



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN

Sunday, January 2, 2022
Second Sunday after Christmas
The Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8:00am

SERVICE NOTES

Welcome! We are so happy that you have joined us this morning. Communion will be served at a station at the front of the church instead of around the altar rail; the process will be explained during announcements. There is no music in this liturgy; the choir sings at the 10 o'clock service. Please wear a mask throughout the service and maintain appropriate distancing from people not in your household, even during the passing of the peace. Thank you and God bless you!

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY AND GREAT COMMANDMENTS

The Presider says

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.

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.

THE GLORIA

All 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

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, who didst wonderfully create, and yet more wonderfully restore, 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 liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.

FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 31:7-14

A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;

say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."
For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.
Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the LORD.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Let us read together from Psalm 84.

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O God of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for your courts;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O God of hosts,
my Ruler and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 O God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

10 For God is both sun and shield; *
and will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will God withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.

12 O God of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

Please stand, as you are able.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 2:1-12

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

Silence is kept after the sermon.

THE CREED

Please stand, as you are 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Lord God, ruler of the universe, we thank you that you hear us when we pray. We are grateful for all your gifts to us, especially the gift of your son who came to live a human life with us. As you guided the Magi to Bethlehem by a star, guide us to come joyfully to you.

(We pause, making space for prayer.)

People Glory to God in the highest.
And peace to all people on Earth.

Leader We pray today for our world. We pray for those who govern and hold positions of

authority among the nations. Lord, you sent your news of peace and goodwill to shepherds, and sent them to see the babe lying in a manger. Let your good news be fulfilled everywhere on earth, for all people.

(We pause, making space for prayer.)

People Glory to God in the highest
And peace to all people on Earth.

Leader We pray for your church; we pray especially for our Bishop, Megan, and for all who serve Christ and build up the Beloved Community. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and ministry. As you sent your angels to share the good news, send us to show your light to the world.

(We pause, making space for prayer.)

People Glory to God in the highest
And peace to all people on Earth.

Leader We pray for one another, for our grandparents, parents, children and friends, through whom we learn to love and be loved. We thank you for all who care for us as Joseph cared for his family, and we ask you to give us your love in our hearts to share with one another.

(We pause, making space for prayer.)

People Glory to God in the highest
And peace to all people on Earth.

Leader We pray for those who are sorrowful, distressed, or lonely. We ask you to comfort us as Mary comforted the Baby Jesus. We ask you for the grace to serve you as we find you in the poor, the hungry, the lonely, or the sick, and especially for those on our parish prayer list.

(We pause, making space for prayer.)

People Glory to God in the highest
And peace to all people on Earth.

Leader We pray for those who have died and for those who mourn. Holy Jesus, we know that you came into this world to bind up the wounds of the broken-hearted, and we ask for the strength and faith to continue that work, until that day when we are all reunited around your heavenly throne.

(We pause, making space for prayer.)

People Glory to God in the highest
And peace to all people on Earth.

Celebrant Prince of Peace and Mighty Counselor, may we come to worship you with the shepherds, proclaim you with the angels, seek you with the wise men, offer ourselves to you with Joseph and Mary, and rejoice in your love, O Christ, who lives

and reigns with the Father and the Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Please stand or kneel, as you are able.

The Deacon or Presider says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

All:

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

THE PEACE

Please stand, as you are able.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord – remembering to maintain appropriate physical distance!

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS AND MILESTONES

All may join in praying.

Watch over your children O Lord, as their days increase: bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OFFERTORY NOTES

We will not pass plates during the offertory, but an offering basket is at the entrance of the nave and you may place your contribution there before or after the service. Online giving is also an option; just look for the green “give” button on our website or contact the office for more information. Thank you and God bless you!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

The Presider continues

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 give Jesus Christ, thine only Son, to be born for us; who by the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, was made very Man of the substance of the Virgin Mary his mother; that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become thy children. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

SANCTUS

Presider 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Please kneel or stand, as you are able.

The Presider continues

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for 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 to thee, he broke 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 this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, 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, we thy people do celebrate and make, 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; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Presider

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

O LAMB OF GOD

Presider and People

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.

INVITATION AND DISTRIBUTION

The Presider says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament and then deliver it to the people.

ABOUT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome at God's table, children included. Gluten-free Communion hosts are available; please ask. **Wine is being served via intinction only**; the priest will dip your host into the chalice of wine and then offer it to you. If you would prefer to receive bread only, you may simply say so. The customary response upon receiving Communion is "Amen." Crossing your arms over your chest indicates that you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Presider 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.**

A CHRISTMAS BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things on earth and things in heaven, fill you with joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We acknowledge the land on which we are gathered. For thousands of years, this land has been the home of Patwin people. Today, there are three federally-recognized Patwin tribes: Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community, Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation, and Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. The Patwin people have remained committed to the stewardship of this land over many centuries. It has been cherished and protected, as elders have instructed the young through generations. We are honored and grateful to be here today on their traditional lands.

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ABBREVIATED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 2, 2022

For the full announcements, visit www.churchofstmartin.org

Thank You for Your Christmas Offering Generosity!

The 2021 Christmas Offering Committee would like to express our gratitude to all of you who have responded so generously to the call for donations to Opening Doors, Inc. This Sacramento-based nonprofit is working 24/7 to help 1,000 recently-arrived refugees from Afghanistan adjust to their new life in our diocese and surrounding communities. For those of you still interested in donating, the pledge window will be open through Epiphany, January 6th. You may donate online on the St. Martin's website (<https://churchofstmartin.org>), send a check to the church office, or place your check in the Offertory Basket at upcoming services. Please specify Christmas Offering on the memo line of checks. Thank you so much! Bob Polkinghorn, Lynn Zender, and Alessa Johns.

Epiphany Candlelight Labyrinth Walk

Join us on Thursday, January 6 from 5 - 7pm for an Epiphany candlelight walk on our labyrinth.

Stewardship Update

Our profound gratitude goes out to everyone that turned in a pledge for the 2022 Stewardship Campaign! To date, we have received just short of \$450,000 in pledges for the coming year, a number that represents 70% of St. Martin's members increasing or maintaining their pledges, or pledging for the first time. This is remarkable and very encouraging, although it does not quite get us to our goal. If you have not yet turned in your pledge, please email info@churchofstmartin.org with your name and the total amount that you would like to pledge as soon as possible so that we can include your contribution in our budget for 2022.

Merry Christmas to all, and huge thanks for your incredible generosity, as always!

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Ministry Council: Sunday, January 9, at 11:45am

Buildings and Grounds: Friday, January 7 at 4:00pm

Care for God's Creation: Monday, January 10 at 7 pm

Vestry: Tuesday, January 11 at 7:30 pm

Caring Ministries: Monday, January 17 at 7:00pm

Social Justice & Outreach: Tuesday, January 18 at 7:00pm

Singing in Church

Now that congregational singing is back, you may be dusting off your hymnal and wondering how to find the hymns! In your service bulletin on Sunday, each hymn that is in the hymnal will be listed with a number, like Hymnal 59, "Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding." The hymns are in numerical order in the hymnal, so all you'll need to do is flip to the right page. Songs that are not in the hymnal will be printed in the bulletin. You may find that singing in your mask is fairly difficult; take it easy, and make a small, joyful noise to God.

Prayer Requests, Celebrations and Milestones

If you would like to submit a prayer request, celebration or milestone to be read during Sunday services, please send it to Deacon Margaret at margaret@churchofstmartin.org by **5:00 pm on the Friday before the services.**

Let's Bring Back In-person Coffee Hour on Sundays

We all miss in-person coffee hour! To bring it back, we need your help! We are simplifying the tasks by having the church office order and pre-pay for the coffee at Peet's at the Marketplace. Here's what we need:

- a) A volunteer to pick up the coffee at 8:20am and bring it to church and set it out on a table (which will already be set out for you) for the 8am service.
- b) A volunteer to clear the table at about 9:15 or so.
- c) A volunteer to pick up the coffee at 10:30 or so and bring it to the church and set it out on the table (which is already there) for the 10am service.

d) A volunteer to clear the table at 11:45 or so. Someone will put the table away for you.

Sounds easy, right? You can sign up for any of these tasks for any Sunday date on our poster sign-up sheet outside the narthex on Sundays, or you can write the church office indicating your willingness to help with any of these tasks (make sure you provide the date and for which service). Many hands make things possible. Can you be part of the solution to getting this important welcoming and fellowship ministry off the ground? For questions, contact the church office or Lynn Zender.

SAVE THE DATE: St. Martin's Annual Meeting is on Sunday, January 30th! The meeting will be held after the 10 o'clock service, and attendance will be in-person as well as on Zoom.