

# **The First Sunday of Advent**



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**November 28, 2021    Rite II**

**St. Martin's Episcopal Church**  
Des Plaines, Illinois



# 10:00 AM EUCHARIST WITH MUSIC: RITE II

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

*In the interest of creating a peaceful and prayerful space for worship,  
please refrain from conversation within the sanctuary 10 minutes before  
and after the service.*

*Please silence your cell phone during the service as a sign of respect for  
God and the rest of our worshipping community.*

**PRELUDE** *'Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus'* Lani Smith

**PROCESSIONAL** *'Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus'* H66  
NOT sung

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art:  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)  
This selection is in the public domain.

*(All stand as able)*

# 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 to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your 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 living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*People*            **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS (*All sit*)

### The First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

<sup>14</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

### The Psalm: Psalm 25:1-9

<sup>1</sup>To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*

let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>2</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

<sup>3</sup>Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.

<sup>4</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*

for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.

<sup>5</sup>Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.

<sup>6</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

<sup>7</sup>Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

<sup>8</sup>He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.

<sup>9</sup>All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

### **The Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

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

<sup>9</sup>How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. <sup>13</sup>And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

*Reader*                      The Word of the Lord.

*People*                        **Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA** *The people stand.*

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>25</sup>“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. <sup>26</sup>People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

<sup>29</sup>Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; <sup>30</sup>as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>34</sup>“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, <sup>35</sup>like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

*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*            O come, o come, Emmanuel;  
*People*            *Be our hope and our salvation.*

## 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 / OFFERTORY SENTENCE

### DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,**

**Praise Him all creatures here below,**

**Praise Her above the heavenly host,**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**Amen.**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION ~ Eucharistic Prayer B

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*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.**

### *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...

### *Proper Preface*

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

*Instructions for distribution will be given at the announcements; please follow the Usher's instructions. Please hold your hands out to receive the bread. If you would prefer a blessing, please indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest.  
All are welcome.*

## 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.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel' H56**  
**(see next page)**

# DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* ...Alleluia. Alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia

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



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## ‘O Come, O Come Emmanuel

H-56 (vss. 1-2)



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - jice! Re - jice!  
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRAYER LIST

Nancy Modrow, Jane Goerss & Family, Amanda Vandervort, Ken Fringer, Connie Proctor, Becky Cippola, Tom Beechey, Kristen Alley & Chris, Robin Alley, Eric Cox & Carter, Ann Davis, Gabby the dog, Heidi Partain, Gay Miezen, Dennis Fornoff, Ellie Pendergast, Mark Savage, Dn. Dan Hughes, Irene Stone, Eloise Rasmussen, Liam & family, Brittany House, Timothy Miller

### **The Repose of the Souls...**

**Andrew McLean**

And those we now name...

*All who are suffering* because of recent natural disasters; as well as human tragedies, especially for refugees, those affected by gun violence, systemic racism, and everyone impacted by the COVID-19 virus.

*All Veterans;* for 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...**and those we now name**

**In Thanksgiving, we pray...** For those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

**All persons in the St. Martin's buildings are required to mask until further notice.**

**Please return your *Every Perfect Gift Estimate of Giving Card* to the office ASAP. Extra cards are on the usher's table in the Narthex.**

**Rev. M.E. will be on vacation** from Thursday 11.25 through Tuesday, 11.30. In case of an emergency, please call the office or Senior Warden Sue Krauser.

**Reverse Advent Calendar & Bags have returned! Pick some up TODAY! A list of needed items is attached to the bag.**



**ADVENT SERIES THEME - CLOSE TO HOME\***

**Starting on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**at 6:30p.m.**

Lectio Divina Advent Series

A combination of listening to scripture readings, contemplating art and conversing about the intersectionality with our lives. God willing and technology cooperating, the series will be hybrid – a limited number of folks can gather in Strauss-Betker Parish Hall who will be incorporated into Zoom for those who want to participate, but not in-person.

Thursdays at 6:30 pm  
both in-person and on Zoom  
12/02, 12/09, 12/16, 12.23

\*A Sanctified Art ([www.sanctifiedart.org](http://www.sanctifiedart.org))

**IN-PERSON COFFEE HOUR**

In-Person Coffee Hour - we need your help with easy set-up and clean up – Hosts needed for **December**. **Sign up on the sheet in SB Hall.**

**HELP IS NEEDED ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30**, to stamp and place address labels onto 400+ postcards. The office is open from 10a.m. - 5p.m. Please email to let us know you are available to help. [saintmartinschurch1095@gmail.com](mailto:saintmartinschurch1095@gmail.com) **Thank you! Kathy**



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

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