

SAINT MARY'S IN TUXEDO



Holy Eucharist: Rite One
First Sunday after Christmas
December 31, 2023
10:00 AM

Prelude

Voluntary on "Greensleeves"

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

arr, Stanley Roper (1878-1953)

Please stand

Processional Hymn 40 (1940)

God rest you merry, gentlemen

God rest you merry

Fast

1 God rest you mer - ry, gen - tle - men, Let noth - ing you dis - may,
2 From God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther A bless - ed an - gel came;

Re - mem - ber Christ our Sa - viour Was born on Christ - mas Day;
And un - to cer - tain shep - herds Brought ti - dings of the same;

To save us all from Sa - tan's power When we were gone a - stray.
How that in Beth - le - hem was born The Son of God by name.

Refrain

O ti - dings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and

joy; O ti - dings of com - fort and joy!

3 "Fear not, then," said the angel,
 "Let nothing you affright;
 This day is born a Saviour
 Of a pure virgin bright,
 To free all those who trust in him
 From Satan's power and might."

Refrain

4 Now to the Lord sing praises,
 All you within this place,
 And with true love and brotherhood
 Each other now embrace;
 This holy tide of Christmas
 Doth bring redeeming grace.

Refrain

Celebrant
People

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

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Summary of the Law

Celebrant

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria

Celebrant and People

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word: Grant that the same light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

The First Reading

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

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. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147:13-21

Laudate Dominum

Read in unison

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion; For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you. He has established peace on your borders; he satisfies you with the finest wheat. He sends out his command to the earth, and his word runs very swiftly. He gives snow like wool; he scatters hoarfrost like ashes. He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; who can stand against his cold? He sends forth his word and melts them; he blows with his wind, and the waters flow. He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and his judgments to Israel. He has not done so to any other nation; to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

The Epistle

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Gospel Hymn 31 (1940)

Good Christian men, rejoice

In dulci jubilo

With marked rhythm

1 Good Christian men, re - joi - ce, With heart, and soul, and voice;
2 Good Christian men, re - joi - ce, With heart, and soul, and voice;

Give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;
Now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!

Ox and ass be - fore him bow, And he is in the man - ger now.
He hath oped the heav'n - ly door, And man is bless - ed ev - er - more.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian men, rejoice,
With heart, and soul, and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
To gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

The Gospel

John 1:1-18

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

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. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rector Emeritus

The Nicene Creed

Please stand

Celebrant and People

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

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.
Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers,
and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we
offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal
Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do
confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and
godly love. Lord, in thy mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Richard and Edwin, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Lord, in thy mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Lord, in thy mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. Lord, in thy mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. Lord, in thy mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity; remembering especially 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 Lord, in thy mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, remembering especially Elizabeth Mary, in whose memory the sanctuary candle is given, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of St. Mary and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Lord, in thy mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Please be seated

Welcome & Announcements

The Rector

Offertory A New Year Carol Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

Here we bring new water from the well so clear for to worship God with, this happy New Year. *Refrain:* Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine; the seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine. Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her toe, open you the West Door, and turn the Old Year go. *Refrain.* Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her chin, open you the East Door, and let the New Year in.

Refrain.

Words anon.

Anthony Cinelli, tenor

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because thou didst send thy 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Please kneel; then the Celebrant continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **grant us thy peace.**

Celebrant and People

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property it is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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 36 (1940)

What child is this, who, laid to rest

Greensleeves

In moderate time

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing?
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are feed - ing?

Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet, While shepherds watch are keep - ing?
Good Christian, fear: for sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead - ing.

Refrain

This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep-herds guard and an - gels sing:

Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Ma - ry.

3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
Come, peasant, king, to own him,
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone him.

Refrain

The Post Communion Prayer

Please kneel

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn 100 Joy to the world, the Lord is come Antioch

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come: let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns; let us our songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

Postlude The Old Year Now has Passed Away (BWV1091)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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

The Sanctuary candle is given in memory of Elizabeth Mary,
by the Bush Family

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

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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SCAN ME

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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

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Edwin H. Cromey

Choirmaster and Organist: Sheldon Eldridge

Eucharistic Minister: Elizabeth Ochieng

Lector: Sue Heywood

Acolyte: Matt Hlavka

Usher: Lili Neuhauser

Video: Pete Datos-Robÿn

Cantor: Anthony Cinelli