

# The Second Sunday of Advent

## Sung Eucharist + 10:30 AM

St. Martin of Tours Episcopal Church  
Bridgewater NJ



Opening Hymn *There's a Voice in the Wilderness Calling*

Blue Hymnal 75

Priest: Bless the Lord who forgives our sins. *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.

¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria\_\_\_ en - las al - tu - ras a Dios!  
Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry,\_\_\_ glo - ry to God\_\_\_ on high

y en la tie - rra paz pa-ra a-qué-llos\_\_\_ que a-ma el Se - ñor.\_\_\_\_\_  
and on earth peace to all peo-ple in whom God is well pleased.

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 Baruch**

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him. The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### **Canticle: The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus (Simplified Anglican Chant)***

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 his 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 beginning, is **now**, and will be for ever. **A-men**.

## **A Reading from 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)*

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 Luke**

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)*

*BCP, 358*

## **The Prayers of the People**

In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, kindle within us the desire to remain on guard; that we might be ready for your coming, and eager to pray.

O God, the days are surely coming when all your promises will be fulfilled to your faithful children. We pray for the Church scattered throughout the world, that we might fulfill our promises to you, and be forgiven for all our failures.

*Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.*

In your time, O Lord, a righteous branch sprang up and you brought justice and righteousness in every land. We pray for our nation, and all nations, that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth.

*Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.*

In your Kingdom, O Lord, you bring your people safety and comfort. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind, especially Evelyn, Michael, Brent M, Anna Rose, Joe, Jeff K.Pat, Brian, Pete, Laura, Amy; that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs.

*Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.*

Your great works of redemption, O God, span the ages. We pray for those who rejoice this week(as they celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries, that they might be filled with joy and gladness.

*Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.*

In the fullness of time, O God, you sent your son, to be born of our sister Mary. And his name was Emmanuel: God With Us. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love but see no longer. Embrace them as they grow from glory to glory in your love and light.

*Come Lord Jesus, and hear our prayer.*

***The Priest concludes the prayers, saying***

Come among us O God, and hear our prayers; so that when your Son Jesus comes among with great power and might, we might adore him as our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

## The Peace and Announcements

### Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn *Prepare the Way, O Zion*

*Blue Hymnal 65*

### Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below, gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Eucharistic Prayer

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'r and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy Son of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friend. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again he gave thanks to you, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
*Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with the Ever Blessed Virgin Mary, St Joseph her Spouse, St Martin of Tours, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

## The Fraction and Fraction Anthem Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sins of the world: \_\_\_\_\_ have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sins of the world: \_\_\_\_\_ grant us peace.

*slower*

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
Blessed are they who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

*Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,  
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

## Holy Communion Communion Hymn

*Refrain*  
Dm Gm Am9 Dm

Guide us to the joy of your heart's ro - mance.

Bb Gm Am9 Dm *Fine*

Lead us as we join your lilt - ing dance.

*Verses*  
Dm G Em7b5 Dm/A A7 Dm

1 God of flow-ing light, gleam-ing gold - en ray,  
2 God of flow-ing streams, moist dis - till - ing dew,  
3 God of flow-ing flame, fierce re - fin - er's fire,  
4 God of flow-ing breath, liv - ing wind that frees,  
5 God of flow-ing grace, ho - ly love im - parts

Bb F Em7b5 A7 *D.C. al Fine*

wheel-ing host at night, daz - zling sun by day:  
source of green-ing dreams, life made fresh and new:  
burn - ing to re - claim pas - sion's pure de - sire:  
soar - ing o - ver death, puls-ing spir - it's breeze:  
to your arms' em - brace, rap - tured, yield-ing hearts:

***Once He Came In Blessing***

**Blue Hymnal, 53**

**Post Communion Prayer**

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



**Blessing and Dismissal**  
**Closing Hymn**

*Come Thou, Long Expected Jesus*

*Blue Hymnal 66*

**Serving Today**

Crucifer: Alex Kellam Lay Reader: Anne Marie Verdiramo

Eucharistic Minister: Larry Ottenstroer Usher: Paul Todoroff

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

Organist: Kathy Shanklin Celebrant: Father Rob Laws

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Angel Tree** The Outreach Committee has put up an Angel Tree in the Undercroft on the bulletin board. Please see Kathy Shanklin if you have any questions.

**The Food Bank** is in great need of food items, paper goods, and toiletries for our neighbors in Somerset County. We especially want to focus on personal items and cleaning products, such as toothpaste, feminine products, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, etc. Cash and checks are also greatly appreciated. There is always a container on the stairs leading up to the choir loft where you can leave your donations.

**Recycle/Reuse** We are always collecting the following items:

Styrofoam

Unusable pens/markers/pencils

Kitchen items (no furniture)

Books. Any questions, please contact Kathy Shanklin.

**White Christmas at the Papermill**, followed by Dinner (coming in Dec.)

Please email Alison for more information.

**Wednesday Mass will resume on December 11** at 6 pm in the Lady Chapel.

**St. Nicholas Potluck Party TODAY** December 8 at 5 pm in the Undercroft.