

Sunday, March 27, 2022 Fourth Sunday of Lent The Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8:00am

SERVICE NOTES: Welcome! We are glad that you have joined us this morning. Communion will be served at stations 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. Thank you!

Please stand as you are able.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

People His mercy endureth for ever.

THE DECALOGUE Please kneel, as you are able.

Presider God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the

land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Presider Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in

heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not

bow down to them, nor worship them.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Presider Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Presider Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Presider Honor thy father and thy mother.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Presider Thou shalt do no murder.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Presider Thou shalt not commit adultery.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Presider Thou shalt not steal.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Presider Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Presider Thou shalt not covet.

People Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The 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

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

THE KYRIE Please stand as you are able.

Presider Lord, have mercy upon us.
People Christ, have mercy upon us.
Presider Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you. People And with thy spirit.

Presider Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world; Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.

FIRST READING 2 CORINTHIANS 5:16 –21

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who

reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Let us read together from Psalm 32.

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, * and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom God imputes no guilt, * and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, * because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; * my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, * and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said," I will confess my transgressions to God." *
 Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; * when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;

you preserve me from trouble; * you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; * I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; * who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; * but mercy embraces those who trust in the Most High.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in God; * shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Please stand, as you are able.

GOSPEL LUKE 15:1-3; 11B-32

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.

But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.""

Deacon 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Let us pray for the church and the world.

Leader

Holy God, when we wander from the way, call us back; when we stray from the truth, redirect us; when we do not live life to the full, inspire and refresh us. May we and your whole church follow Him Who Is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We remember all who are pilgrims and seekers, and pray that they find their refuge and their strength in you, O God.

(We pause, making space for prayer to be offered, either silently or out loud.)

Leader If anyone is in Christ they are a new Creation.

People Come, Holy Spirit, and reconcile us to God.

Leader

Lord God, we pray for all who have been separated from loved ones through war or violence, for those who have left home and become lost. We remember those who live on the streets of our cities and towns. We pray for all who live in poverty and whose lives are crippled by debt, that we may find more just and equitable ways to share resources, remembering that all we have comes from you.

(We pause, making space for prayer to be offered, either silently or out loud.)

Leader If anyone is in Christ they are a new Creation.

People Come, Holy Spirit, and reconcile us to God.

Leader

We give thanks for our families, our parents, and all who love us. We pray especially for those who are dear to us but with whom we have lost contact or feel estranged.

Please bless and protect those families who are seeking to overcome difference, to rejoice in diversity, and to always see the face of Christ in one another. May all children and young people find such homes and places of welcome.

(We pause, making space for prayer to be offered, either silently or out loud.)

Leader If anyone is in Christ they are a new Creation.

People Come, Holy Spirit, and reconcile us to God.

Leader For all separated from loved ones and community through illness, trauma, or grief. We

remember all lonely and distressed people, and especially those who feel they are not worthy of forgiveness, reconciliation, and love. We ask Your blessing upon all who are

ill at home or in hospital and especially those on our parish prayer list.

(We pause, making space for prayer to be offered, either silently or out loud.)

Leader If anyone is in Christ they are a new Creation.

People Come, Holy Spirit, and reconcile us to God.

Leader We pray for all whom You have called home into Your kingdom where sorrow and pain

are no more. May we learn to face death not with fear and foreboding but with the sure

and certain hope of homecoming and new life.

(We pause, making space for prayer to be offered, either silently or out loud.)

Leader If anyone is in Christ they are a new Creation.

People Come, Holy Spirit, and reconcile us to God.

Leader Lord of all compassion, we return to you like children who had wandered away; We

trust in your love, we rejoice in your mercy, we know you will accept us as we are and help transform us into what we are meant to be. Lord, enfold us in your peace, and forgive us our sins; Through Jesus Christ your son our Lord, to whom with you and the

Holy Spirit be all honor and glory now and forever. Amen.

THE PEACE

Please stand, as you are able.

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with thy spirit.

The Ministers and 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 unto our Lord 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, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again. 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 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

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.

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen*.

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.

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us bless the Lord. 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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STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT & ACTION



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TITHELY: GIVE WITH A CLICK

ABBREVIATED ANNOUNCEMENTS—WEEK OF MARCH 27, 2022

For the full announcements, visit www.churchofstmartin.org

Growing Roots at the Ranch: Two Opportunities Coming Soon

On Monday, March 28, from 12:30 to 3:00pm, we'll welcome back Diana Almendariz, Patwin Wintun Culture Bearer and Elder, for a hands-on learning opportunity. Diana has collected over 100 small soaproot plants for us to grow at the Ranch. Soaproot is a native plant that once covered much of the area, and Indigenous people living here used different parts of the plant for soap (a sticky substance in the root), food, hunting, medicine, and fire. You are invited to come to the Forbes Ranch in Esparto to be part of this restorative planting project. Come if you can to join in the fun doing hands-on learning! Please let Carolyn Chamberlain, Ann Liu, or the church office know if you would like to participate.

Then on Friday, April 1, from 5:30 to 7:00pm, we'll gather for prayer and a picnic dinner with our special guest Brian Sellers-Petersen, the agrarian ministries leader in the Episcopal Church. RSVP to the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org) or to Pamela directly (pamela@churchofstmartin.org) if you want to come to the Ranch on Friday night; we can accommodate about 20 people. We welcome both those who have been part of the dreaming and planning process at the Ranch already and those who want to learn more and discern how they can get involved. We'll share the address and simple directions with everyone who RSVPs.

A reminder that "the Ranch" or "Forbes Ranch" is what we call the 15 acres of land in Esparto that we are leasing from Stan Forbes as part of our effort to develop a strong land-based ministry and create opportunities for connecting with neighbors in other parts of Yolo County, as well as those who are interested in worshiping and gathering outside in nature rather than within the walls of the church. The best way to get to know this land and understand our efforts is to come and see!

Godly Play Is Back In Person!

Godly Play is back on campus, in **Classroom 4** from **9:45-10:30am this Sunday, March 27th!** Please bring your children (masked, regardless of vaccination status) to meet Sheri and Diane before heading into the 10:00 service; they'll rejoin you in time for communion. We'll maintain this schedule on April 10th and 24th as well. Questions? Contact Pastor Casey at <u>casey@churchofstmartin.org</u>

Growing! Conference Registration Ends Monday, March 28

This one-day event at St. Martin's on April 2 will bring people together from around the Diocese. Our day will include sharing gardening information, theological inspiration, praying with Bishop Megan Traquair, meeting our churchwide agrarian leader Brian Sellers Petersen, plus an opportunity to begin shaping how "Growing!" might develop as a movement to honor, network, and support gardening and agriculture in our region.

In addition to our keynote speaker and our Bishop, presenters include Jim Schaal, offering theological reflection in the morning, and Pamela, who will help us end the day on a contemplative note. Ann Liu will be leading us in a tour of Grace Garden. Please register before the Monday deadline, even if you are planning to volunteer with the hospitality team, so that we know how many lunches to provide. If you need help registering or need a scholarship for the registration fee, just let Pamela+ or Michael in the office know and we'll get things sorted out. Thank you! You can register here: https://form.jotform.com/220465127986160

Easter Special Offering—Nomination Deadline is Today, March 27

St. Martin's has a tradition of donating the Easter offering (also known as the "Easter plate" or "special offering") to a worthy organization, either within our community or beyond, that helps in a variety of possible ways, such as combating the effects of poverty, assisting refugees, supporting people with mental illness, and much more. The generosity of our community and those who worship with us on these special holy days always provide a much-need boost to an organization that is doing God's work in a way that extends the reach of the parish beyond what we can do on our own. You are invited to submit recommendations for worthy organizations to receive this year's Easter offering. If you would like to nominate an organization (one nomination per person), please email the office (info@churchofstmartin.org) and provide the following: (a) Name of the organization; (b) Key contact/s (e,g., executive director) including contact information (e.g., website, email/s); (c) In no more than one paragraph, your rationale for nominating this organization. We need nominations of recipient organizations by the end of the day on Sunday, March 27.

Coffee Hour Brought to You By: Your Friends on the St. Martin's Vestry!

You already know that your Vestry are whizzes when it comes to finances and governance, but did you know that they are also committed to acts of service and hospitality? Under the supervision of your Junior Warden, Maria Acuna-Feldman, they are coordinating Coffee Hour for two Sundays, starting last Sunday! We are striving to bring back some of our beloved pre-pandemic traditions. So, if you feel like you could help out once a month or so with some basic gestures of hospitality, please consider stepping forward. Maria would be happy to talk with you about what's involved, as would other members of the Vestry and the Invite, Welcome, Connect team. And if we've already reached out to you, please say "yes"—or, as we Episcopalians like to say, "I will, with God's help!" Thank you! And many thanks to your Vestry for their leadership.

Godly Play Volunteer Training

In order to enrich the return to in-person Godly Play this spring, we are seeking interested volunteers for storytelling and doorkeeping roles. If you would like to receive training from Diane Bamforth, our longtime leader, please come to **Classroom 4** after the **10:00 service on Sunday, April 4th**. Diane will introduce you to the classroom set-up, demonstrate a story, assist you in practicing, and answer questions you may have about the program. Please let Pastor Casey know you intend to come by emailing <u>casey@churchofstmartin.org</u> and including whether or not your Safe Church certification is up-to-date (within the last 5 years) so you can recertify as needed.

Help Needed for the Altar Guild!

Are you interested in a quiet, contemplative ministry inside the church? The Altar Guild needs additional volunteers to serve once a month. Duties include setting up the altar for services, clearing the altar after the service or washing and ironing the altar linens. We would love to show you the ropes and/or talk to you about this ministry if you just want information first. Please contact Carla Harris for details (get Carla's contact information from the church directory or the church office).

The Rector is In! (Or out, actually, depending on how you look at it)

Our rector, Pamela, is holding "outdoor office hours" on Monday afternoons during Lent. This Monday's office hours (March 28) will be from 4 to 5 pm, near the prayer chalkboard on the Hawthorn side of the church office. She will be in the library if the weather is inclement; so, please check there if she is not outside by the prayer chalkboard. These office hours are a way to meet up with Pamela and other parishioners who stop in, without needing an appointment. See you there!