



# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN

## Sunday, December 4, 2022 – Second Sunday of Advent The Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8:00am

**ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING** *Please stand as you are able.*

*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 his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

*The Presider says*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

### TRISAGION

*Presider* Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
*People* Have mercy upon us.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Presider* Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee 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 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

Let us read 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.

**GOSPEL** *Please stand, as you are able.*

**Matthew 3:1-12**

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

*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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 be to thee, O Christ.

## THE SERMON

*Silence is kept after the sermon.*

## THE CREED

*Please stand, as you are able.*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## 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.)*

Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **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.)*

Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **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**

*The Deacon says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Presider and People*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Presider stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE PEACE

*Please stand, as you are able.*

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS AND MILESTONES

*All may join in praying.*

Watch over your children O Lord, as their days increase: bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## OFFERTORY NOTES

*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!*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Presider* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* It is meet and right so to do.

*The Presider continues*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God; because thou didst send thy 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 with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

## SANCTUS

*Presider and People*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Please kneel or stand, as you are able.*

*The Presider continues*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies.

Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Presider*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

#### **FRACTION ANTHEM**

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

#### **AGNUS DEI** *Presider and People*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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

### **INVITATION AND DISTRIBUTION**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament and then deliver it to the people.*

### **ABOUT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION**

*All are welcome at God's table, children included. Gluten-free Communion hosts are available; please ask. Wine is being served via intinction only; the priest will dip your host into the chalice of wine and then offer it to you. If you would prefer to receive bread only, you may simply say so. The customary response upon receiving Communion is "Amen." Crossing your arms over your chest indicates that you would like to receive a blessing instead of Communion.*

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*After Communion, the Presider says* Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

Almighty and everliving God,  
we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries,  
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us;  
and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son,  
the blessed company of all faithful people;  
and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.  
And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father,  
so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship,  
and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

### **BLESSING**

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

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.

### **DISMISSAL**

*Presider* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

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## LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

*We acknowledge the land on which we are gathered. For thousands of years, this land has been the home of Patwin people. Today, there are three federally-recognized Patwin tribes: Cachil Dehe Band of Wintun Indians of the Colusa Indian Community, Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation, and Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. The Patwin people have remained committed to the stewardship of this land over many centuries. It has been cherished and protected, as elders have instructed the young through generations. We are honored and grateful to be here today on their traditional lands.*

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## **ABBREVIATED ANNOUNCEMENTS—WEEK OF DECEMBER 4, 2022**

For the full announcements, visit [www.churchofstmartin.org](http://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 after.
- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org).

### **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.