



ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH

To seek God, and be Christ's body in the world

December 16, 2018—8:00 a.m. (Rite I) and 10:00 a.m. (Rite II)

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 AM—Rite I

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Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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10:00 AM—Rite II

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE:

Watchman, Tell us of the Night

Lyndell Leatherman

OPENING HYMN: The 1982 Hymnal #59 "*Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding*" *Merton*

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Celebrant: In this blessed season of Advent and holy expectation, we remember the words of the great prophet Daniel, "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and

sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed ” (Daniel 7:13-14)

People: Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

HYMN: The 1982 Hymnal #56 (vs 1, 6) *“O come, O come, Emmanuel”*

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Celebrant: We pause and remember that the Lord for whom we wait has come once, is now with us, and will come again. Praise to you, O Lord our God. We praise you for your Son, Jesus the Christ; he is our Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. He is the Wonder Counselor, the Prince of Peace, the Lord of lords and the King of kings. May the lighted candles of the Advent wreath be a sign of Christ’s promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay! **People: Amen.**

KYRIE: The 1982 Hymnal (front section) #S-96

Franz Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Celebrant: Let us pray. Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen**

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people. **People: Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE: Cantic 9—The First Song of Isaiah—Isaiah 12:2-6 (alternate verses)

Reader: Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.

People: For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

Reader: Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.

People: And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Reader: Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

People: Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world.

Reader: Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

People: 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. Amen.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. *People: Thanks be to God.*

Please stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN: The 1982 Hymnal #68 (vs 1-2) "Rejoice! rejoice, believers" Llangloffan
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

GOSPEL: Luke 3:7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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

REPRISE HYMN: The 1982 Hymnal #68 (vs 3) "Rejoice! rejoice, believers" Llangloffan

Please be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Chris Bishop

THE APOSTLES' CREED *(said by all)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please stand or kneel.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader: Almighty and Ever-present God, who made yourself manifest in the form of a helpless infant, we give you thanks for this Holy season of Advent. Be present with us as we prepare to receive your coming amongst us. Excite in our minds a wonder to seek your wisdom. Ignite in our hearts a fire for justice. Quicken in our bodies a hunger to bring word of your love to all we meet. Bless your church as we gather to await the day of your coming.

People: Come quickly, Lord Jesus

Reader: Glorious God, thank you for coming among us in order that your grace and mercy may be ever accessible, and for the love that you have imbued into our hearts through your own Holy Spirit. Thank you for revealing yourself to all People and all nations through your blessed child, sent to teach us how to walk in new life, so that we may experience the fullness of your blessing and be a blessing to the world around us.

People: *Come quickly, Lord Jesus*

Reader: Please be present with us in the lonely places, in the wilderness where we stand forlorn, windswept and alone. Be tender with us in the dark places, in the shadows where we hide our fears. In places of war, help us bring peace. In places of hunger, help us bring food. In places of disease, help us bring the wellsprings of health. Heal the earth and all those whose lives are touched by environmental devastation. Embrace our tears and help us to hear your voice calling out, preparing the way to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

People: *Come quickly, Lord Jesus*

Reader: You sent your son, Jesus, to reveal your compassion. We ask that you strengthen our hearts, so that through you we may help uplift all those who are in need, or who are suffering grief or loss this day, including those in this community, especially Kay, Julie, Dolly, Renee, Kenneth, Rita, Shirley, Mike, Cloudy, Myrtie, John, Terry, Kendall, Barbara, Bob, Lee, and Dallas. *(People are invited to add their own petitions.)*

People: *Come quickly, Lord Jesus*

Reader: We commend to you all who have died, that they may rest with you in your eternal love, especially Edward, Alice, Emily, and Herbert.

People: *Come quickly, Lord Jesus*

Reader: We pray for our friends at Christ Church, Ithan and their ministries and priest, Fr. John Sosnowski. In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the St. James School. In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, Bishop Michael Lewis and Archdeacon Bill Schwartz. We ask blessings and prayers for St. George's Episcopal Church in Baghdad and its Curate Fr. Faiz Jerjes.

People: *Come quickly, Lord Jesus*

Reader: God of hope and promise, be with us throughout this Advent season, help us to pray and draw ever closer as we journey together toward the humble stable, and the glorious birth of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

People: *Amen*

Celebrant: For these and for the prayers of our hearts that you alone know, and for all blessings, we give you thanks, eternal, loving God, through Jesus Christ.

People: *Amen.*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Celebrant: Let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord in confession, beginning with a moment of silent reflection.

Please kneel as you are able.

CONFESSIO *(said by all)*

(Book of Common Prayer)

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.

ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **People:** *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *“Rejoice Greatly, O Daughter of Zion”*

from Messiah by G.F. Handel; Liz Oliver, soloist

PRESENTATION HYMN: The 1982 Hymnal #66 (vs 1) *“Come, thou long-expected Jesus”* Stuttgart

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship Eucharistic Prayer 2

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...

SANCTUS: The 1982 Hymnal (front section) #S-130 *“Holy, holy, holy Lord”* Franz Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Celebrant: 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. 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 St. 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.**

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

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *People:* *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

INVITATION

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION

All those who hunger for God are welcome to come forward for the bread and the wine, or a blessing.

COMMUNION MUSIC: *Still, Still, Still* James Mansfield

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (Church of Ireland)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People: *O Lord our God, we thank you for feeding us in the sacred mystery of your Christ’s body and blood. Lord, 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

Celebrant: May Christ, as he comes, deliver you from your guilt, anxiety and resentment. May Christ be our new beginning, the hope and salvation of the world. May Christ the sun of righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN: LEVAS #61 *“The Right Hand of God”* Noel Dexter

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!*

POSTLUDE: Voluntary on *“Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”* Grimoaldo Macchia

WELCOME — Thank you for worshipping with us today! — **WELCOME**

Dear visitors, be sure to sign our guest book and fill out our welcome card in the church and give it to one of the ushers. We’d love to get to know you better, so please consider joining us for coffee hour after this service.

May God’s love fill you as you begin a new week!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

<p>4:00 PM Rite II Holy Eucharist & Christmas Pageant</p>	<p>8:00 PM Rite II Holy Eucharist</p>
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

11:00 AM
Rite II Holy Eucharist

WE PRAY TODAY

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Daniel our Bishop; for Chris our Rector; for Donald, our President; for Tom, our Governor and for all who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially Kay, Julie, Dolly, Renee, Kenneth, Rita, Shirley, Mike, Cloudy, Myrtie, John, Terry, Kendall, Barbara, Bob, Lee, and Dallas.

WE GIVE THANKS

For all those celebrating birthdays this month, especially *Cullen Trout and Robin Thomas.*

WE ACKNOWLEDGE

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of those who have died, especially *Edward and Alice Buckley and Emily and Herbert Henderson.*

SMC CALENDAR

Sunday, December 16—ADVENT 3

7:45am-10:30am Christmas Dinner Drive
8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00am Choir Rehearsal
9:30am Nursery opens
10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:15am Congregational Listen Session & Vestry Meeting to follow

Tuesday, December 18

3:00pm Global Mission Meeting
6:30pm Yoga Class

Wednesday, December 19

12:15pm Holy Eucharist
7:00pm AA St. Martin's Church
7:00pm Bible Study @ SMC

Friday, December 21

10:00am Women's AA @ SMC

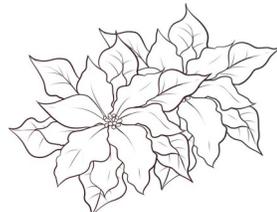
Sunday, December 23—ADVENT 4

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00am Choir Rehearsal
9:30am Nursery opens
10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:15am Greening of the Church



PLEDGE CARDS—Thank you to those parishioners who returned their pledge cards. If you have not returned your pledge card, then please give prayerful consideration to making a pledge and return your card as soon as possible.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS—Dedicating altar flowers in the name of a loved one for Christmas is a simple process. Please contact Joyce Lundquist (rr298@aol.com or 484-318-8638) or the church office (admin@stmartinsradnor.org or 610-688-4830) by Wednesday, 12/19, for details on how to dedicate a flower memorial.



SERVING TODAY

8:00am—

Usher: McLeod Gwynette
Reader/Chalice/Acolyte: Marie Reilly

10:00am—

Usher: Fran Pettit
Reader/Chalice/Acolyte: Matt Wynn
Music: Emily Watkins, Jeaneane Chisolme, and the SMC Choir
Altar Guild A: Chris Delaney, Myrtie Musetti, Nini Reinhardt
Flowers: Chris Delaney
Coffee Hour Hosts: Bev & Sandy Reinhardt

THIS WEEK AT BOLINGBROKE

Monday, 12/17— 10am: OEA Meeting
8pm: Counterparts Singers

Please come back or stay today for a **CONGREGATIONAL LISTENING SESSION** with Fr. Chris during the coffee hour after the 10:00 a.m. service. Everyone is invited to bring their questions, thoughts, concerns and hopes about the draft covenant with Christ Church, Ithan. Having your questionnaires on hand would be helpful.

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Gaudete Sunday—The Third Sunday of Advent



The third Sunday of Advent in the Roman Catholic calendar of the church year. The term is derived from the Latin opening words of the introit antiphon, "Rejoice (Gaudete) in the Lord always." The theme of the day expresses the joy of anticipation at the approach of the Christmas celebration. This theme reflects a lightening of the tone of the traditional Advent observance. It was appropriate for the celebrant of the Mass to wear rose-colored vestments on this day instead of the deeper violet vestments that were typically used in Advent. This Sunday was also known as "Rose Sunday." This custom is not required in the Episcopal Church, but it is observed by some parishes with a traditional Anglo-catholic piety. This custom is reflected by the practice of including a pink or rose-colored candle among the four candles of an Advent wreath.

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/glossary/gaudete-sunday>

Joy
He has sent me to bring
glad tidings to the poor.

- Isaiah 60:1