



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN

Sunday, January 2, 2022

Second Sunday after Christmas

The Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:00am

ONLINE SERVICE NOTES: *Welcome to our virtual worship space! We are so happy that you have joined us this morning. Automated closed captioning is now available on Zoom. We encourage everyone to pray and sing along at home, although for clarity's sake we will keep people muted during online worship. You are welcome to add prayer requests, celebrations, and milestones in the chat box, but we won't be able to read them aloud during the service. Just remember that we have to be careful not to share sensitive information online—please use first names only when referring to people. Thank you!*

IN-PERSON 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. Please wear a mask throughout the service and maintain appropriate distancing from people not in your household, even during the passing of the peace. **You can find the hymns** marked "Hymnal" in numerical order in your hymnal in the pew. Songs that are not in the hymnal are printed in the bulletin. Thank you & God bless you!*

PRELUDE "A Christmas Suite" C. Callahan

2. "An English Carol"
3. "A Shepherd's Lullaby"
4. "A Christmas Rondel"

Please stand, as you are able, as the Entrance Hymn begins.

ENTRANCE HYMN Hymnal 102 "Once in royal David's city," (*Irby*)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Presider says

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.

SONG OF PRAISE Hymnal 96, "Angels we have heard on high," v. 1&2

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Let us pray.

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.*

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!

SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 1:3-6,15-19a

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN Hymnal 87 "Hark, the herald angels sing" *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 to you, Lord Christ.

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 to you, Lord 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who 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.

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

Minister 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.

The Priest stands and says

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

Please stand, as you are able.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord - remembering to maintain appropriate physical distance!

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!

OFFERTORY HYMN Hymnal 128 “We three kings of Orient are,” (*Three Kings of Orient*)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please remain standing, as you are able.

Celebrant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presider continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Presider and People

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Please kneel or stand, as you are able.

Then the Presider continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, *(first in Spanish and then in English,)*

People and Presider

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.

Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.

Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos a los
que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder,
y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre.
Amen.

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Presider says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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 and only at one station; 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, please just say so. Crossing your arms over your chest indicates that you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion.

COMMUNION HYMN Hymnal 113 "Duérmete, niño lindo" (*A la ru*)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. 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.

POST-COMMUNION HYMN WLP 726 “Where is this stupendous stranger?” (*Mariposa*)

Where is this stupendous stranger?
Gentle shepherd now, advise.
Lead me to my Master’s manger,
show me where my Savior lies.
O Most Mighty! O Most Holy!
Far beyond the seraph’s thought,
art thou then so weak and lowly
as unheeded prophets taught?

O the magnitude of meekness!
Worth from worth immortal sprung;
O the strength of infant weakness,
if eternal is so young!
God all bounteous, all creative,
whom no ills from good dissuade,
is incarnate, and a native
of the very world he made.

Christopher Smart (1722-1771), alt.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “A Christmas Suite” C. Callahan
1. “Noel Fanfares”

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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.

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