

# SAINT MARY'S-IN-TUXEDO



Family Service

Christmas Eve  
December 24, 2023  
4:00 PM

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

### Ministers Serving Tonight:

Celebrant: The Very Rev. Richard J. Robÿn

Organ: Sheldon Eldridge

Acolyte/Eucharistic Minister: Matt Hlavka

Lectors: Alexander & Edie

Altar Guild: Wendy Favia & Serene Swirbul

Coffee Hour: The Polloni Family

Ushers: Claudio Guazzoni De Zanett

Video: Calvin De Mond

**Prelude** All glory be to God on high Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

## The Word of God

*Please stand*

**Processional Hymn**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

*Adeste Fideles*

1. O Come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem! Come and behold him, born the King of Angels.  
O Come, let us adore Him, O Come, let us adore Him, O Come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!
2. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven above; Glory to God, glory in the highest.  
O Come, let us adore Him, O Come, let us adore Him, O Come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

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

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

## The Gloria

*Celebrant and People*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## The Collect of Christmas

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **The Epistle**

Titus 3:4-7

When the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## **Hymn 79**

O Little Town of Bethlehem

*St. Louis*

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by; yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above, while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth! and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
5. O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin, and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

*Please be seated*

## **The Christmas Story**

Luke 2:1-20

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this

shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

**Away in a Manger**

*Sung by the children of the Sunday School*

**The Sermon**

**The Rector**

**The Prayers of the People**

Form III

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*Celebrant*

Father, in this holy night angels and shepherds worshiped at the manger throne. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph and the saints through him who is your Word made flesh, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **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**

*In Dulci Jubilo*

Anonymous, 18th c.

## **The Doxology**

*Please stand; sung by all*

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**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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:



*Celebrant and People*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*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*

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All baptized Christians (from any denomination) are welcome to receive Communion.*

### Communion Music

*Rosa Mystica*

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

*Please kneel*

**Hymn 111**

Silent Night, holy night

*Stille nacht*

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,  
all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,



Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
 heaven - ly hosts — sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
 born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!  
 birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

*Please kneel*

### **The Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

God our Father, in this night you have made known to us again the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him until the day dawns and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts. Amen.

*Please stand*

### **Blessing & Dismissal**

*Celebrant*

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

**Closing Hymn**

Hark! the herald angels sing

*Mendelssohn*

1. Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King; peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings; mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die, born to raise the sons of earth, born to give us second birth. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** All glory be to God on high      Andreas Nickolaus Vetter (1666-1710)

*Thank you to everyone who donated to provide this year's beautiful*

## **Christmas Flowers & Music**

Gillian Elizabeth Ballard in memory of my beloved sister Denise

Allen Barnett & JoAnn Hanson in loving memory of Ann & Joseph Hanson and  
William & Gladys Barnett

The Bush family in memory of loved ones

Anthony Cinelli in loving memory of Eric Sean Hamilton

The Clarke family in thanksgiving for well wishes and prayers – best wishes for 2024

Fr. Cromei in loving memory of Pamela Bock Cromei, Edward Warren Cromei,  
Helen Louise Cromei, Howard Bock, and Marguerite Bock

Fr. Rick & Pete Datas-Robyn in memory of Richard J. Rice Sr., Steven and Mary Datas,  
and Paul Sullivan

Frank & Wendy Favia in memory of Madeline Dami, Patrick Rice, Ryan Calvi,  
and Debbie Pinchuk

Allen Fowlkes for well wishes to St. Mary's

Drs. Jane & Neil Garofano in thanksgiving for family and friends

Inger Rein Grüterich in memory of John Rein MD, Rolf Grüterich, and Bert Lucarelli

Stephen Heater in loving memory of Marilyn & Joseph Heater

Spyros Konitsiotis in loving memory of Humbert J Lucarelli

Barbara J. Maclean in loving memory of Harriet and Fitzroy Donald Maclean

The Martin and Heidt Families in loving memory of Chase Joseph Heidt

Roy & Barbara McKechnie, in thanksgiving for St. Mary's community

Charlie and Lili Neuhauser for a happy and healthy 2024 for all our family and friends

Michael O'Neal & Susan Burke in loving memory of Anna & James J. O'Neal  
and Thomas C. Burke

Elizabeth Ochieng in memory of Anthony & Lizz Ochieng

Jennifer Polloni in loving memory of my beloved daughter Ariana Wellen

Serene Swirbul in loving memory of Philip L. Swirbul

The Wrenn Family in loving memory of Pierre Bullard at Christmas

Peter Van Zandt in memory of Dr. and Mrs. John D. Van Zandt, Mr and Mrs. Hunt Tilford  
Wagstaff, Hon. Katherine St. George, Prune, Pony Duke, Harry McVickar Jr., Pete Barbey,  
Lewis Lorillard, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Foster Winslow, Henry Mortimer,  
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hoffman Melhado, and Joan Blair Overton

## **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  
Ulle 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