

ST. MARY'S-IN-TUXEDO



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 24, 2023

10:00 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Welcome to St. Mary's

Prelude

Voluntary on "Veni, veni, Emmanuel"

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

Introit

Sung by the Schola

Please stand

Processional Hymn 56 vss. 1-3, 7 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni, veni Emmanuel



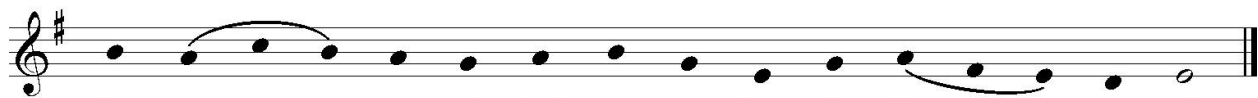
(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joice! Re-joice!
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The First Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Reader: A reading from the second book of Samuel.

When the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you."

But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

MY song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the LORD; *
with my mouth will I ever be showing thy truth from one generation to another.

2 For I have said, Mercy shall be set up for ever; *
thy truth shalt thou stablish in the heavens.

3 I have made a covenant with my chosen; * I have sworn unto David my servant:

4 Thy seed will I stablish for ever, *
and set up thy throne from one generation to another.

20 Thou spakest sometime in visions unto thy saints, and saidst, *
I have laid help upon one that is mighty, I have exalted one chosen out of the people.

21 I have found David my servant; * with my holy oil have I anointed him.

22 My hand shall hold him fast, * and my arm shall strengthen him.

23 The enemy shall not be able to do him violence; *
the son of wickedness shall not hurt him.

24 I will smite down his foes before his face, * and plague them that hate him.

25 My truth also and my mercy shall be with him; *
and in my Name shall his horn be exalted.

26 I will set his dominion also in the sea, * and his right hand in the floods.

27 He shall call me, Thou art my Father, * my God, and my strong salvation.

28 And I will make him my firstborn, * higher than the kings of the earth.

Gloria Patri.

The Epistle

Romans 16:25-27

Reader: A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

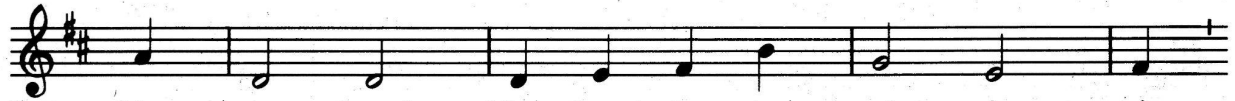
Hymn 438

Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord

Woodlands



1 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his Name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord



in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
his ho - ly Name—the Lord, the Might - y One.
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

The Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

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

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

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will

overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

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 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 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. Elizabeth, 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

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in 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 Magnificat in C, from the Village Service

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The text of the Magnificat is found in the Hymnal at S186, but with the traditional Gloria Patri.

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

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "O Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us." The score is repeated twice, with the second system ending with a fermata over the word "O".

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

sins of the world. grant us thy peace.

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 117 (1940)

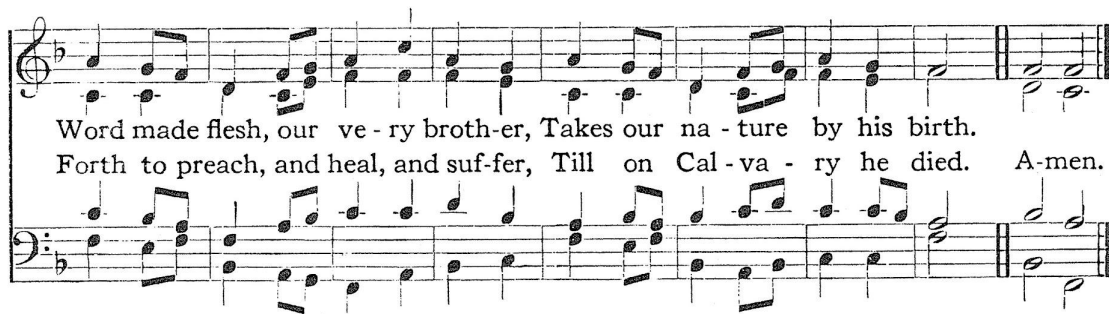
Sing of Mary, pure and lowly

Pleading Saviour

1 Sing of Ma - ry, pure and low - ly, Vir - gin - moth - er un - de - filed,
2 Sing of Je - sus, son of Ma - ry, In the home at Na - za - reth.

Sing of God's own Son most ho - ly, Who be - came her lit - tle child.
Toil and la - bor can - not wea - ry Love en - dur - ing un - to death.

Fair - est child of fair - est moth - er, God the Lord who came to earth,
Con - stant was the love he gave her, Though he went forth from her side,



3 Glory be to God the Father;
 Glory be to God the Son;
 Glory be to God the Spirit;
 Glory to the Three in One.

From the heart of blessèd Mary,
 From all saints the song ascends,
 And the Church the strain re-echoes
 Unto earth's remotest ends. Amen.

Communion Motet

Gabriel's Message

Basque Carol

harm. Edgar Pettman (1865-1943)

The text of this carol can be found in the Hymnal at Hymn 265.

Basque poem translated by Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)

The Post Communion Prayer

Please kneel

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised savior: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please stand

Blessing & Dismissal

Celebrant

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.**

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 436

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates

Truro

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the
3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
*4 Re - deem - er come! I o - pen wide my heart to
5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner
5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
 2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!
 3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
 4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
 5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

Postlude Two Fugues on the Magnificat Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Music Notes: Sabine Baring-Gould, of Lew Trenchard in Devon, England, was an Anglican priest, hagiographer, antiquarian, novelist, folk song collector and eclectic scholar. His bibliography consists of more than 1,240 publications, though this list continues to grow. He is remembered particularly as a writer of hymns, the best-known being "Onward, Christian Soldiers", [1], and "Now the Day Is Over". He also translated the carols "Gabriel's Message", and "Sing Lullaby" from Basque to English. His family home, the manor house of Lew Trenchard, near Okehampton, Devon, has been preserved as he had it rebuilt and is now a hotel.

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:

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

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

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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All services are online at [Facebook](#) (you do not need a Facebook account to participate).

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: Sue Heywood

Acolyte:

Eucharistic Minister: Wendy Favia

Usher: Lili Neuhauser

Video: Calvin de Mond

Cantors: Anthony Cinelli,

Aileen Sager, William Dickinson,

Johanna Maria Rose