



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN

Sunday, December 4, 2022 – Second Sunday of Advent 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 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 “Première Méditation-Pastorale” A. Guilmant

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

OPENING HYMN H65 “Prepare the way, O Zion” (*Bereden väg vor Herran*)

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING

Reader

Today is the second Sunday of Advent. The Church learned a long time ago that people need a way to get ready to come close to a mystery like the Incarnation, the mystery we call Christmas. So, the Church set aside four weeks as a season of preparation.

On the first Sunday of Advent we remembered the prophets, who pointed the way to Bethlehem. Today, the second Sunday of Advent, we remember the Holy Family. With faith and courage, the Holy Family walks the road to Bethlehem, and invites us to walk with them. During Advent, we are all getting ready to welcome Jesus into our lives once more.

We light two Advent candles.

All **O Emmanuel, Jesus Christ, desire of the world, Savior of all peoples, come and dwell among us.**

Presider

Beloved in Christ, in this season of Advent, let it be our care and delight to prepare our hearts and minds for the mystery of the Incarnation and the coming of our Savior, who was and is and is to come. **Amen.**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

ALL are invited to sing the song of praise, which can be found on page 11.

SONG OF PRAISE H 487 “Come my Way, my Truth, my Life” (*The Call*)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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.*

Isaiah 11:1-10

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

PSALM

Please join in reading from Psalm 72.

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son,
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;

- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blest are you, O God of Israel; *
you alone do wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blest is your glorious Name for ever! *
May all the earth be filled with your glory.
Amen. Amen.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN *Veni Emmanuel*

Cantor Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Cantor Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

All Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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.

Adapted from prayers written by Lynne Mallonee Schlimm.

Deacon God of the watching, God of the waiting: Be present with us.

Leader God of the watching, may the circle of the Advent wreath remind us of your infinite love, which has no beginning or end. Help us to set our minds on things eternal.

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

People Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Leader God of the waiting, we pray for all in authority in the church and in the world. We look forward to the day when the nations of the world walk in the light and your peace is experienced by all.

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

People Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Leader God of the watching, we pray for the city of Davis and for all of Yolo County, that we may be a community of hope and light in this world.

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

People Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Leader God of the waiting, we pray for all the people of your church that you may strengthen them for the ministry that you have set before them. For bishops, deacons, priests, and lay people, that all of us may heed your call on our lives and be committed to your service.

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

People Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Leader God of the watching, God of the waiting, we pray for the sick, the friendless, and the needy, that they may experience your healing presence. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list.
(The deacon will share prayer requests and then will invite the congregation to pray out loud.)

Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader God of time and eternity and the source of comfort for all who mourn; we pray for all who have died, especially those we hold in our hearts and name before you now.
(We pause, making space for prayer to be said, either silently or aloud.)

Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader God of abundance and hope, we are challenged in our worship to set our hearts and minds on the here and now, and to remember and be thankful for all you have given us.
(We pause, making space for prayer to be said, either silently or aloud.)

Lord, in your mercy
People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider Hasten, O God, the coming of your kingdom, and grant that we, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his advent in glorious majesty. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

You may stand or kneel, as you are able.

The Deacon says Let us confess our sins to God. *Silence may be kept.*

Minister and People

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

ABSOLUTION

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 the Lord 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 at the end of the bulletin (pp. 15-16). 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 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

The ushers will pass collection plates. Online giving is also 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

Sung by The Family Choir.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

Presider God 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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

SANCTUS WLP 785 “Santo, Santo, Santo”

Please join in singing.

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Then the Presider continues

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

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

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

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

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

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People and Presider

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

Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.

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

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Presider says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

ABOUT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at God's table, children included. Gluten-free Communion hosts are available; please ask. Wine is being served via intinction 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 WLP 723 "Isaiah the Prophet has written of old" (Samanthra)
"Pastorale" from "Opus Sacrum" P. de Maleingreau

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING *The Presider offers a blessing and the People respond Amen.*

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN WLP 724 "People look East" (*Besançon Carol*)

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “Exurgat Deus” P. Hurford

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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.



**STATEMENT OF
COMMITMENT AND ACTION**



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Hymnal 65 "Prepare the way, O Zion" (*Bereden väg vor Herran*)



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.

Refrain



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

Hymnal 487 "Come my Way, my Truth, my Life" (*The Call*)



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a
 2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a
 3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
 length; such a strength as makes _____ his guest.
 part; such a heart as joys _____ in love.

Isaiah the prophet has written of old 723

1. I - sa - iah the proph - et has writ - ten of old how
2. Yet na - tions still prey on the meek of the world. And

God's earth - ly king - dom shall come. In - stead of the thorn tree the
con - flict turns par - ent from child. Your peo - ple de - spoil all the

fir tree shall grow; the wolf shall lie down with the lamb. The
sweet - ness of earth; the brier and the thorn grow wild. Lord,

moun - tains and hills shall break forth in - to song, The
has - ten to bring in your king - dom on earth, when

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in two columns per system, corresponding to the two vocal parts. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

peo - ples be led forth in peace. For the earth shall be filled with the
 no one shall hurt or de - stroy. When wis - dom and jus - tice shall
 knowl - edge of God as the wa - ters cov - er the seas.
 reign in the land and your peo - ple shall go forth in joy.

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WLP 724 "People look East" (*Besançon Carol*)



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour-ish, that in course the flow'r may
3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
5. com - ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.



ABBREVIATED ANNOUNCEMENTS—WEEK OF DECEMBER 4, 2022

For the full announcements, visit www.churchofstmartin.org

Christian Formation for Children and Adults during Advent—in brief!

- Advent: Living Well through Advent on Tuesday mornings (on Zoom), 10-11:30am
- Journeying the Way of Love on Wednesday evenings in the church library, 7-8:00pm
- Spirituality in Nature Gathering on Saturday, December 10, from 10am to 12pm, with the option of staying for lunch afterwards.
- Godly Play on Sunday, December 11, during the 10 o'clock service

Advent & Christmas Special Services—in brief!

- Blue Christmas on Sunday, December 11, at 4pm
- Advent Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 18, at 4pm
- Las Posadas on Sunday, December 17, at 5pm with intergenerational party afterwards
- Christmas Eve: Family-friendly service at 3pm, Choral Eucharist at 7pm and 10pm
- Christmas Day: ONE service at 10 o'clock, in-person only
- New Year's Day: return to regular worship schedule, 8am and 10am

More information about all of these programs and services is on our website and the long form of the announcements that goes out via email. Don't forget to mark your calendar—and invite friends!

Vestry Nominations

The Nominations Committee of the Vestry is accepting nominations for the 2023 Vestry. Serving on Vestry gives you a role in ensuring that St. Martin's does its best to care for the parish, the larger church, and the community.

If you wish to nominate yourself or another parishioner, please use the form [HERE](#). We also have hard copies available in the narthex and the church office. Please return any hard copies to the church office. **We request your nominations no later than December 12.** For questions or additional information, you can speak to a member of the Vestry Nominating Committee (Julie Knudsen, Ann Liu, Beth Capell, Maria Acuna-Feldman) or Co-Senior Warden Neil Willits.

Who Should Receive our Christmas Plate Offering? Last chance to help us decide!

St. Martin's tradition is to give away our Christmas plate offering to an organization that serves those in need. YOU are invited to nominate a recipient organization for 2022. Nonprofit organizations that serve the neediest among us are our highest priority. While we generally fund organizations in our community or diocese, there is no geographic restriction.

If you would like to nominate an organization, please email the church office and provide the following: a) Name of the organization; b) Key contact/s (e.g., executive director) including contact information, website, flyer or other information); c) In no more than one paragraph, your rationale for nominating this organization for committee consideration. **We need your recommendation no later than December 11.** If you have questions about the Christmas Plate offering, please contact Co-Senior Warden Kimo Kimokeo or the church office.

Reader 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 a welcome and enriching experience for all!

Sacred Ground Circle New Start Date, January 8

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, 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. We will meet in a hybrid format at St. Martin's on Sunday afternoons, starting on 8 January, with meetings approximately every two weeks (with a break around Easter) until the last session in June. Interested? Contact Ernie Lewis or Carole Hom by 23 December, or email the church office at info@churchofstmartin.org.

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 open and is limited to 30 participants. This one-day in-person workshop was specially developed by the Commission for Intercultural Ministries. Renew your Baptismal Covenant and learn about historic and contemporary racism and how to engage in ministry with sensitivity and respect for all. Register:

<https://forms.gle/tAa9a3Wmij2e3PsL9>

We Need Your Help with Coffee Hour Hospitality!!

Do you enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship during coffee hour after the 10am service? Could you help host coffee hour once every month or two? You can sign up on Sign-Up Genius for the date(s) you wish to host: <https://stmartinsdavis.tiny.us/hospitality> 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). Thank you!

Encouraging All to Wear Name Tags

Now that we have returned to church in person in larger numbers and since many joined us during the pandemic lock-down, we hope all will wear name tags so that we can learn each other's names. If you need a name tag (new or replacement), just put your name on the list on the welcome table at church. In the meantime, we have stick-on name tags at the welcome table.

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 on Wednesday, December 7.** 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.

Meeting Dates this Week

Worship Committee: Tuesday, December 6 at 5:00pm via Zoom

Ministry Council: Thursday, December 8 at 10:00am (church library)

Choir Practice: Thursday, December 8 at 7:00pm (in the church)

If you wish to schedule a meeting on the calendar, contact info@churchofstmartin.org.

Greening of the Church

Join us on Saturday, Dec. 17 at 1pm as we put up lights, wreaths, garlands, candles and other festive decorations in the church for Christmas. We have everything needed. Come to lend a hand and enjoy fellowship as well.

Advent Calendars

We have printed Advent calendars from Journeying the Way of Love class. You might like to have a calendar even if you aren't taking the Advent class, as they are full of simple, concrete things to do to mark the Advent season. Pick one up in the Narthex or the church office.