



St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church  
Keller, Texas

The Holy Eucharist  
The First Sunday of Advent  
November 29, 2020

Welcome! If you are new to St. Martin's please drop us a line to let us know a little more about you and your household so we can find ways to include you in our life together. We hope this service of worship will be a source of strength and inspiration for your spiritual journey.

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**PRELUDE**

*Savior of the Nations, Come*

D. Buxtehude (1637-1707)

**WELCOME**

**THE GREAT "O" ANTIPHONS IN PROCESSION**

Antiphon 1 O EMMANUEL, our King and Lawgiver, the Expected of the nations and their Savior:  
**Come and save us, O Lord our God.**

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Antiphon 2 O WISDOM, who came forth from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end,  
and ordering all things mightily and sweetly: **Come and teach us the way of  
prudence.**

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
who orderest all things mightily;  
to us the path of knowledge show,  
and teach us in her ways to go.

*Refrain* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Antiphon 3 O ADONAI and Leader of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the flames of the  
bush and gave him the law on Sinai: **Come, and with your outstretched arm  
redeem us.**

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,  
who to thy tribes on Sinai's heights  
in ancient times didst give the law,  
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

*Refrain* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Antiphon 4 O ROOT OF JESSE, who stand for an ensign of the people, before whom kings shall keep silence and to whom the Gentiles shall make their supplication: **Come and deliver us and tarry not.**

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree,  
free them from Satan's tyranny  
that trust thy mighty power to save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave.

*Refrain* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Antiphon 5 O KEY OF DAVID and Scepter of the house of Israel, who opens and no one shuts, who shuts and no one opens: **Come, and bring forth from prison the captive who sits in darkness and in the shadow of death.**

O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close he path to misery.

*Refrain* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Antiphon 6 O DAYSPRING, Brightness of the light eternal and Sun of justice: **Come, and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.**

O come, thou Dayspring from on high,  
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadow put to flight.

*Refrain* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Antiphon 7 O KING OF THE GENTILES and their Desired One, Cornerstone that makes both one: **Come, and deliver us whom you formed out of the dust of the earth.**

O come, Desire of nations, bind  
in one the hearts of humankind;  
bid thou our sad divisions cease,  
and be thyself our King of Peace.

*Refrain* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

#### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, holy and living God.  
*People* **You come to your people and set them free.**

#### 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.**

#### KYRIE

*Responsively*

Lord, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
Lord, have mercy.

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*Macie and Eric Wendland will light the Advent Wreath today.*

*Celebrant*

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. We light the candle of hope, recalling the hope we have in Christ, for whom we remain alert as we watch and wait for his return.

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Page 211, Book of Common Prayer

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.**

### A READING FROM ISAIAH

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--  
as 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!  
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
From 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.  
You 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.  
We 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.  
There 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.  
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,  
and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

- 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 Manasseh, \*  
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 yourself.
- 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 FIRST CORINTHIANS**

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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

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

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

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 13:24-37

*Before the Gospel*

*Deacon*        The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People*        **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light,  
and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then 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.

“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. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It 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. Therefore, 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, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

### *After the Gospel*

*Deacon*        The Gospel of Christ.  
*People*        **Praise to you, O Christ**

### **SERMON**

The Very Reverend Ronald D. Pogue  
Interim Rector

*A period of silent reflection follows the Sermon*

### **THE NICENE CREED**

Page 358, Book of Common Prayer

### *Celebrant and People*

**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.**

**PRAYER FOR THE RECTOR SEARCH**

*Intercessor and People*

**Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on St. Martin's, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM IV**

Page 388, Book of Common Prayer

*You may use the "live chat" feature in YouTube to add your own petitions at this time.*

*Intercessor*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world saying, God in your goodness, Hear our prayer.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray especially for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Scott and Rayford, our Bishops; Ron, Ayo, Paula, Judy, Frank, and Diana, our clergy; Joe our Organist/Choirmaster; Liza our Children's Minister, and Jim our Assistant Music Director.

In our [Anglican Cycle of prayer](#) we pray for Pray for the Lusitanian Church (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury)

In our [Diocesan Cycle of Prayer](#) we pray for St. Patrick in Bowie, St. Andrew in Breckenridge and Ascension & St. Mark in Bridgeport.

*Silence*

God, in your goodness

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

God, in your goodness

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

God, in your goodness

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

We pray for those celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries this week: Rhonda, Kathleen, Tony, Shawn, Emilie, Barbara, Jordan, Eric, Brandy, Sol & Sue

We pray for those who are traveling:

We pray for those with employment concerns: Rick, Jeff, Janet, Rebecca, Mark, Aaron, Sarah, Collin, Chris, Cherie and all those who are out of work at this time.

We pray for those in the military: Ethan, Devin, Jonathan, Colin, Rachel, Mark, Jeremy, Patrick, Rich, Meagan, Stephen, Sheena, James, Edward, Brandon, Scott, Jim, Paul, Dylan, Dustin, Jason, John, Deion, Tanner, Benjamin, Timian, Will, John, James, Chris, Kip, Steve, Alex, Christopher, Christian and all soldiers and civilians in harm's way.

*Silence*

God, in your goodness  
**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray for those on the parish prayer list for healing or support: Shawn, Mary Jane, Jenny, Molly, Margaret, Ben, Ann, Ernie, Wayne, John, Brant, Jill, Barbara, Florence, Steve, John, Paul, Paula, Rick, Asami, Genevieve, Kory, Eddie, Shanna, James, Charla, Meesh, Elliot, Barbara, Laura, Nora, David and for all their family members and caregivers.

We pray for all whose lives are affected by the Coronavirus Pandemic, for healthcare personnel, for public health officials, for first responders, and for scientists seeking solutions.

*Silence*

God, in your goodness  
**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, [especially Bill] that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

God, in your goodness  
**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

**THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

*From Enriching Our Worship*

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

**ABSOLUTION**

**THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

**BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWL CREATIONS**

## OFFERTORY

Please take a few moments to offer yourself - your time, your talents, your gifts, and your service to God with a prayer that your offering may be pleasing in God's sight, spread God's love, and make a difference in God's world. You may text 817-270-6880 with an amount + GENERAL or PLEDGE to give or you may scan this QR code to give online, or [click HERE](#).



If you brought your estimate of giving card to the parking lot today, please place it in the offering plate. Those worshipping online may [click HERE](#) to complete your estimate of giving.



It has been long been customary at St. Martin's to distribute red envelopes in the pews each quarter to support the ministry of 4Saints Food Pantry. Since we are not able to gather in person, the Outreach Commission invites worshipers to use this online method of giving for 4Saints Food Pantry.

### OFFERTORY HYMN 57

*Lo, He Comes, With Clouds Descending*

HELMSLEY



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his  
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at  
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less  
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -  
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!





Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: *Helmsley*, melody Augustine Arne (1710-1778); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt.

### **HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION 380 ST. 3**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*From Enriching Our Worship*

*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 our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,  
source of life abundant.  
From before time you made ready the creation.  
Your Spirit moved over the deep  
and brought all things into being:  
sun, moon, and stars;  
earth, winds, and waters;  
and every living thing.  
You made us in your image,  
and taught us to walk in your ways.  
But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away;  
and yet, as a mother cares for her children,  
you would not forget us.  
Time and again you called us  
to live in the fullness of your love.  
And so this day we join with Saints and Angels  
in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity,  
lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

*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 Celebrant continues*

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 child 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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it;  
and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel  
containing the wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us,  
Jesus was at table with his friends.  
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.”

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 Martin 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

*Celebrant*

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

*All*

**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* This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.  
*People* **Whoever eats this bread will live for ever.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*After those at the Altar have received the Sacrament, they will proceed to the Parking Lot to serve those in their vehicles. The driver of each vehicle will take what is needed and serve other inside the vehicle. After you have received, please retain the empty vessels until you exit the Parking Lot, where Ushers will be collecting them so that they can be taken to the Sacristy.*

**MUSIC FOR COMMUNION** *Savior of the Nations, Come* [ornamented chorale] J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

## THE PRAYER OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*From Enriching Our Worship*

*Celebrant and People*

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

## THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE POSTLUDE

*Savior of the Nations, Come* [full organ]

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

## Leaders in Today's Liturgy

The Very Rev. Ronald D. Pogue  
Interim Rector

Chuck Ambrose  
Video Producer

The Rev. Ayo Omoniyi and  
The Rev. Paula Jefferson  
Deacons

Macie, Eric, Eden & Noah Wendland  
Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Macie and Eric Wendland  
Lectors

DJ Mitchell and Keen Haynes  
Ushers

Deneice Wood  
Intercessor

DJ Mitchell  
Vestry Person in Charge

Dr. Joseph Henry  
Organist/Choirmaster

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