

ST. MARY'S-IN-TUXEDO



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 2023

10:00 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Welcome to St. Mary's

Thank you for joining us today! From the very beginning in 1887, our founders saw St. Mary's-in-Tuxedo as the community church, being present and receptive to all those who came in faith, need, gratitude, curiosity -- or for whatever reason. Please know that you are always welcome here.

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Ministers Serving Today

Celebrant: The Very Rev. Richard J. Robyn

Organist & Choir Master: Sheldon Eldridge

Lector: Sue Heywood

Acolyte: Matt Hlavka

Eucharistic Minister: Maureen Love

Usher: Elizabeth Ochieng

Coffee Hour Host(s):

Video: Calvin de Mond

Schola: Anthony Cinelli, Aileen Sager,

William Dickinson, Johanna Maria Rose

Prelude

O Thou God of the Father

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1747)

Introit

Sung by the Schola

Please stand

Processional Hymn 67

Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalm 42



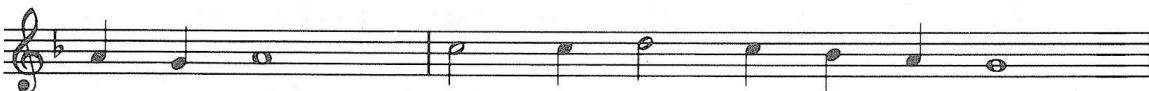
1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er



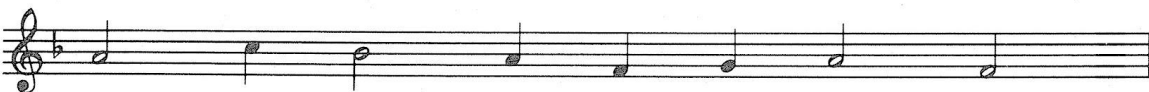
saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry



ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;



tell her that her sins I cov - er,
 let the val - leys rise to meet him
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken



and her war - fare now is o - ver.
 and the hills bow down to greet him.
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

The Word of God

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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.**

Kyrie Eleison

Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, Lord have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us, Christ, have

mer - cy up - on us, Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

Reader: A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

LORD, thou art become gracious unto thy land; *

thou hast turned away the captivity of Jacob.

2 Thou hast forgiven the offence of thy people, * and covered all their sins.

8 I will hearken what the LORD God will say; *

for he shall speak peace unto his people, and to his saints, that they turn not again.

9 For his salvation is nigh them that fear him; * that glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth are met together: * righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall flourish out of the earth, *

and righteousness hath looked down from heaven.

12 Yea, the LORD shall show loving-kindness; * and our land shall give her increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, * and shall direct his going in the way.

Gloria Patri.

The Epistle

Romans 15:4-13

Reader: A reading from the second book of Peter

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

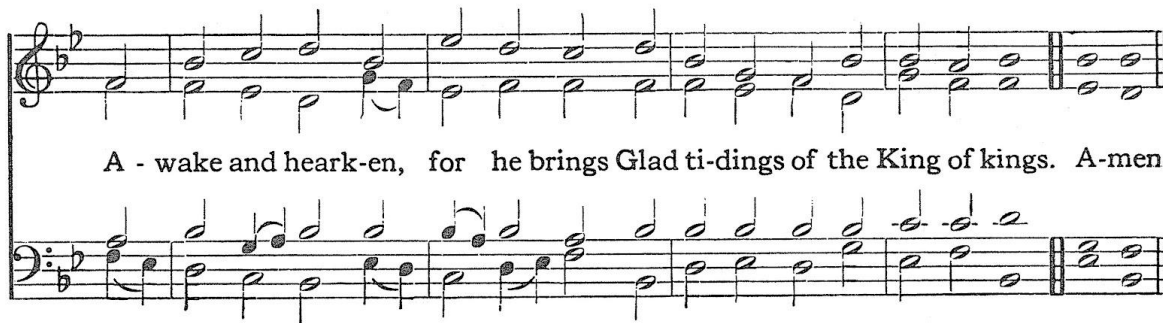
Gospel Hymn 10 (1940)

On Jordan's bank

Winchester New



1 On Jor-dan's bank the Bap-tist's cry An-noun-ces that the Lord is nigh;



A - wake and heark-en, for he brings Glad ti-dings of the King of kings. A-men.

2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
Make straight the way of God within,
And let each heart prepare a home
Where such a mighty guest may come.

3 For thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge, and our great reward;
Without thy grace we waste away
Like flowers that wither and decay.

4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
And bid the fallen sinner stand;
Shine forth, and let thy light restore
Earth's own true loveliness once more.

5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
Whose advent doth thy people free;
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Ghost for evermore. Amen.

The Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,
“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated

The Sermon

The Rector

Please stand

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:
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

Form I

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the
Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church
of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our Andy, Allen, Mary, and Matthew our Bishops, for Richard our Rector and
Edwin our Rector Emetitus, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For Joseph our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in
authority, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this town and village, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For For Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Father Ed Cromeey, William Clarke, Barbara Beauregard, Bill Steinmann, Webb Turner, John Burkhalter, Timothy Francis Duffy, Genevieve Jones, John Kordel, Jolene Matthews, Rob McQuilkin, Barbara Miranda, Carmen Murphy, Joy Ochieng, Linette Opiyo, Brendan Pascarella, Patrick Pascarella, Ulie and Maryvan Pendl, Audrey Perry, Father Stephen Rozzelle, Clinton Stoneking, Nicholas Triantafillou, Theresa McDevitt, and Peter Van Zandt let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St. John the Baptist, St. Mary, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence.

Celebrant

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and savior, we may be ready to receive him who is our Lord and our God. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please be seated

Welcome & Announcements

The Rector

The Offertory

How Lovely are the Messengers, from St. Paul, Op. 36
Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace. To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

Romans 10:15,18

Please stand

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Holy Communion

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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

Leo Sowerby

HO - LY, HO - LY, HO - LY, Lord, God of Hosts,

Heav'n and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry

be to Thee, O Lord, most high.

Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the Name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Please kneel; then 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 before 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 many 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;**

The Celebrant continues

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 St. Mary 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.**

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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Agnus Dei

Leo Sowerby

O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the

sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

O Lamb of God that tak - est a - way the

sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O

Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the
sins of the world. grant us thy peace.

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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.

Communion Hymn 312 (1940) The Lord will come and not be slow

York

1 The Lord will come and not be slow, His foot - steps can - not err;
2 Truth from the earth, like to a flower, Shall bud and blos - som then;
3 Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might, This wick - ed earth re - dress;
4 The na - tions all whom thou hast made Shall come, and all shall frame
Be - fore him right-ous-ness shall go, His roy - al har - bin - ger.
And jus - tice, from her heav'n-ly bower, Look down on mor - tal men.
For thou art he who shalt by right The na - tions all pos - sess.
To bow them low be - fore thee, Lord, And glo - ri - fy thy Name. A-men.

5 For great thou art, and wonders great
By thy strong hand are done:
Thou in thy everlasting seat
Remainest God alone. Amen.

Communion Motet Lord, We Beseech Thee Adrian Batten (1591-1637)
Lord, we beseech thee, give ear unto our prayers; and by thy gracious visitation lighten
the darkness of our hearts, by our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen
Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent, BCP 1549

The Post Communion Prayer

Please kneel

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand

Blessing & Dismissal

Celebrant

May he, whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Angelus: A Memorial of the Incarnation

(Luke 1:26-45)

V. The angel of the Lord brought tidings unto Mary;

R. And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary, etc...

V. And the Word was made flesh;

R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary, etc...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God;

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

Pour forth thy grace into our hearts, we beseech thee, O Lord; that like as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion, we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 261 (1940)

O Zion, haste

Tidings

In moderate time

1 O Si - on, haste, thy mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
 2 Pro - claim to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
 3 Give of thy sons to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;

To tell to all the world that God is Light; That he who
 That God, in whom they live and move, is Love: Tell how he
 Give of thy wealth to speed them on their way; Pour out thy

made all na - tions is not will - ing One soul should per - ish,
 stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion, And died on earth that
 soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious Till God shall bring his

Refrain

lost in shades of night:
 man might live a - bove. Pub - lish glad ti - dings: Ti - dings of peace,
 king - dom's joy - ful day.

Ti - dings of Je - sus, Re - demp - tion and re - lease.

4 He comes again! O Sion, ere thou meet him,
 Make known to every heart his saving grace;
 Let none whom he hath ransomed fail to greet him,
 Through thy neglect, unfit to see his face.

Postlude

O Thou of God the Father

Johann Gottfried Walther (1663-1712)

Prayers of the Community

Parishioners we are praying for:

Fr. Ed Cromey, Rector Emeritus
William Clarke
Barbara Beauregard
Bill Steinmann
Webb Turner

Friends and family members we are praying for:

John Burkhalter, friend of Sheldon Eldridge
Timothy Francis Duffy, friend of Brad Boles
Genevieve Jones, former parishioner and resident of Tuxedo Park
John Kordel, friend of Fr. Rick & Pete Datos-Robyn
Jolene Matthews, daughter of Gillian Ballard
Rob McQuilkin, longtime Tuxedo Park resident
Barbara Miranda, cousin of the Bush family
Carmen Murphy, close friend of Ann Ho-Powers
Joy Ochieng, daughter of Elizabeth Ochieng
Linette Opiyo, friend of Elizabeth Ochieng
Brendan and Patrick Pascarella, relatives of Gillian Ballard
Ulie and Maryvan Pendl, longtime Tuxedo Park residents
Audrey Perry, friend of St. Mary's
Father Stephen Rozzelle, Rector of Christ Church, Pompton Lakes, NJ
Clinton Stoneking, son-in-law of Charlen Cathcart
Nicholas Triantafillou, grandson of Bill Steinmann
Theresa Mcdevitt longtime Tuxedo resident
Peter Van Zandt, friend of St. Mary's

Prayer requests may be made at (845) 351-5122 or info@stmtux.org.

Music Notes: Edgar Frederick Day, the composer of this morning's Anglican Chant, resided with his parents at the parish rectory in Hazleton at the beginning of his music studies. In 1912 he began studies with Ivor Atkins, becoming his first assistant to at Worcester Cathedral. From 1921-1941, Day was music master at the College for the Blind in Worcester. In 1922 he became music master of King's School Worcester. He was also conductor and accompanist for the Worcester Festival Choral Society and Worcestershire Orchestral Society, 1934-1950. Among his compositions for the Anglican Church are a *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* in B flat, a *Te Deum* and *Jubilate Deo* in B minor, and a Communion Service in B flat.