



The Third Sunday of Advent
Sung Eucharist Rite One + 8:15 AM & 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 1,2,4,8*

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 2 Samuel *(Please be seated)*

When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you." But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever. The Word of the Lord/ *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 89:1-4; 19-26

Simplified Anglican Chant

1 Your love, O Lord, forever will I **sing**; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your **faithfulness**.
2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for **ever**; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the **heavens**.

3 “I have made a covenant with my **chosen one**; *
I have sworn an oath to David my **servant**:
4 ‘I will establish your line for **ever**, *
and preserve your throne for all gene/**rations**.’”

19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful **people**: *
“I have set the crown upon a warrior and have exalted one chosen out of the **people**.
20 I have found David my **servant**; *
with my holy oil have I a/**nointed him**.

21 My hand will hold him **fast** *
and my arm will make him strong.

22 No enemy shall deceive him, *
nor any wicked man bring him **down**.
23 I will crush his foes be/**fore him** *
and strike down those who **hate him**.

24 My faithfulness and love shall be **with him**, *
and he shall be victorious through my **Name**.
25 I shall make his dominion ex/**tend** *
from the Great Sea to the **River**.

26 He will say to **me**, ‘You are my **Father**, *
my **God**, and the rock of my sal/**vation**.

A Reading from Romans

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen. The Word of the Lord/ *Thanks be to God.*

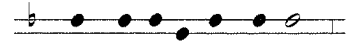
Gospel Acclamation *(Please stand)*

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 Luke



Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Homily

The Nicene Creed *(Please stand)*

The Prayers of the People

The Confession of Sins and Absolution

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The Peace and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn *Soon and Very Soon*

LEVASII, 14

Soon and very soon we are going to see the king
Soon and very soon we are going to see the king
Soon and very soon we are going to see the king
Hallelujah hallelujah We are going to see the king

No more crying there...

No more dying there...

Soon and very soon...

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

Mary Heard the Angel's Message (Choir)
Savior of the Nations Come

Voices Found, 4
Hymnal 1982, 54

Post Communion Prayer (Please kneel or stand)

BCP, 339

Prayer for Peace

Merciful God, Father of All: we join our prayers to those of the people throughout the world who are trapped in war zones, who look to the heavens for peace and protection during this time of violence and oppression. We pray for the families, especially, the children living through the horrors of war and all the upheaval and tribulation it brings. We pray for the repose of those who have died. We ask for your mercy: that peace would be restored, that wars would cease, that the hearts and minds of those who have chosen the path of destruction may be transformed by your grace, and that all peoples may live freely in unity and tranquility. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our hope in times of trouble. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

Closing Hymn *Lo! He Comes with Clouds vv. 1,2,4*

Hymnal 1982, 57

Serving Today

Thurifer: Michael Maloney Crucifer: Andrew Slye

Lay Reader: Carl Picazio Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Picazio

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 down menu. Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Worship

Sunday Dec 24 Morning Prayer, Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:15 am

Children's Pageant with Holy Communion 4:00 pm

Sung Mass: Festival Mass of Christmas 9:00 pm (incense)

Monday Dec 25 Low Mass for Christmas Day 10:00 am (no incense)

Sunday Dec 31 Lessons and Carols with Communion 10:30 am

Only one service on Sunday Dec 31

Sunday January 07 Feast of the Epiphany 8:15 am and 10:30 pm

We would love to keep the nativity scenes on display throughout the entire Christmas Season. We will keep the main parish nativity scene until after Candlemas, but you may take your nativity scenes home after the Epiphany Masses. Thank you.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

The church has been singing this beautiful Advent hymn since the 7th century. It is a metrical version of the *O Antiphons* which are added to the *Magnificat* at Evening Prayer from December 17-December 23. These antiphons are a magnificent theology that uses ancient biblical imagery drawn from the messianic hopes of the Old Testament to proclaim the coming Christ as the fulfillment not only of Old Testament hopes, but present ones as well. Their repeated use of the imperative "Come!" embodies the longing of all for the Divine Messiah.

The first word in each Antiphon (in Latin) forms an acrostic, which when read backwards reads: *Ero cras*- tomorrow, I will be there.

December 17

O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love:
come to teach us the path of knowledge!

December 18

O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
come to rescue us with your mighty power!

December 19

O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people:
come to save us without delay!

December 20

O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:
come and free the prisoners of darkness!

December 21

O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice:
come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the
shadow of death.

December 22

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:
come and save man, whom you formed from the dust!

December 23

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God!

