

The First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023 – 10 a.m. Rite II



How does a
weary world
rejoice? *We acknowledge
our weariness*

St. Martin's Episcopal Church

All are welcome

and fed with the love of God

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Lectionary Readings and Music

Processional Hymn: The King Shall Come when Morning
Dawns (73) vss 1-4

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

¹O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence —
²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil —
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your
presence.
⁴From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
⁵You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;

because you hid yourself we transgressed.
⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

The reading concludes

<i>Lay Reader:</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People:</i>	Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
³Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be
saved.
⁴O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

⁶You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be
saved.

¹⁶Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

¹⁷And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

¹⁸Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be
saved.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the
grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in
every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and
knowledge of every kind — ⁶just as the testimony of Christ
has been strengthened among you — ⁷so that you are not
lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of
our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the
end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord
Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the
fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The reading concludes

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Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

[Jesus said,] ²⁴“In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Offertory Hymn: Sleepers, wake! (61)

Communion Hymn: O Jesus, I have promised (655)

Final Hymn: Rejoice, rejoice believers (68)

COMMUNITY PRAYER LIST

Please pray for: Amanda Vandervort, Ann Davis, Charles Sterner, Bob & Diane Rogalcheck, Heidi Partain, Jane Goerss & family, Ken Fringer, Laura Wolff, Marlon Brooks, Mark Savage, Sarah, Nancy Modrow, Nancy Schaper, Tom Beechey, Carol Doss, Lisa Stevens, Joan Miller, Raggles – the dog, Brian Lennon, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. Joan Soske, Jan Landon, Sharon Shields, Paige Fitterer, Kurt von Peenen, Steve Nicolici, Hunter Sale, Stefan, Ellie, Greg and John Rasmussen, Craig Ramos, Mary Malebranche O'Brien, Candy Mealer, Robbo DeBock, Terri Kelly and Katie Eccles.

For the members of the Des Plaines Chronic Pain Group

For all who are suffering because of recent natural disasters, as well as human tragedies, especially the carnage in the Holy Land, for refugees, all who are affected by gun violence, systemic racism, and everyone impacted by the COVID-19 virus.

For all Veterans and those currently serving in the military, especially: Oriana & Richardson Naki, William Revell, Mike Bozza, Ben Suecheck, Ryan Staats, Alex Smolik, Michael Webb and all who serve in any military, those wounded in action, and all in harm's way.

For those who grieve the recent death of loved ones.

Rev. Linda Packard

Charlie – the dog

...and those we now name (*pause*)

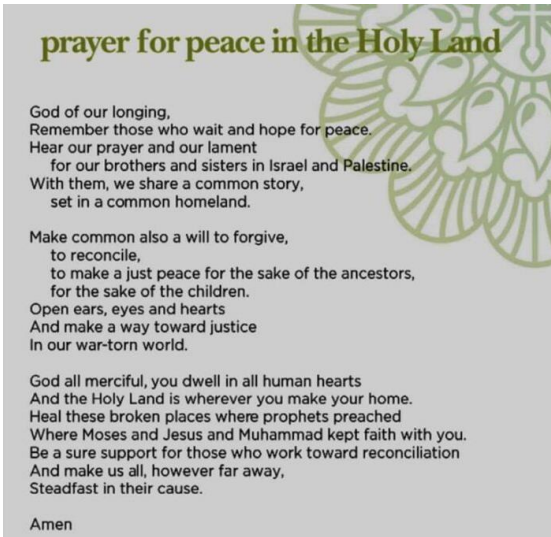
Announcements

Thank you to Bryan and Noreen Coussens for hosting coffee hour today. If you can help on a future Sunday, contact Noreen Coussens at 224-567-3974 or sign up on the bulletin Board in Strauss-Betker Hall.



Thank you Fr. Patrick Pierce for preaching today.

Please pray for Peace in the Holy Land



<https://allsaintstenerife.org/from-the-anglican-communion-news-service/>

Around the world, Episcopal and Anglican leaders have shared prayers and statements calling for an end to the violence impacting Israelis and Palestinians.

Fall Holiday Craft Fair Thanks




I want to say Thank you to the following people for their assistance at the Craft Fair, They are Denise Bozza ,Dee Vihnanek, Barb Cortino, Jim Nowak and Helayne Levin for their help and support. I want to put out a big thanks to Barb Koffski for her constant support before, during and after the craft show.

We brought in \$892. Yippee. Candy Mealer

Advent started on Thursday! Join us for the next two sessions on Dec. 7 and 14.

Advent bags & devotionals are available in the narthex – pick one up when you come to the Holden Evening Prayer service or next Sunday!



 **HOLDEN** 
EVENING PRAYER
SETTING BY MARTY HAUGEN
11/30, 12/07, 12/14
7:00 PM
  
A TIME TO SLOW DOWN,
SING LOVELY MUSIC, AND
REFLECT ON THE WONDER OF
THE ADVENT SEASON
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Join SMEC choir, Karen, and Rev. M.E. at Christ Church UCC for this festive opportunity to SI



CHRIST CHURCH
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An open & affirming and WISE for mental health congregation.

presents



*A Community
Holiday Sing-Along*

December 6, 2023 at 6:30 pm
1492 Henry Ave, Des Plaines, IL

Admission is FREE.

*We encourage bringing a food item from this list to donate to
The Backpack Project of Des Plaines.


*Heavy/Hearty Soups - Stews (beef or chicken) - Chapstick
- Chili with/without beans - Fragrance free lotion

Enjoy refreshments and treats afterward.

Guest Performers
Hana Fujisaki
Christ Church UCC's Organist
Karen Wilberg
St. Martin's Music Director & Organist
Rev. Dr. William G. Grice III
acoustic guitar



Co-Sponsor



Still Need: Cookie/Treat Bakers!

Dee and Gloria – thanks for stepping into your kitchens! Are there a few others willing to bake and bring a batch or two?

St. Martin's is co-sponsoring the Community Holiday Sing-Along and there is a reception after the program. It would be most neighborly to bring treats to share. Please email/speak to Rev. M.E. if you will bake (rev.m.e.eccles@gmail.com).

Highlights from Diocesan Convention

Abide in God's Love: Bishop Clark's Convention Sermon
<https://youtu.be/TndcAKP0ia0>

Bishop Jake Owensby's Convention Keynote
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pAs6g2aiLLA>

The Case for Love: Bridging the Divide Film preview December 5

On **December 5 at 2 pm Central**, Episcopal Parish Network (EPN) will host a special preview and discussion of the film, **A Case for Love: Bridging the Divide**. This documentary, inspired by the teachings and writings of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, examines the question of whether love is the solution to extreme societal and political divisions. The online event is free. **Learn more and register.**



Pledge Cards

Thanks to everyone who have returned their Pledge Cards 2024 . Please remember to bring them in or mail them back.

You can also email a note to Helayne at saintmartinschurch1095@gmail.com with your pledge information. Your pledge helps to inform our budget for the coming year. We appreciate all that you do.



**ST. MARTIN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**



**RECYCLING CHALLENGE
UPDATE**

11/29/23

341.87 LBS!

Special thanks this week to Encompass Connect in Elk
Grove Village for 75.34 lbs!



Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday, December 6 ~ 6:30 pm ~ Community
Holiday Sing-Along

Location: Christ Church UCC

Corner of Cora & Henry in Des Plaines

Thursday, December 7 ~ 7:00 pm ~ Advent Series

Thursday, December 14 ~ 7:00 pm ~ Advent Series

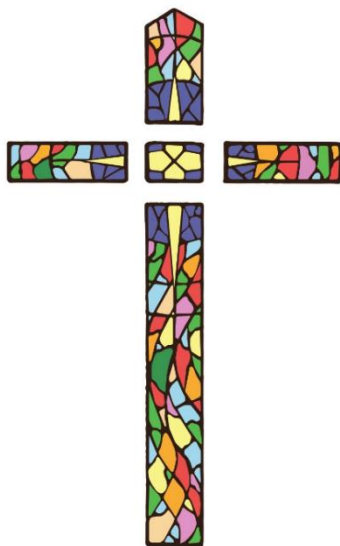
Thursday, December 21 ~ 7:00 pm ~ Blue Christmas

Sunday, December 24 ~ 10:00 am ~ Advent 4

Sunday, December 24 ~ 4:00 pm ~ Christmas Eve music
~ 5:00 pm ~ Christmas Eve service

Monday, December 25 ~ 10:00 am ~ Christmas Day service

Sunday, December 31 ~ 2:00 pm ~ New Year's Eve Family
Event



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