

The Nativity of our Lord

December 24, 2021 - 3 pm

Carols and Holy Communion

ALL ARE WELCOME

St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Lebanon, OR



Prelude

Processional Hymn 96 (*blue hymnal*) "Angels we have heard on high" ALL 4 Verses

A Word of Welcome By Rev. AJ Buckley

Collect: *Please say together*

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Introduction by Ray Hendricks, St. Martin's Music Director

A few comments: "Once in Royal David's City" by Cecil Alexander

Congregational Sing - Hymn 102 (*blue hymnal*) "Once in Royal David's City" VERSES 1-3

A few comments: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" by Phillips Brooks

Congregational Sing - Hymn 79 (*blue hymnal*) "O Little Town of Bethlehem" VERSES 1-3

A few comments: "It came upon the Midnight Clear" by Edmund Sears

Congregational Sing - Hymn 89 (*blue hymnal*) "It came upon the Midnight Clear" VERSES 1-2

A few comments: "Winter Wonderland" by Richard Smith

Congregational Sing “Winter Wonderland” ALL 4 VERSES

Sleigh bells ring, are you listening?
In the lane, snow is glistening
A beautiful sight
We're happy tonight
Walking in a winter wonderland

Gone away is the bluebird
Here to stay is a new bird
To sing a love song
While we stroll along
Walking in a winter wonderland

In the meadow, we can build a snowman
We'll pretend that he is Parson Brown
He'll say, are you married?
We'll say, no man
But you can do the job when you're in town

Later on, we'll conspire
As we dream by the fire
To face unafraid
The plans that we've made
Walking in a winter wonderland
Walking in a winter wonderland
Walking in a winter wonderland

A few comments: “O, come all ye faithful” by Christina Rossetti

Congregational Sing - Hymn 83 (*blue hymnal*) “O, come all ye faithful” VERSES 1-3

A few comments: “Go, tell it on the mountain”

Congregational Sing - Hymn 99 (*blue hymnal*) “Go Tell it on the Mountain” VERSES 1-3



Reading: The Birth of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke: 2: 1-20

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while [a] Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Solo: "O, Holy Night" - Doug Young

Today is the Birth of Jesus, the Christ, on which we recall the hope we have in Christ.

We now light the Christ Candle - *(please follow the Advent Wreath booklet in your pew)*

Children bring Mary, Joseph, Christ Child, Shepherds, to the Creche



Liturgy of the Table

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer C p 369 in the BCP (Red Prayer Book)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

We sing together

**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. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you this bread. Sanctify it by your Holy Spirit to be the Body of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Mothers and Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Sarah, Rachel, Leah, and Rebecca, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.
AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer (*let us sing together*)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
Are yours now and forever. **Amen. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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

The Gift of God for the People of God. (Note: We are not yet using the common cup; the bread alone is considered a full Eucharist.)

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

Communion Hymn: 101 (*blue hymnal*) "Away in a manger"

Post-Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving (*let us say together*) Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer for St. Martin's Church (*let us say together*)

God of Love, open our eyes and ears to perceive you at work in creation, the church, and our parish. Fill our hearts with your love that we may reach out in love to others. Stir up our imagination with your Holy Spirit that we may find new ways to live into life with you. Give us a vision of your mission that we may share your love and your spirit in all the places where we work and play and worship you. In Jesus' holy name, Amen.

Christmas Season Blessings

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless us in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten our hearts with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill us with joy, and make us heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give us his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon us and remain with us forever. **Amen.**

Acolytes light the candles down the aisle, while someone turns out the overhead lights

Recessional 111 (*blue hymnal*) “Silent Night, Holy Night” in darkness with lighted Candles

St. Martin’s Choir sings “Seven fold Amen”

Dismissal:

- Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia
- Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia

Postlude

