

The Sundays of Advent

Worship Booklet



How does a
weary world
rejoice?

St. Martin's Episcopal Church
Des Plaines, Illinois

**Welcome to all who worship with us today.
We are blessed by your presence.**

*In the interest of creating a peaceful and prayerful space for worship,
please refrain from conversation within the sanctuary 10 minutes before
and after the service.*

*Please silence your cell phone during the service as a sign of respect for
God and the rest of our worshipping community.*

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *(All stand as able)*

The Word of God

The people stand for the Acclamation.

Celebrant Blessed be our God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and
forever. 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.**

THE TRISAGION *(sung 3x)*

(Organ)

Ho - ly

God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -

mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

(The Celebrant says the Collect)

People **Amen.**

THE LESSONS *(All sit)*

The First Reading *(See Service Leaflet)*

At the conclusion of the reading, the Reader says

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm *(See Service Leaflet)*

The Second Reading *(See Service Leaflet)*

At the conclusion of the reading, the Reader says

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

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

ALLELUIA *The people stand.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL *(See Service Leaflet)*

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to _____.

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

After the Gospel, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

***People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED *(All stand as able)*

**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

The Leader and People pray responsively. The People remain standing. At the conclusion of each petition, the leader says:

Leader: As we wait and watch, we pray. . .

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN (*kneel or stand*)

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God
and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,**

**and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Peace Prayer Chain * by John Bell

Light looked down and saw the darkness.

I will go there', said light.

Peace looked down and saw war.

'I will go there', said peace.

Love looked down and saw hatred.

'I will go there', said love.

So he, the Lord of Light,

the Prince of Peace

the King of Love

came down and crept in beside us.

All: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / PREPARATION SENTENCE

PREPARATION HYMN



Prophecy | Hannah Garrity

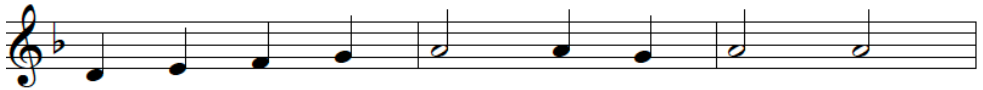
SANCTUS (Advent Mass)



Ho - ly, ho - ly,



ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the



name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel. 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 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 all 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;**

Celebrant:

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 Mary the Godbearer, Martin 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

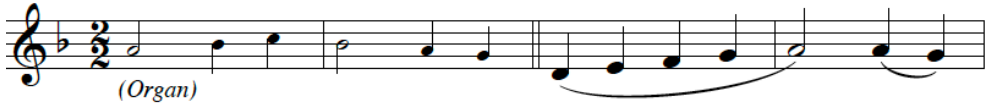
*Celebrant
People*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



Watercourses | Hannah Garrity

AGNUS DEI (ADVENT MASS)



(Organ)

Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sins of the world:



have mer - cy on us. Lamb



of God, you take a - way the sins of the



world: have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sins of the world: grant us peace.

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

Instructions for distribution will be given at the announcements; please follow the Usher's prompts. Please hold your hands out to receive the bread. If you would prefer a blessing, indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest.

All are welcome!

COMMUNION HYMN

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *(stand or kneel)*

Celebrant Let us pray.
People **God for whom we wait,
we thank you that you have fed us
with the bread of life
and the cup of salvation.
As we joyfully await your Son,
keep us ever watchful
that we may be ready to stand before him
on the day of his coming. Amen.**

The Birthday/Anniversary Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BLESSING

Celebrant ...this day and always,
People **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

DISMISSAL

Celebrant ...Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

POSTLUDE

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* Peace Prayer Chain
In Wild Goose Worship Group, *Cloth for the Cradle: Worship resources and readings for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany* (Wild Goose Publications, 1998)

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

December 3 (Sun.) Advent 1
December 7 (Thurs.) 7:00 pm ~ Advent Series
December 10 (Sun.) Advent 2
December 14 (Thurs.) 7:00 pm ~ Advent Series
December 17 (Sun.) Advent 3
December 21 (Thurs.) 7:00 PM ~ Blue Christmas
December 24 (Sun.) Advent 4

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

December 24 ~ Christmas Eve Service
4:00 PM – Music | 5:00 pm – Service
December 25 10:00 AM ~ Christmas Day Service

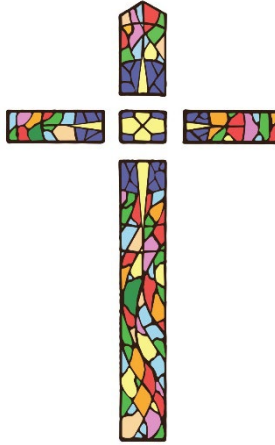
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