

# Sunday, October 16, 2022 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost The Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:00am

**SERVICE NOTES:** We are glad you have joined us this morning! Most of the service music can be found beginning on page 11, with the Sanctus and Fraction Anthem printed within the main text. **If you are online**: Closed captioning is available on Zoom. We encourage everyone to sing and pray actively from home. Feel free to add prayer requests, celebrations, and milestones in the chat box. Just remember not to share sensitive information online—please use first names only. **If you are in person**: We also encourage you to sing and pray actively. Just remember to please maintain a respectful silence when appropriate, especially during the prelude and postlude, so that others may listen to the music and pray. Thank you!

PRELUDE "Variations on Old Psalm-tunes" G. Dyson 1. O Lord, Turn Not Away Thy Face; 2. God Moves in a Mysterious Way

Please stand, as you are able, for the Opening Hymn.

**OPENING HYMN** H632 "O Christ, the Word Incarnate" (Munich)

### **OPENING ACCLAMATION**

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God. People Glory to God for ever and ever. 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.

# ALL are invited to sing the song of praise!

**SONG OF PRAISE** S280 "Glory to God" (*Canticle 20*)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

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.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.
People And also with you.

*Presider* Let us pray.

God our rock and refuge: keep us safe in your care and strengthen us with your grace, that we may pray to you faithfully and love one another boldly, following the example of Jesus, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives for ever and ever. Amen.

(source: Veronese Sacramentary)

# FIRST READING Please be seated for the readings.

A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. In those days they shall no longer say:

"The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge."
But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Robert Knox Kennedy

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

People Thanks be to God.

### **PSALM**

Please join in singing from Psalm 119.

Jeremiah 31:27-34



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- 97 Oh, how I love your <u>law;</u>\* all the day long it is in my mind.
- Your commandment has made me wiser than my <u>enemies</u>,\* and it is always with me.
- 99 I have more understanding than all my <u>teachers</u>,\* for your decrees are my <u>study</u>.
- 100 I am wiser than the <u>elders</u>,\* because I observe your com<u>mandments</u>.
- 101 I restrain my feet from every evil <u>way</u>,\* that I may keep your <u>word</u>.
- 102 I do not shrink from your <u>judgments</u>,\* because you yourself have <u>taught me</u>.
- 103 How sweet are your words to my <u>taste</u>;\* they are sweeter than honey to my <u>mouth</u>.
- 104 Through your commandments I gain under<u>standing</u>;\* therefore I hate every lying <u>way</u>.

# SECOND READING 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

A reading from Paul's second letter to Timothy.

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able. ALL are invited to sing the sequence hymn!

**SEQUENCE HYMN** Hyfrdol

Choir Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Choir Hark! The Word of God is calling over the ages the Good News for all!

All Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 18:1-8

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, `Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, `Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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, for the Creed.

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**The Leader and the People pray responsively.

Deacon Recognizing that our gifts are miracles that enable our ministry, serve our neighbors, and strengthen our community, we gather to offer our intentions, petitions, and thanksgivings to God.

Leader I ask your prayers for the Church, the inspiration and inheritance of our gifts of wealth, works, and wisdom. Pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Megan, our Bishop; Pamela, our rector and Margaret, our deacon; Betsy, our seminarian; Ernie and Deborah, our priest associates, and all other ministers in the Church.

(We pause, making space for prayer to be said, either silently or aloud.)

Thanks to God's great abundance,

**People** There can always be more than enough.

Leader We ask your prayers for the world, God's greatest miracle. May we who inherit this earth be wise stewards of Creation and kind caretakers of all your creatures. We ask your prayers for those who lead our nation and our communities. For Joseph, our President; for Gavin, our Governor, and or our legislative and judicial institutions, and for the representatives of our local government. May they use the plentiful resources they steward to care for the people of the

(We pause, making space for prayer to be said, either silently or aloud.)

Thanks to God's great abundance,

People There can always be more than enough.

world.

Leader We ask your prayers for our neighbors and all who need or request our prayers. For those who are marginalized and oppressed; those who are sick and those who are dying; for the lonely and isolated; for those who are suffering; and for those who sleep on our streets. We pray for all on our prayer list, and family and friends we name now.

(The deacon will share prayer requests after a pause for those in the congregation to pray out loud, if desired.)

Thanks to God's great abundance,

People There can always be more than enough.

Leader I ask your prayers for those who have died. May they forever gather at your table of plenty,

sharing their gifts with love and joy.

(We pause, making space for prayer to be said, either silently or aloud.)

Thanks to God's great abundance,

People There can always be more than enough.

Leader As the crowd who gathered to hear Jesus preach was able to share two fish and five loaves with

more than enough left over, they discovered that when their gifts were blessed, they increased and became a blessing to others. We give you thanks for the uncountable miracles and blessings

in our lives

(We pause, making space for prayer to be said, either silently or aloud.)

Thanks to God's great abundance,

**People:** There can always be more than enough.

Presider: Holy God, your love knows no bounds and you did not hesitate to give your whole self to us in

the person of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. May we, too, reach within ourselves to share our gifts with the world, so that our love overflows in a need-filled world. These and all things we

ask in the name of your Son and through the power of your Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

# **CONFESSION OF SIN** *You may stand or kneel, as you are able, for the Confession.*

# The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins to God. Silence may be kept.

### Minister and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

# The Presider stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

# THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord. Please be sensitive to those who wish to maintain physical distance.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please see the announcement insert and the flyer on the back page of this bulletin. Feel free to take this bulletin home with you. In addition, an extended announcement sheet is on our website. If you do not currently receive an email from us with current news and events, please reach out to info@churchofstmartin.org so we can be in touch.

### 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 are not currently passing collection plates, but there is a basket near the baptismal font. Online giving is available; just look for the green "give" button on our website or the QR code near the back of this bulletin—or contact the office for more information. We are very grateful to those who have pledged and who give regularly, as well as for all plate offerings. Thank you and God bless you!

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** "The Harvest of Justice," John Karl Hirten

Sung by The Choir.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand, as you are able, for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

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

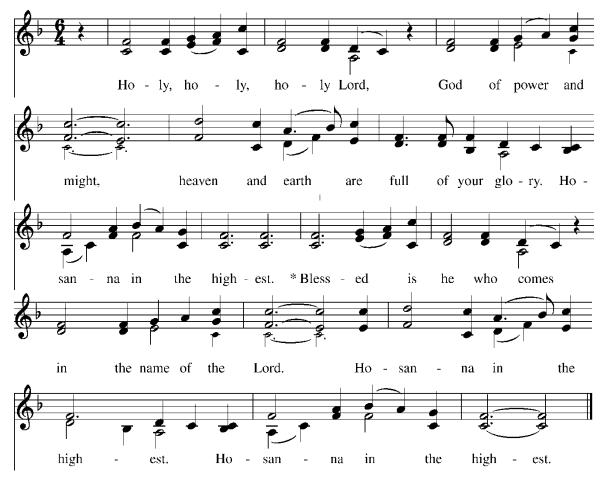
# The Presider continues

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

# SANCTUS WLP 858

Please join in singing.



#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### Then the Presider continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all 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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Martin all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

### 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.

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.

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.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil.

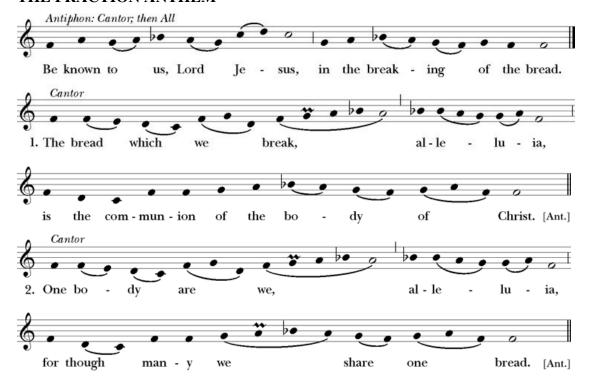
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

now and forever.

Amen.

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

#### THE FRACTION ANTHEM



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 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.

A note about Spiritual Communion: The Book of Common Prayer reminds us that if one is unable to actually consume the consecrated bread and wine due to extreme sickness or disability, the desire is enough for God to grant all the benefits of communion (p. 457). When being present at a celebration of the Eucharistic is not possible, this act of prayer and meditation can provide the means by which you can associate yourself with the Eucharistic Action and open yourself to God's grace and blessing. Please consider using this Act of Reception during Communion time.

Act of Reception: "In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, and remembering particularly the people of the Church of St. Martin, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption of the world, and for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen".

**COMMUNION HYMN** 

H669 "Commit thou all that grieves thee" (Herzlich tut mich verlangen)
3. By the Waters of Babylon G. Dyson

#### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**Presider** Let us pray.

# Presider and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

# **BLESSING** The Presider offers a blessing and the People respond AMEN

The Wisdom of God the Love of God and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN** H636 "How firm a foundation" (Foundation)

# DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

# **POSTLUDE** 4. Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go G. Dyson

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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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H669 "Commit thou all that grieves thee" (Herzlich tut mich verlangen)



# 636 "How firm a foundation" (Foundation)



# ABBREVIATED ANNOUNCEMENTS—WEEK OF OCTOBER 16, 2022

For the full announcements, visit www.churchofstmartin.org

# Interested in "Revive" or the All Parish Retreat? Please Let Us Know by October 17

"Revive" Discipleship Program: Revive is a small-group discipleship program to help individuals grow in confidence as spiritual leaders, become re-energized with new ideas, and learn about yourself and God. This formation opportunity begins on Friday, October 28 with a retreat to St. Dorothy's Rest in Meeker, CA (see directly below for more information about the retreat). After the retreat, we will meet on Wednesday evenings for six consecutive weeks. To be part of Revive, sign up for the retreat and indicate your interest in Revive on the form. Limited to 12 people to keep groups small, but we can add groups if needed. We need to hear from you by October 17 if you plan to be part of Revive and the retreat (see registration link in next announcement or fill out hard copy at Coffee Hour on Sunday). If you have questions or are considering but unsure, talk with Rev. Pamela after church on Sunday.

All Parish Retreat—October 28 – 30: Spend a weekend on retreat at St. Dorothy's Rest in Meeker, CA. Organized curriculum will be provided for those participating in Revive. But ALL are welcome to come to St. Dorothy's for your own self-guided retreat, or just for some down time, and to enjoy meals and social time with fellow parishioners. Retreat participants will gather after dinner on Friday, and we'll wrap things up after lunch on Sunday. Cost is \$260 per person, including meals and two nights of lodging. Financial assistance is available (contact Pamela). St. Dorothy's Rest is a retreat center in the woods in Sonoma County. Register for the retreat <a href="https://tinyurl.com/StMartsRetreat">https://tinyurl.com/StMartsRetreat</a> or fill out a hard copy at Coffee Hour at church. Please let us hear from you by October 17 if you will attend the retreat.

# This Sunday! Seeds of Justice Welcomes Melinda Adams (San Carlos Apache) on October 16

"Cultural Fire, Storytelling, and Reclaiming Indigenous Land Stewardship Practices." Melinda Adams (San Carlos Apache), PhD Candidate in Dept. of Native American Studies, UC Davis. On Zoom only. The registration link below is different than the meeting link, which you'll receive after you register. If you have any trouble registering, please reach out to the office; we're happy to help. Register in advance for Zoom participation: <a href="https://bit.ly/3TIN3Q9">https://bit.ly/3TIN3Q9</a>

For more information about Seeds of Justice events, please see our website:: https://churchofstmartin.org/2022/08/03/save-the-date-seeds-of-justice-continues/

### Godly Play Next Week, October 23

Godly Play continues to meet twice a month in Room 4 on Sundays at 10:00am. The next Godly Play Sunday will be October 23. Children ages K - Grade 6 are welcome!

# Newcomers' Brunch-October 23

Newcomers are invited to attend our Newcomers' Brunch, held directly after the 10am service on October 23. Help us get to know you better, learn about our ministries, meet fellow parishioners and enjoy a time of fellowship! If you are new or even new-ish or just want to meet new people, contact the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org) to let us know you'll be attending.

# Stewardship Season is Here: "More than Enough"

St. Martin's is supported entirely by the financial gifts of our members and friends. We are very grateful to those who provide regular financial support to our ministries, as well as special gifts and bequests. The theme of our stewardship campaign this year is "More than Enough." You should have received a letter with a pledge card in the U.S. mail from Co-Sr. Warden Neil Willits. **You may return your pledges to us in one of several ways:** mail your pledge to the church office, send in your pledge to our confidential Stewardship email address (stewardship@churchofstmartin.org), or bring your pledge to our ingathering on November 13, when we celebrate the Feast of St. Martin! Thank you one and all!

# Please Send in Names for This Year's Necrology

All Saints' Day is coming soon! All are invited to submit names of those who have passed away in the past year (November 1, 2021 - now) to be included in our All Saints' Day Necrology. This list will be read on All Saints' Day at our 7:00pm service and on November 6 at both Sunday services. Please submit names of anyone you wish to have included by October 30 to the church office (530-756-0444; info@churchofstmartin.org).

# **Eucharistic Visitor Ministry Replaces Shared Home Communion**

Shared Home Communion (the distribution of pre-consecrated wafers for consumption at the appointed time while participating in a live-streamed service of Holy Eucharist) was a pastoral response to the public health emergency that required churches to stop holding in-person worship services due to the threat posed by COVID. But fortunately we are in a different phase of the pandemic and have resumed not only in-person worship but also our Eucharistic Visitor ministry. We are thus ending the Shared Home Communion program, with deep gratitude to all who made it possible. Hybrid worship, the St. Martin's Messengers, and other ways to stay connected to those who can't be at church in person are all continuing and, in some cases, may even expand as needed. To request a Eucharistic Visitor visit or to learn about the St. Martin's Messenger packets, contact the church office (530-756-0444 or<u>info@churchofstmartin.org</u>). For a fuller explanation, please see a letter from Rev. Pamela posted on our website www.churchofstmartin.org.

# Coming Soon: St. Martin's Next Sacred Ground Dialogue Circle

*Sacred Ground* is a discussion series on race, grounded in faith, developed by the Episcopal Church. Small groups use films and readings to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. The Rev. Ernie Lewis and Carole Hom will co-facilitate a new Sacred Ground Dialogue Circle to start in November and end in May, dates and times TBD. For more information, see the flyer on the Vestry Listening Table at coffee hour, come to the Zoom info session at 4pm on October 23 at <u>tinyurl.com/StMSGDCzoom</u>, or contact Carole Hom (info in church directory).

# Half Day Work Party with Sierra Service Project-November 6

Join Tim Williams on a Sierra Service Project (SSP) half workday in Sacramento on Sunday, November 6 from 11am to 4:30pm. We will build a community garden for families in transitional housing. Just show up with a can-do attitude, wear sturdy shoes, and pack a lunch. We will leave St. Martin's parking lot on Sunday morning at 11am. We would like to have a group of no less than 4 and up to 20 working together. Open to people of all ages. SSP requires that any youth under 18 years have a signed parent permission. Youth under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact Tim Williams by October 30 (info in the new directory) or the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org).

# **Rector's Office Hours**

Pamela holds office hours most weeks on Tuesday, 4:00 - 5:00 pm outside near the prayer chalkboard (weather permitting) or indoors in the church library. **Her next office hours will be on Tuesday, October 18.** If you would like to meet with Pamela at a different time, just email her or contact the church office (<a href="mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org">info@churchofstmartin.org</a>) to set something up.

<u>Upcoming Meeting Dates</u> (Zoom unless noted. Contact <u>communications@churchofstmartin.org</u> for the link)

Caring Ministries: Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00pm

**Choir Practice:** Thursday, October 20 at 7:00pm (in the church)

Vestry: Monday, October 24 at 4:30pm

Social Justice and Outreach: Tuesday, October 25 at 7:00pm

**Buildings and Grounds:** Friday, October 28 at 4:00pm