



First Sunday of Advent: Year A

The Holy Eucharist
November 30, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Preacher:
The Rev. Grace M. Rigby

Celebrant:
The Rev. Lauren R. Holder



**St. Martin's
in-the-Field**
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Welcome to St. Martin's-in-the-Field Episcopal Church

*Our worship services are taken from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP);
all are invited to participate fully in our worship of God this morning.*

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*Our worship services are taken from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), Enriching Our Worship, The Hymnal 1982 (H) and Lift Every Voice and Sing II (L). We invite you to participate fully in our worship service, by both singing joyfully and with spoken responses which appear in **bold**. We livestream our 10:00 a.m. service*

CELEBRATION OF HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II - 10:00 A.M.

PRELUDE: *A Lovely Rose is Blooming*

Johannes Brahms

WELCOME

All stand and sing.

OPENING HYMN: *Come, thou long expected Jesus*

H 66

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God. **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

HS 88

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you. **And also with you.** 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.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk.

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

PSALM 22

Please pray responsively by whole verse.

- ¹ I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."
- ² **Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.**
- ³ Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself;
- ⁴ **To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.**
- ⁵ For there are the thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David.
- ⁶ **Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.**
- ⁷ Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers.
- ⁸ **For my brethren and companions' sake, I pray for your prosperity.**
- ⁹ Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek to do you good."

SECOND READING

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

As we sing the Sequence Hymn, children who wish to attend Children's Chapel are invited to gather in the back of the church with the Children's Chapel adult leaders. Children's Chapel is located in the music room. The children will return during the Peace.

All stand and sing.

SEQUENCE HYMN: *O come, O come, Emmanuel*

H 56, v. 1 & 2

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 24:36-44

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

SERMON

The Rev. Grace M. Rigby

NICENE CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE— FORM IV

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In our parish family prayers are requested for: Gail, Kathy, Brett, Katie, Lew, Karen, Suzanne, Lisa, Greg, Bruce, David, Joey, Michele, Kerry, Carter, Amalia, Edmund, Kip, Wilma, Merla, Mike, the Carman family, Kevin, Sarah, Jared, Bill, Jax, Brody, Matt, and Kyle.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

THE PEACE

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GIVING

The Offertory is when we make a sacred gift to God as part of our worship. You can leave a donation in the plate being passed by the ushers or give online by scanning the QR code or via our website at <https://stmartinsinthefield.com/giving/> Thank you for your generous giving to the mission and ministry of St. Martin's-in-the-Field.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Savior of the Nations, Come*

David Bridges and Carol Poston

All stand and sing.

PRESENTATION HYMN: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation*

H 390, v. 3

**Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;
ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

All sing.

FRACTION ANTHEM: *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

H 324, v. 1

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.**

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The Congregation joins in the singing of the Communion Hymns.

COMMUNION HYMNS: *Rejoice! Rejoice, believers*

H 68

"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us

H 61

SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

ADVENT BLESSING

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

All sing.

CLOSING HYMN: *Lo! He comes, with clouds descending*

H 57

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

After the dismissal, you may remain seated for the postlude or exit to the Narthex.

POSTLUDE: *Sleepers, Wake! A Voice is Calling*

Johann Sebastian Bach

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We welcome and thank today's guest organist, Francis Rittermann.

Francis X. Rittermann is Music Director Emeritus of Christ Episcopal Church, Columbia, having served as organist and choir director for seven years. He has been a life long church musician and member of the Baltimore Chapter of the Guild of Organists. He is a retired CPA, having held positions in finance, including chief financial officer, throughout his career. He is married with three children and seven grandchildren.

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