

Advent 2020
November 29, 2020



St. Martin's Episcopal Church
Des Plaines, Illinois

**Welcome to all who worship with us today.
We are blessed by your presence.**

10:00 AM EUCHARIST WITH MUSIC: RITE II

PRELUDE *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* J.G. Walther

PROCESSIONAL O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (Handbells)

(All stand as able)

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH ^

The Word of God

The people stand for the Acclamation.

Celebrant Blessed be our God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.*
Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE TRISAGION (*spoken 3x*)

Celebrant: Holy God,
Holy and mighty,
Holy immortal one,
People: **have mercy upon us.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

(The Celebrant says the Collect)

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

THE LESSONS (*All sit*)

The First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
⁵You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

- ¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- ²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- ³Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- ⁴O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- ⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- ⁶You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- ⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- ¹⁶Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- ¹⁷And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- ¹⁸Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA *The people stand.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL *(See Service Leaflet)*

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus said,] ²⁴“In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and
glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four
winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender
and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you
see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very
gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these
things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words
will not pass away.

³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven,
nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know
when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he
leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and
commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for
you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or
at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep
when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

After the Gospel, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON



THE NICENE CREED *(All stand as able)*

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

The Leader and People pray responsively. The People remain standing. At the conclusion of each petition, the leader says:

Leader: As we wait and watch, we pray...

People: Lord hear our prayer.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN *(kneel or stand)*

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God
and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

**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.

Celebrant:

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.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Peace Prayer Chain * by John Bell

Light looked down and saw the darkness.

I will go there', said light.

Peace looked down and saw war.

'I will go there', said peace.

Love looked down and saw hatred.

'I will go there', said love.

So he, the Lord of Light,

the Prince of Peace

the King of Love

came down and crept in beside us.

All: **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION ~ Eucharistic Prayer B

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The People remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary the Godbearer, Martin and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Celebrant and People

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

People ***have mercy on us.***

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

People ***have mercy on us.***

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

People ***grant us peace.***

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

For the safety of all, the Priest will come to you with the host.

Please hold your hands out to receive it. All are welcome. If you would prefer a blessing, please indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER (stand or kneel)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: God for whom we wait,
we thank you that you have fed us
with the bread of life and the cup of salvation.
As we joyfully await your Son,
keep us ever watchful
that we may be ready to stand before him
on the day of his coming. Amen.

BLESSING

Celebrant ...this day and always,
People Amen.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant ...Alleluia. Alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia

RECESSIONAL *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (refrain)*
(Handbells only)

**In the Season of Advent,
the service will end with silence.**



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^ Rev. Dr. Derek Weber; <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/articles/advent-candle-lighting-liturgy-2020>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LIST

Please hold the people on the list below in your prayers.

Nancy Modrow, Jane Goerss & Family, Amanda Vandervort, Connie Proctor, Michael McDonough, Esmie Dahlstrom, Becky Cippola, Noreen Coussens, Tom Beechey, Jeff Dowell, Kristen Alley & Chris, Robin Alley & Eric Cox, Anne Davis, Rita Tosto, Joan Cousineau, Gabby the dog, Heidi Partain, Gay Miezin, Paul House, Mark S., Bob Brunson, Julie and Emile Brya, Sue Krauser and Corey Reiser, Dee Gohil, Jerry Zak and those who grieve the recent death of loved ones.

For the members of the Des Plaines Chronic Pain Group

For the repose of the souls:

Dee Gohil

Tucker, the dog

Len Hauskey

and those we now name...

In Thanksgiving, we pray...

For the Life and Vitality of St. Martin's, especially the THRIVE campaign.

Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week

Katie & M.E. Eccles (30 years today!)

For all who are suffering because of natural disasters and human tragedies, especially for refugees, those affected by gun violence, systemic racism, and everyone impacted by the COVID-19 virus.

All Veterans, all American Troops, especially, Oriana & Richardson Naki, Steven Isaacks, William Revell, Mike Bozza, Ben Suecheck, Ryan Staats, Alex Smolik, Matt Olsen, and all American troops, those wounded in action, and all in harm's way.

ADVENT OFFERINGS:

- + see separate PDF on our website for various ways to observe Advent
- + **Compline** (Contemporary) – [Wednesdays @ 9:00 pm](#) (12/2, 12/9, 12/16, 12/23) on Zoom & FB
- + **Compline** (Traditional) – [Saturdays @ 9:00 pm](#) (12/5, 12/12, 12/19) on Zoom & FB

SAVE THESE DATES:

Saturday, December 5 @ 4:00 pm -CELEBRATE BISHOP LEE!

Zoom send-off_– Farewell Celebrating Bishop Jeffrey D. Lee

further info from Christopher Powell – contact him:

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Saturday, December 12 - Bishop Electing Convention (virtual mtg.)

Thursday, December 17 – Blue Christmas @ 7:00 pm

Sunday, December 20 – Blue Christmas @ 2:00 pm



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All are welcome
and fed with the love of God
pets too!

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