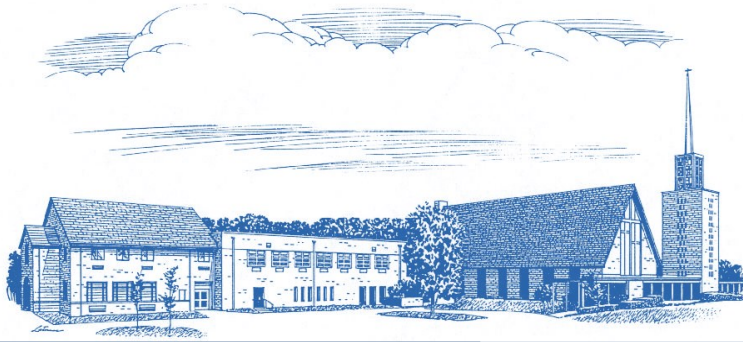


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FESTIVAL SERVICE & THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2020

SAINT MARTIN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE 2020

PRELUDE

Brass Ensemble

OPENING HYMN

O Come All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
3. Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus to thee ... be ... glo - ry giv'n!

come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels: O
Glo - ry to God ... In ... the ... high - est: O
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing: O

come, let us a - dore him, O come let us a - dore him, O

come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor Good news and great joy to all the world: today our savior is born in Bethlehem. O come let us adore him! The Grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

Congregation Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

GLORIA

The congregation is invited to ring a bell when singing "Gloria in excelsis Deo"

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

Refrain
Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo -

ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; wherewith you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

Congregation Amen.

▪ SERVICE OF THE WORD ▪

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 9:2-7

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined. ³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. ⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. ⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. ⁶For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

After the Reading

Lector Here ends the lesson.

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

"Away in a Manger"

CRADLE SONG

St. Martin's 3rd Grade Class

THE SECOND LESSON

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

After the Reading

Lector Here ends the lesson.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

SUSSEX CAROL

1 On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to hear the news the
an-gels bring. On Christ-mas night all Chris-tians sing to
hear the news the an-gels bring: news of great joy, news of great
mirth, news of our mer-ci-ful king's birth.

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 2:1-20

Pastor The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Saint Luke, the second chapter.

Congregation **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. ⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" ¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

After the Reading:

Pastor The Gospel of The Lord.

Congregation **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE HOMILY

Pastor Dave

SOLO

"O Holy Night"

Adolphe Adam

Meghan McGinty, *mezzo-soprano*

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

ANTIOCH

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1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king;
 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
 late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,

with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain

Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

After each petition the Assisting Minister will lead the response:

Assisting Minister Lord, in your mercy.
 Congregation **Hear our prayer.**
 Pastor ...in the name of Jesus Christ.
 Congregation **Amen.**

▪ **SERVICE OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST** ▪

THE OFFERTORY

During this time, we invite everyone to participate in the offering. You may give electronically or by way of US Mail. Your gift is used to fund our day-to-day operational budget, our missions, and for the care of those in need.

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Thank you for your support!

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Christmas Concerto” - IV & V

Arcangelo Corelli

Nicholas Drumm, *violin*

Emilee Drumm, *viola*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS

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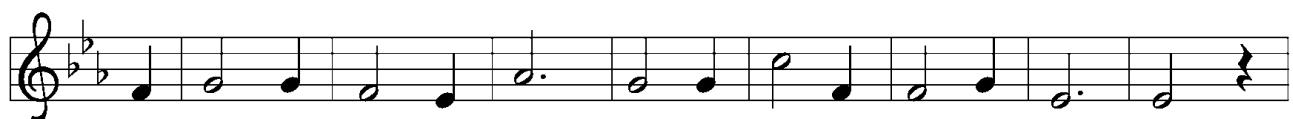
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, 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."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 AGNUS DEI

ELW Setting No. 4

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in His grace.
Congregation Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ our Savior.
Congregation Amen.

Hymn

Silent Night, Holy Night

STILLE NACHT

Stil - le *Nacht,* *hei - li - ge* *Nacht!* *Al - les* *schläft,*
1 *Si - lent* *night,* *ho - ly* *night!* *All* *is* *calm,*
2 *Si - lent* *night,* *ho - ly* *night!* *Shep - herds* *quake*
3 *Si - lent* *night,* *ho - ly* *night!* *Son* *of* *God,*

ein - sam *wacht* *nur* *das* *trau - te,* *hoch - hei - li - ge* *Paar.*
all *is* *bright* *round* *yon* *vir - gin* *moth - er* *and* *child.*
at *the* *sight;* *glo - ries* *stream* *from* *heav - en* *a - far,*
love's *pure* *light* *ra - diant* *beams* *from* *your* *ho - ly* *face,*

Hol - der *Kna - be* *im* *lok - ki - gen* *Haar,* *schlaf* *in* *himm - li - scher*
Ho - ly *In - fant,* *so* *ten - der* *and* *mild,* *sleep* *in* *heav - en - ly*
heav'n - ly *hosts . . .* *sing,* *al - le - lu - ia!* *Christ,* *the* *Sav - ior,* *is*
with *the* *dawn* *of* *re - deem - ing* *grace,* *Je - sus,* *Lord,* *at* *your*

Ruh, *schlaf* *in* *himm - li - scher* *Ruh.*
peace, *sleep* *in* *heav - en - ly* *peace.*
born! *Christ,* *the* *Sav - ior,* *is* *born!*
birth, *Je - sus,* *Lord,* *at* *your* *birth.*

***THE BLESSING & BENEDICTION**

Pastor May Almighty God, who sent Jesus to take our nature upon himself, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of holiness.

Congregation **Amen.**

Pastor May God, who sent the angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy and make you heralds of the Gospel.

Congregation **Amen.**

Pastor May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you the peace and favor of this holy feast.

Congregation **Amen.**

Pastor And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

Congregation **Amen.**

***RECESSIONAL HYMN**

Joy to the World

ANTIOCH

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THE DISMISSAL

Pastor Go in peace, Christ has come.

Congregation **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

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Altar Guild	Tom & Barb Freeman
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Christmas Flower Dedications



To the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our virtual service worship team.

Bob and Marianne Drumm

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In memory of our parents.

Earl and Carolyn Waesche

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Merry Christmas to our loved ones.

David and Patsy Mattingley

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In grateful appreciation to our St. Martin's friends who have reached out to us during these past several months.

Gene and Anna Marie Humphrey

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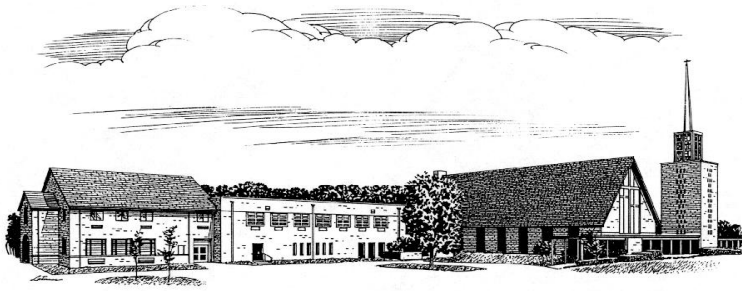
In lieu of Christmas cards, a Merry Christmas to friends at St. Martin's.

Sandy and Phil Ourisson

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To the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents,
Howard and Joyce French & Ted and Marie Freeman.

Tom and Barb Freeman



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