

# ST. MARY'S-IN-TUXEDO



## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17, 2023

10:00 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

# Welcome to St. Mary's

Prelude

Two Early Sixteenth-Century Voluntaries

Anonymous c. 1530

Introit

*Sung by the Schola*

*Please stand*

Processional Hymn 4 (1940)

Rejoice, rejoice believers

*Greenland*

1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers! And let your lights ap - pear;  
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing; Re - plen - ish them with oil;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, And dark - er night is near.  
Look now for your sal - va - tion, The end of sin and toil.

The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing, And soon he will draw nigh;  
The watch - ers on the moun - tain Pro - claim the Bride-groom near;

Up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! At mid - night comes the cry.  
Go meet him as he com - eth, With al - le - lu - ias clear. A - men.

3 O wise and holy virgins,  
 Now raise your voices higher,  
 Until in songs of triumph  
 Ye meet the angel choir.  
 The marriage-feast is waiting,  
 The gates wide open stand;  
 Rise up, ye heirs of glory!  
 The Bridegroom is at hand.

4 Our hope and expectation,  
 O Jesus, now appear;  
 Arise, thou Sun so longed for,  
 O'er this benighted sphere!  
 With hearts and hands uplifted,  
 We plead, O Lord, to see  
 The day of earth's redemption,  
 And ever be with thee! Amen.

## 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)

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us, Lord have mer - cy up - on us." (first system); "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us, Christ, have" (second system); "mer - cy up - on us, Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -" (third system). The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.



## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

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 First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

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

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual Psalm 126**

*In convertendo*

George M. Garrett (1834-1897)

WHEN the LORD turned again the captivity of Sion, \*  
then were we like unto them that dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \* and our tongue with joy.

3 Then said they among the heathen, \* The LORD hath done great things for them.

4 Yea, the LORD hath done great things for us already; \* whereof we rejoice.

5 Turn our captivity, O LORD, \* as the rivers in the south.

6 They that sow in tears \* shall reap in joy.

7 He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed, \*  
shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

*Gloria Patri.*

### **The Epistle**

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

*Reader:* A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Hymn 9 (1940)

Hark! a thrilling voice is calling

Merton

1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing; "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
2 Wa - ken'd by the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the earth - bound soul a - rise;  
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with par - don down from heav'n;

"Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye chil - dren of the day."  
Christ, her sun, all sloth dis - pell - ing, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
Let us haste, with tears of sor - row, One and all to be for - giv'n; A - men.

4 So when next he comes with glory, 5 Honor, glory, might, and blessing  
And the world is wrapp'd in fear, To the Father and the Son,  
May he with his mercy shield us, With the everlasting Spirit  
And with words of love draw near. While unending ages run. Amen.

Latin, c. 6th cent.; Tr. EDWARD CASWALL, 1849, alt.

The Gospel

John 1:6-8,19-28

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

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

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?"

John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.” This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

*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 Matthew, 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 Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Father Ed Cromey, William Clarke, Barbara  
Beauregard, Bill Steinmann, Webb Turner, John Burkhalter, James Patrick Cole,  
Timothy Francis Duffy, Genevieve Jones, John Kordel, Jolene Matthews, Theresa  
McDevitt, 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, 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, especially Gretel Bush, in whose memory the sanctuary candle is given, 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*

O God, for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. **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**      *Missus Gabriel de Celis*      Medieval Sequence, Anonymous, 13th c.

Sent from heaven, Gabriel, the faithful messenger, discusses in sacred words with the Blessed Virgin. Hence, in accordance with the covenant, the Word made flesh has come into being, yet, the maidenly womb is ever untouched. You hear the revelation of the good news, just believe and that is enough; it is not within your power to unloose the latchet. The dry branch without moisture in a new way, in new manner thus brought forth fruit together with flower, for the virgin gave birth. Blessed Jesus, good Jesus, blessed burden of the Blessed Mother, whose throne is in heaven, is born in a stable.

*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 444

Blessed be the God of Israel

*Thornbury*

1 Blessed be the God of Is - rael, who comes to set us free;  
2 He from the house of Da - vid a child of grace has given;  
3 On pris - on - ers of dark - ness the sun be - gins to rise,  
he vis - its and re - deems us, he grants us lib - er - ty.  
a Sa - vior comes a - mong us to raise us up to heaven.  
the dawn - ing of for - give - ness up - on the sin - ner's eyes.  
The pro - phets spoke of mer - cy, of free - dom and re - lease;  
Be - fore him goes his her - ald, fore - run - ner in the way,  
He guides the feet of pil - grims a - long the paths of peace.  
God shall ful - fill his prom - ise and bring his peo - ple peace.  
the pro - phet of sal - va - tion, the har - bin - ger of Day.  
O bless our God and Sa - vior with songs that nev - er cease.

Hail, virgin of virgins, mother of the Father, hail, light of lights, ray of brightness. Hail lily of the valley, drop of the true dew; our hope is in you. Hail, royal virgin, portal of salvation, not knowing any true man, for you bring God into the world. Hail, for you are made fruitful, with the divine offspring; our hope is in you. Hail, goal of our hope and salvation, hail to you, through whom the saved rejoice. Hail ornament of beauty and wholesomeness; our hope is in you.

**The Post Communion Prayer**

*Please kneel*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit, that when your Christ comes again, we may shine as lights before his face; who lives and reigns, now and forever. Amen.

*Please stand*

**Blessing & Dismissal**

*Celebrant*

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **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 7 (1940)**

Hark! The glad sound!

*Bristol*

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa-viour comes, The Sa - viour prom-ised long:  
2 He comes, the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's bond-age held:

Let ev - 'ry heart pre-pare a throne, And ev - 'ry voice a song.  
The gates of brass be - fore him burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield. A-men.

3 He comes, the broken heart to bind, 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
The bleeding soul to cure: Thy welcome shall proclaim;  
And with the treasures of his grace And heav'n's eternal arches ring  
To enrich the humble poor. With thy beloved Name. Amen.

PHILIP DODDRIDGE, 1735. *alt.*

**Postlude**

Voluntary on "Bristol"

Healey Willan (1880-1968)



## **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:**

The Most Rev'd Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop  
James Patrick Cole, friend of Maureen Love  
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  
Theresa Mcdevitt, longtime Tuxedo resident  
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  
Peter Van Zandt, friend of St. Mary's

The Sanctuary Candle is given in loving memory of Gretel Bush,  
wife and mother, by the Bush family.

**Prayer requests may be made at (845) 351-5122 or [info@stmtux.org](mailto:info@stmtux.org).**

*Music Notes:* George Mussel Garrett was an English organist and composer. He was born in Winchester where his father was master of the choristers at Winchester Cathedral. Garrett later served as assistant to Samuel Sebastian Wesley at Winchester. He was appointed the Director of Music at St. John's College, Cambridge in 1857 and held the position for forty years. Garrett wrote music for the Anglican Church in the form of service settings and anthems. He is perhaps best represented today by his Anglican chant setting of today's Psalm, Psalm 126. He is buried in the Mill Road cemetery, Cambridge.

*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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**Restrooms are located in the undercroft of the church (use stairs in the back, across from the entrance).**

**All baptized Christians (from any denomination) are welcome to receive Communion in the Episcopal Church.**

### **Ministers Serving Today**

Celebrant: The Very Rev. Richard J. Robÿn

Organist & Choir Master: Sheldon Eldridge

Lector: B. McKechnie

Acolyte: Tate Sink

Eucharistic Minister: Wendy Favia

Ushers: LiLi Neuhauser

Coffee Hour Host:

Video: Calvin de Mond

Cantors: Anthony Cinelli,

Aileen Sager, William Dickinson,

Johanna Maria Rose