwin
- Kelly Slye asks prayers for Clara and Patrick

