

Saint Martin
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Liturgy for the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord

My Friends in Christ,

Christmas is the celebration of the Presence of God as one of us. The miracle of Christmas is the infinite depth of God's Love for each of us. He loves us unconditionally, He forgives us unconditionally, and He is always with us and is present to us, now and until the end of time.

Christmas is the celebration of His presence as one of us. His name is Emmanuel, a name that means God is with His people. God is with us, right here, right now, and forever. He is not a spiritual entity hidden in the great unknown of infinity.

He is the Divine Person with whom we can establish a relationship like no other. Since the beginning of time, humankind has been craving the physical presence of God's Love to help celebrate God's Life within us. God sent Jesus into the world to live among us.

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14). God speaks to us today, not with words, but with the Word, Jesus the Christ. God speaks to each of our hearts through the Gift of Christ Jesus and says to each of us, "I love you."

May God richly bless you during this Christmas Season, and may you have a happy, healthy and peaceful 2024.

In Christ's love,

~Mother Barb

We welcome you to Saint Martin's! Thank you for choosing to celebrate with us on this holiest of nights.

Christmas Eve Mass Bulletin

December 24, 2023

Liturgical Calendar/ Mass Celebrations

- December 24th NO MORNING MASS TODAY
- December 24th (Sunday) Christmas Eve Candlelight Mass of the Nativity
 Carols & music - 8:30 p.m., Mass -9:00 p.m. celebrated in SABUMC's Sanctuary.
- December 31st Mass for the Holy Family & World Peace (Liturgy for January 1st) -11:30 a.m.
- January 1st NO MASS TODAY
- January 7th Feast of the Epiphany
 11:30 a.m.
- Jan 23rd Birthday of the <u>Catholic</u> <u>Apostolic Church in North America</u> (CACINA) - 74 years!

Worship Location:
Saint Albans Bay
United Methodist Church Sanctuary
575 Lake Road,
Saint Albans Bay
Vermont 05481
Phone #802-332-3890

Carols & Hymns of Christmas

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (Organ Prelude)

The Little Drummer Boy

Come they told me, pa rum pum pum.

A new born king to see, pa rum pum pum pum.

Our finest gifts we bring, pa rum pum pum pum.

To lay before the king, pa rum pum pum pum,

Rum pum pum, rum pum pum, pum.

So to honor him, pa rum pum pum pum,

When we come.

Baby Jesu, pa rum pum pum pum, I am a poor boy too, pa rum pum pum.

I have no gift to bring, pa rum pum pum pum.

That's fit to give our king, pa rum pum pum pum,

Rum 'pum' pum pum, rum pum pum

So to honor him, pa rum pum pum, pum,

On my drum.

Mary nodded, pa rum pum pum, The ox and lamb kept time, pa rum pum pum pum.

I played my drum for him, pa rum pum pum pum.

I played my best for him, pa rum pum pum pum,

Rum pum pum, rum pum pum pum.

Then he smiled at me, pa rum pum pum,

Me and my drum.

Angels from the Realms of Glory

Angels from the realms of glory, wing your flight o'er all the earth; ye who sang creation's story now proclaim Messiah's birth: Come and worship, come and worship worship Christ, the newborn king.

Shepherds, in the field abiding, watching o'er your flocks by night, God with us is now residing; yonder shines the infant light: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king.

Joy to the World

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 heaven, and nature sing. [Interlude]

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy. [Interlude]

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.

In Dulci Jubilo (Organ Prelude)



Once In Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed, Where a mother laid her Baby In a manger for His bed: Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little Child.

He came down to earth from heaven, Who is God and Lord of all, And His shelter was a stable, And His cradle was a stall; With the poor, and mean, and lowly Lived on earth our Savior holy.

And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his own redeeming love; For that child so dear and gentle Is our Lord in heav'n above, And he leads his children on To the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, with the oxen standing by, we shall see him, but in heaven, set at God's right hand on high; when like stars his children crowned all in white shall wait around.

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, shall come to thee, o Israel!

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
[Repeat Refrain]

O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind; Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of Peace. [Repeat Refrain]

Silent Night (Instrumental)

The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say was to certain poor shepherds In fields as they, lay; keeping their sheep, On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night. [Repeat refrain]

And by the light of that same star three Wise Men came from country far; to seek for a king was their intent, and to follow the star wherever it went. [Refrain]

This star drew nigh to the northwest, O'er Bethlehem it took its rest; and there it did both stop and stay, right over the place where Jesus lay. [Repeat refrain twice]

Away In A Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed. The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.

The stars in the sky looking down where He lay, The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes.

But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.

I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,

And stay by my crib watching my lullaby.

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed. The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.

The stars in the sky looking down where He lay,

The little Lord Jesus asleep in the hay.

Order of Christmas Eve Mass

O Holy Night

(During this time, overhead lights will dim as candles in sanctuary are lit)

O Holy night! The stars are brightly shining.

It was the night of our dear Savior's birth

Long lay the world in sin and error pining.

'Til He appeared and the soul felt its worth.

A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,

For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

Fall on your knees; O hear the angel's voices!

O night divine, O night when Christ was born,

O night, O Holy night, O night divine!

Truly He taught us to love one another; His law is love and His Gospel is Peace. Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,

And in His name, all oppression shall cease.

Sweet hymns of joy, in grateful chorus raise we.

Let all within us praise His Holy name Christ is the Lord; and ever we will praise thee!

His power and glory evermore proclaim;

His power and glory evermore proclaim.

Fall on your knees; O hear the angel voices!

O night divine, O night when Christ was born,

O night divine, O night, O night divine!

Candlelight/Entrance Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful

(During this time, candles are lit by congregation)

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. Refrain:

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation

O sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above Glory to God, glory in the highest: [Repeat Refrain]

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n. Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. [Repeat Refrain]

We'll praise your name forever, We'll praise your name forever, We'll praise your name forever, Christ the Lord. [Repeat Refrain]

Welcome by our Pastor, Mother Barb (Mass Celebrant)

Introductory Rites

Priest: In the Name of God, we begin our celebration of Christmas this evening, as one expression of God's people: † In the Name of the Father, Son, Holy Spirit.

People Respond: Amen.

Priest: May the Love of God, the grace of Jesus the Christ, and the peace of the Holy Spirit be with each of you. *People Respond: And also with you.*



Liturgy of the Word

Penitential Rite

Priest: With open minds and willing hearts, let us ask God to help us listen and understand, so that our lives may be transformed Everlasting One, for the time when we have not witnessed to Your Love in all Creation: Lord have mercy.

People Respond: Lord have mercy.

Priest: Christ Jesus, for the time when we have not watched for your birth In our world: Christ have mercy.

People Respond: Christ have mercy.

Priest: Spirit of God, for the time when we have not wondered at Your Mysterious presence within us: Lord have mercy.

People Respond: Lord have mercy.

General Absolution (Priest)

Loving God, Source of Mercy and Compassion, whose peace is ours, forgive us our reluctance to embrace the Great Mystery of Life, and empower us to be heralds of Your Son's good news that He is again born to us this night. Through the ministry of the church, your sins are forgiven, And may God grant you pardon and peace.

† In the Name of the Father, Son, Holy

Spirit.

People Respond: Amen.

Glory to God

All: Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to God in the highest, And on earth, peace on Earth, peace to people of goodwill.

We praise You, we bless You, we adore You, we glorify You. We give You thanks for Your great glory. Lord God, Heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son. Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father. You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand, the right of the Father. Have mercy on us.

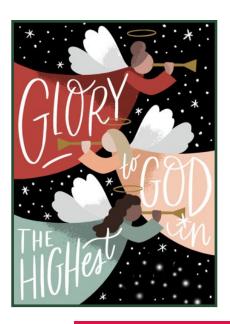
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High Jesus Christ. With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. AMEN!

Opening Prayer

(At the conclusion of this prayer, congregation extinguishes their candles.)

Let us pray. Good and gracious God, On this holy night, wrapped in swaddling clothes, the Savior of all, was born and placed in a manger. Draw us into that mystery of your love, and join our voices with the heavenly host, that we may sing your glory on high. Give us a place among the shepherds, that we may find the one for whom we have been waiting - your Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, in the splendor of eternal light, God for ever and ever. *People Respond: Amen*.

(You may be seated as we listen to the Holy Scriptures with our ears, our minds, and our hearts.)



Liturgy of the Word

First Reading A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils.

For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian. For every boot that tramped in battle, every cloak rolled in blood, will be burned as fuel for flames.

For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Spoken)

Lector: Today, is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

People Respond: Today, is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Lector: Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all you lands. Sing to the LORD; bless his name.

People Respond: My soul proclaims Your greatness.

Lector: Announce his salvation, day

after day. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

People Respond: My soul proclaims Your greatness.

Lector: Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice; let the sea and what fills it resound; let the plains be joyful and all that is in them! Then shall all the trees of the forest exult.

People Respond: My soul proclaims Your greatness.

Lector: They shall exult before the LORD, for he comes; for he comes to rule the earth. He shall rule the world with justice and the peoples with his constancy.

People Respond: My soul proclaims Your greatness.

Second Reading A Reading from a Letter of St. Paul to Titus.

The grace of God has appeared to save all. God's grace taught us to reject godless ways and the things of this world. His grace taught us to live temperately and justly, and to live holy and devout lives in this life, as we await the blessed hope and for the appearance of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus.

Jesus gave himself up for us to deliver us from every kind of evil and to cleanse for himself a people of his own that is eager to do what is good.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia) (Refrain sung by all)

All: Alleluia, alleluia.

Reading of the Holy Gospel

Priest: May the Word of Christ be with you all.

People Respond: And also, with you.

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

People Respond: † Glory to you, O God.

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear.

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying

Gospel

in a manger."

And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

Priest: My friends, this has been a reading from the Gospel of Luke. People Respond: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Homily Mother Barb

Prayers of the Faithful

People Respond: Christ Jesus, bring us your light!

Sign of Peace

Priest: Jesus said to his apostles: I leave you peace, my gift is my peace to you. Look not on our sins but on the faith of your church, and grant us the peace and unity of God's reign, now and forever. May the peace of Christ be with each of you.

People Respond: And also, with you.
Priest: Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.



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Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation Hymn: While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

While shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, The angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around.

"Fear not!" said he, for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind; "Glad tidings of great joy I bring to you and all mankind.

"To you, in David's town, this day, Is born of David's line, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, and this shall be the sign:

"The heav'nly Babe you there shall find to human view displayed, All meanly wrapped in swathing bands, and in a manger laid."

Thus spake the seraph and forthwith appeared a shining throng Of angels praising God on high, who thus addressed their song:

"All glory be to God on high, and to the Earth be peace; Goodwill henceforth from heav'n to men begin and never cease!"

Preparation of the Gifts

Priest: Blessed are You, loving God of all creation, through Your goodness we have this bread to place on your table. Work of the earth and human hands, may this bread become for us our spiritual food.

People Respond: Blessed be God forever.

Priest: Blessed are You, loving God of all creation, through Your goodness we have this wine to place on your table. Fruit of the vine and the work of human hands, may it become for us our spiritual drink.

People Respond: Blessed be God for-

ever.

Priest (hand-washing): Lord, wash away my iniquities and cleanse me of my sin.

Priest: Let us pray that the offering of our lives, our service, and these gifts of bread and wine may be acceptable to our loving God.

Priest: Pray, friends, that in this sharing of bread and wine, that our lives will be acceptable to our God who is Life, Love, Healing, and Justice.

People Respond: May our loving God accept these offerings at our hands, for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good, and for the good of all of God's world.

Priest: Let us pray. Accept our offerings and prayers, O God, on this sacred night, that we may become more like Christ.

People Respond: Amen.

Let us rise in body and spirit.

Priest: May the peace of our God be with you all.

People Respond: And also with you.

Priest: Let us open our hearts.

People Respond: We lift them up to our God.

Priest: Let us give thanks to our Loving God

People Respond: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Preface (Priest)

Creator of all that is and God-madeflesh, It is indeed right and good to always and everywhere give you thanks. In the holy darkness of this night, Your light is born, Having been embraced by Your nurturing darkness, we walk into the light of Your love Reveal Your love in us and in all of creation; release in us the joy of this Holy Night; and help us to see Your world anew. We give you thanks and praise for your Son and our Brother, Christ Jesus, who lived as one of us. In this mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused His light to shine in our hearts. Therefore, with all the choirs of angels in heaven and all of creation, we lift up our hymn of praise:

Holy, Holy (Sung by all)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the Name of our God. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer (Priest)

Holy Love: You reveal yourself in Jesus' birth. In Jesus, we see not only the fullness of human life, but we see You. In Jesus, Your Creative Word and Your Breath of Life come to expression in human form. In Jesus, hope is born.

Your birth in this child, born to Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem, becomes a sign to us and to all the world of Your sacred presence in humanity and all of creation. Holy Love, we praise You, through Jesus, as You call us into Your peace and into relationship with You.

Gathered as your Body, may we become signs of your love and transforming work in the world. We recognize Your Spirit alive in us, and at work in this bread and wine.

And so, let your Spirit, who sanctifies and transforms these gifts, come upon these offerings of bread and wine to make them holy and become you, in us:

† As the Body and Blood of Jesus the Christ.

While sharing a feast at table, Jesus took bread and gave you thanks. He blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his

disciples, saying:

"Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my Body which will be given up for you."

When supper was ended, Jesus took the cup filled with wine, and after giving thanks, He gave the cup to his disciples, saying,:

"Take this, all of you, and drink from it: This is the Cup of my Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sin may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

Memorial Acclamation

Priest: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Eucharistic Prayer (Priest)

Remembering Jesus' death and resurrection, we offer you this life-giving bread and this sacred cup. You, O God, have invited each of us, here, to this table. Jesus taught us that we live in You, that You are birthed in us and through us. In You, we are one. May we experience your holy presence in one another.

We give thanks for Jesus, Your Divine Wisdom, who reveals the sacred within the ordinary--in all people, in everyday life, and in the human yearning to be better people and neighbors to one another. Jesus fed his disciples Your bread of Life so that they might be life for the world. Feed us, as your disciples, gathered this Holy Night, that we may become life for the world and instruments of Your peace.

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Holy Communion

We pray for all religious leaders whom you've called to serve the people of God, that they may proclaim the Good News of the Gospel, as faithful and humble servants of the body of Christ, and speak authentically in Your Name. We especially pray for leaders of CACINA — for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Francesco, our diocesan bishop.

Remember Your people gathered here, wherever they may be, and all who seek relationship with You. In Your goodness, may we experience Your life-giving presence in the company of all Your holy ones, with Mary, the Mother of God, the apostles, the prophets, with Saint Martin of Tours and all the saints. We pray for all who are sick and all who suffer in mind, body and spirit, and we trust that all of our beloved dead may now rest in your eternal embrace.

Shower us with your grace, that we may live out Jesus' example of love, and be strengthened to live lives that bring You all praise, honor, and glory:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all Glory and honor is your all-loving God, forever and ever.

Great Amen (Sung by all)

Prayer of Jesus (Our Father)

Priest: Let us join our hearts together, and pray the words that Jesus taught to us:

All: Our Father and Mother in heaven, holy is your name! Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us, this day, our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Priest: Deliver us from every evil and grant us peace. In your mercy, keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety, as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our savior, Jesus the Christ.

All: For the kingdom, power and glory are yours, now and forever.

Lamb of God (Recited by all)

Priest: Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;

All: Have mercy on us.

Priest: Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;

All: Have mercy on us.

Priest: Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;

All: Grant us peace.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion for Those Worshipping by Livestream

Priest: During this time of virtual worship, let us pray this prayer together on behalf of those on our livestream this morning, and offer up a prayer of Spiritual Communion:

All: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot receive you sacramentally, come, spiritually, into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never let me to be separated from you. AMEN.

Priest: This is the Body and Blood of Christ. This is the One who transforms the world; and the One who transforms us. Blessed are we who are called to this sacred meal.

People Respond: O Jesus, by your grace, I receive your invitation, and by your word, may my soul be healed.



Invitation to Communion (All are welcome to the Table)

Priest: As a CACINA community of faith, we believe in the real presence of Christ's body and blood. In this Eucharistic meal, we also believe that it is Jesus who extends the invitation to receive Him, and that it is Jesus who invites us to His Table, just as we

We share this invitation to Holy Communion with everyone—so that, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here, in this place, to share in the life of this community; and especially, at Jesus' table. Let us now seek Christ Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

Communion Meditation: A Maiden Most Gentle (Instrumental)

At the conclusion of Holy Communion, the lights will dim and congregation's candles will be re-lighted.

Creche Reflection & Song

(People light their candles for presentation of the Christ child)

Song: Silent Night

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright. Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child. Holy infant so tender and mild. Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia. Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night! Son of God love's pure light. Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace. Jesus Lord, at thy birth! Jesus Lord, at thy birth!

Post-Communion Prayer

Priest: Let us pray. God of Heaven and Earth, Your Word has come among us, in the Holy Child of Bethlehem. May His light illuminate our hearts and shine in our words and actions, through Him, who is Jesus the Christ.

All: AMEN.

Concluding Rite & Final Blessing Closing Blessing

Priest: May the grace of God be with you.

People Respond: And also, with you.

Priest: Let us open our hearts and pray for God's special blessing this night:

Priest: Through the incarnation of God's Son, the darkness of the world has been scattered. May the light of Christ banish all darkness from your hearts and fill them with goodness.

People Respond: Amen.

Priest: On this most holy night, the angels announced Christ's glorious birth to the shepherds, May God fill you with the joy of the shepherds and make you heralds of the gospel.

People Respond: Amen.

Priest: May God, who joins heaven and earth, fill you with the peace and goodwill of Christ.

People Respond: Amen.

Priest: And may our loving God - the Source of our Being - bless you and keep you,

au the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. People Respond: Amen.

Dismissal

Priest: Our Mass celebration is complete. On this blessed night, let us go forth in peace to love and serve God.

All: Thanks be to God.
Priest: Saint Martin of Tours.

All: Pray for us.

Sending Forth

Sending Song: Angels We Have Heard on High

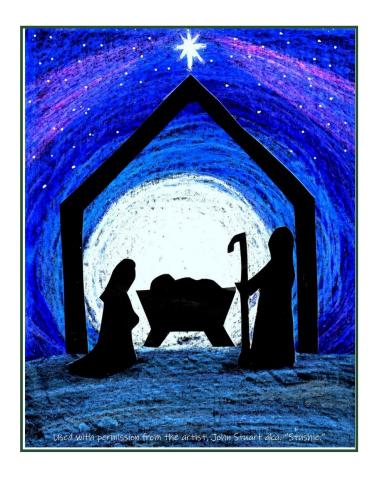
Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Glor-ia, in excelsis Deo! Glor-ia, in excelsis Deo!

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be, which inspire your heav'nly song? [Refrain]

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; Come, adore on bended knee, Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
[Refrain]



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Announcements — Looking Ahead

- December 24th NO MORNING MASS TODAY
- December 24th (Sunday) Christmas Eve Candlelight Mass of the Nativity Carols & music 8:30 p.m., Mass 9:00 p.m. celebrated in SABUMC's Sanctuary.
- December 31st Mass for the Holy Family & World Peace (Liturgy for January 1st) -11:30 a.m.
- January 1st NO MASS TODAY
- January 7th Feast of the Epiphany 11:30 a.m.
- Jan 23rd Birthday of the <u>Catholic Apostolic Church in North America</u> (CACINA) 74 years!

Prayer Requests

Let us pray for you and your loved ones; please email: saintmartins.info@gmail.com or inform Mother Barb to have prayer request included in the upcoming Mass.

Pastoral Visits

Please reach out to Mother Barb if there's someone you know who needs pastoral care, a hospital visit, or a care facility visit.

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