



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN

Sunday, November 20, 2022 – Christ the King 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 10, 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 “Tocatta Tertia” G.Muffat; “Prelude to Te Deum” M.A. Charpentier

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

OPENING HYMN H544 “Jesus shall reign” (*Duke Street*)

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING *Please be seated for the readings.***Jeremiah 23:1-6**

A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “ The Lord is our righteousness.”

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.*People* Thanks be to God.*Please join in singing Canticle 16.***CANTICLE** WLP 889 Canticle 16, “The Song of Zechariah”**SECOND READING****Colossians 1:11-20**

A reading from Paul’s letter to the Colossians.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

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!*All* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*Choir* Hark! The Word of God is calling over the ages the Good News for all!*All* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**GOSPEL** *Please stand, as you are able.***Luke 23:33-43***Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the

leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

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 Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.

Leader Christ, our King, keep us calm and faithful in all troubles; let us not be afraid, for we trust that your kingdom will come. Give strength and direction to all who seek to do your will and who strive for peace and righteousness. Guide your Church to be a beacon of faith, hope, and love as we proclaim your coming in glory.

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

People Christ, may your kingdom come in us
On earth as it is in heaven.

Leader Christ, our King, may we know you are present in all of life; you are the source of

life and light, yet you are one with the meek and the humble, the poor and the oppressed. We pray for all who seek justice and for all who govern and hold authority, that they may follow your example and work to build your Beloved Community.

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

People Christ, may your kingdom come in us
On earth as it is in heaven.

Leader Christ, our King, rule in our hearts and in our homes. May love, peace, and forgiveness be known among us. We thank you for our family, friends, loved ones and community.

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

People Christ, may your kingdom come in us
On earth as it is in heaven.

Leader Christ, our King, give hope and vision to the suffering and let them be aware of your love and your strength. Keep in your embrace all who are losing their hold on life; enfold in your love all who are fearful and anxious. We pray for all in any grief or trouble, especially those on our parish prayer list.

(The deacon will share prayer requests and then will invite the congregation to pray out loud, if desired.)

People Christ, may your kingdom come in us
On earth as it is in heaven.

Leader We give thanks that you are Lord of all life and that death has no dominion over us. We give thanks that your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, a place of abundance and grace. We pray for our departed loved ones.

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

People Christ, may your kingdom come in us
On earth as it is in heaven.

Presider Gracious God, as we acknowledge your sovereignty, let us strive to serve you by serving others in your Name. Help us to be a people truly rooted in faith, growing in hope, and reaching out in love; through your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. 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 announcements and flyer on pages 14 - 16. 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 that 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 “Worthy is the Lamb,” Pepper Choplin

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

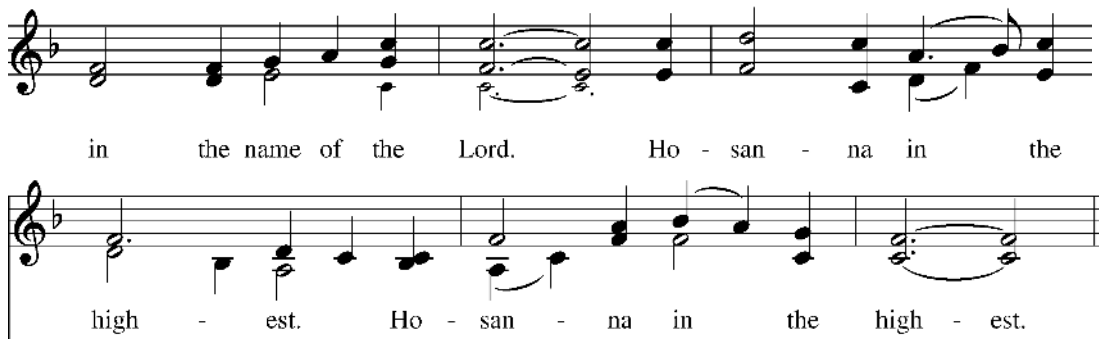
It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. *Bless - ed is he who comes



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

Antiphon: Cantor; then All


Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor


1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor


2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

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 H382 “King of Glory” (*General Seminary*)
“The eternal gifts of Christ the King” B. Cabena

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.

(source: Celtic)

CLOSING HYMN H477 “All praise to thee” (*Engelberg*)

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “Postlude” A. Ridout

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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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H554 "Jesus shall reign" (Duke Street)

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
 3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
 4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

WLP 889 Canticle 16, "The Song of Zechariah"

1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free and
2. With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call, the
3. My child, as pro - phet of the Lord you will pre - pare the way, to

rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree. So
oath once sworn to A - bra - ham; from foes to save us all; that
tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway. Then

have the pro - phets long de - clared that with his might - y arm God
we might wor - ship with - out fear and of - fer lives of praise, in
shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease, to

would turn back our en - e - mies and all that wish us harm.
ho - li - ness and right - eous - ness to serve God all our days.
drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

H382 "King of Glory" (*General Seminary*)

1 King of glo - ry, King of peace, I will love thee;
 2 Where - fore with my ut - most art, I will sing thee;
 3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

Tenor or soprano ad libitum

3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

and that love may nev - er cease, I will move thee.
 and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.
 in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.

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Thou hast grant - ed my re - quest, thou hast heard me;
 Though my sins a - gainst me cried, thou didst clear me;
 Small it is in this poor sort to en - roll thee;

Small it is in this poor sort to en - roll thee;

thou didst note my work - ing breast, thou hast spared me.
 and a - lone, when they re - plied, thou didst hear me.
 e'en e - ter - ni - ty's too short to ex - tol thee.

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H477 "All praise to thee" (Engelberg)

Descant

5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine,
 2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;
 3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
 4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou
 5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

Je - sus Christ is Lord;

1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine,
 2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;
 3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,
 4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,
 5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord;

and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine.
 2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.
 3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry.
 4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow.
 5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

ABBREVIATED ANNOUNCEMENTS—WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20, 2022

For the full announcements, visit www.churchofstmartin.org

Thanksgiving Project Thanks!

Thanks to your generosity, the 2022 Christine Blanchard Annual Thanksgiving Project has been a great success! We have received \$8,092 to date. This amount will allow us to serve over 70 families with \$100 grocery gift cards, with the remainder applied to gift cards in smaller amounts for undocumented UC Davis students in need. The Social Justice and Outreach Committee thanks you for your generous gifts. May you enjoy a blessed Thanksgiving.

First Film in Peace and Justice Film Series, November 23, 7pm

We're excited to begin monthly film discussions with another Episcopal parish—Messiah in Santa Ana. The first movie will be [Ayotzinapa - el paso de la tortuga](#) on Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00pm. The film is a documentary on the 2014 forced disappearance of 43 students from the Ayotzinapa Rural Teachers' College. **The movie is available on Netflix. After viewing it on your own, join the group on Zoom for an hour-long discussion on Wednesday at 7:00pm. Click [here](#) for the Zoom information or contact the church office.** Biff Baker and John M. Liu, professors emeriti from UC Irvine will facilitate.

Calling All Readers to a Discussion Session on Sunday, December 11

After the 10am service on December 11 (11:30am), Charlie Bamforth will lead a discussion in the sanctuary on the reading of lessons and intercessions. **All current readers are asked to attend, if possible**, and those who would like to know more about this important ministry are also encouraged to attend. We are so grateful for our roster of readers and hope this will be an enriching experience!

New Sacred Ground Circle Starting November 27

Sacred Ground is a discussion series on race, grounded in faith and developed by the Episcopal Church. Small groups use films and readings to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism. The Rev. Ernie Lewis and Carole Hom will co-facilitate a new Sacred Ground Dialogue Circle that will meet Sunday afternoons, starting November 27, and meet approximately every two weeks (with breaks for holidays) until the last session in May. Interested? Contact Ernie or Carole.

Matthew 25 Update

A committee of five members of St. Martin's—from Vestry, the Social Justice and Outreach Committee, and the parish at large—has been meeting to consider the recipients of the 2022 Matthew 25 grant program. If you have a worthy organization you would like to see funded, please contact the office with your nomination as soon as possible.

Godly Play Next Sunday, November 27 with Advent Wreath Making

Children in Godly Play will make Advent Wreaths on November 27. We will do this during class and then bring our creations into church to be blessed. All materials will be provided. If you have holly in your garden, Diane Bamforth would love to know if you could bring some for the wreaths. Parishioners are welcome to bring their own wreaths to church to be blessed at the service too.

Journeying the Way of Love: Advent Formation Opportunity beginning on November 27

All are welcome to join us on Sunday, November 27, after the 10 o'clock service to learn about our upcoming class on Journeying the Way of Love in Advent. We'll spend an hour together getting acquainted with the curriculum and learning about the seven spiritual practices in the Way of Love. Come to this first gathering and decide if you want to participate in the four Wednesday night sessions that will follow. Either way, go home with a special Advent calendar!

Living Well in Advent–Three Tuesdays at 10am on Zoom

Join us for Living Well Through Advent. We'll explore and reflect on scripture while considering how it affects our hearts, souls, strength, and minds. The theme this Advent is simplicity. Anyone interested can drop in on **Nov. 29, Dec. 13, and Dec. 20, on Zoom from 10am to 11:30am.** (No meeting on Dec. 6). Advent Living Compass booklets can be picked up in the Narthex of the church on Sunday or at the church office. The booklets provide daily readings and reflections so even if you can't join us, feel free to take one. For the meeting Zoom link, email Gabe at communications@churchofstmartin.org or contact the church office.

Our Seminarian Betsy's Ordination Date

Our seminarian Betsy McElroy will be ordained on December 3 at 2:00pm as a transitional deacon on her path toward becoming a priest. The service will be live streamed and we will make the link available when we have it. *Blessings on your journey, Betsy!*

Save the Dates for December Special Services

Blue Christmas, Sunday, December 11 at 4:00pm: A service specially designed for those who might be experiencing grief or may not feel joyful during this Christmas season.

Greening of the Church, Saturday, December 17 at 1:00pm: Join us as we put up lights, wreaths, garlands, candles and other festive decorations for Christmas. Many hands make light work.

Advent Lessons and Carols, Sunday, December 18 at 4:00pm: We join the Sanctuary Choir in singing songs of Advent and reading lessons.

Las Posadas, Sunday, December 18 at 5:00pm: A traditional Latin American service commemorating the journey Mary and Joseph took from Nazareth to Bethlehem looking for shelter and a place for Jesus to be born. We will walk around the church grounds going door-to-door and end with a celebration and caroling in the Parish Hall.

Registration Open for Sacramento Racial Reconciliation Workshop–January 21

The next racial reconciliation one-day workshop, "I Will, With God's Help: Journey Toward Racial Healing and Justice," will be held at Trinity Cathedral in Sacramento on Saturday, January 21, 2023. Registration is now open and is limited to 30 participants. This one-day in-person workshop was specially developed for the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California by the Commission for Intercultural Ministries. Register:

<https://forms.gle/tAa9a3Wmij2e3PsL9>

We Need Your Help with Coffee Hour Hospitality!!

Could you help host coffee hour once every month or two? You can sign up on SignUp Genius for the date(s) you wish to host: <https://smartinsdavis.tiny.us/hospitality>. Tables will always be put up for you in advance. We have 3 different sign-up slots for volunteers a) Make coffee and put items out on the coffee and snack tables starting at 9 or 9:15am; b) Bring snacks; c) Clean up after coffee hour (starting about 11:45am). Let's continue to have a great coffee hour, with everyone's help!

Rector's Office Hours - Wednesdays 4:00 - 5:00pm

Rev. Pamela holds office hours most weeks on Wednesday, 4:00 - 5:00 pm in the church library. **Her next office hours will be the week after Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 29.** If you would like to meet with Pamela at a different time, just email her or contact the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org) to set something up.

The church office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 24 - 25 for Thanksgiving.

We will resume regular hours, Monday – Friday 9am to 12pm on November 28.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!!



The Episcopal Church of St. Martin Invites You To
CELEBRATE WITH US

DECEMBER 11

**BLUE CHRISTMAS AND CANDLE
LIGHTING AT 4PM**

In person and online

A contemplative service with readings
and music

DECEMBER 18

**LESSONS AND CAROLS AT 4PM
LAS POSADAS AT 5PM**

In person only

A song-filled Eucharist followed by a
reenactment of the Holy Family's
search for safe refuge

CHRISTMAS EVE

**CHILDREN'S SERVICE
DECEMBER 24 AT 3PM**

In person only

A brief interactive service for families
and young children

CHRISTMAS EVE

**DECEMBER 24
AT 7PM AND 10PM**

In person and online

Festive Choral Eucharist
with Christmas Carols

CHRISTMAS DAY

DECEMBER 25 AT 10AM

In person

Contemporary Eucharist with
Christmas Carols

FORMATION OFFERING:

Journeying the Way of Love

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night sessions. Learn about the seven spiritual practices in the Way of Love.

Spirituality in Nature Gathering

On Dec 10th, 10am-12pm, walk the beautiful natural setting of our own church
campus, draw on scripture and poetry to ponder the themes of Incarnation, Solstice,
and the Gifts of Winter. After the program, enjoy fellowship and some warm apple
cider to close our advent gathering. Bring a sack lunch!

All are welcome!

For more information visit our website.

www.churchofstmartin.org

