



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN

Sunday, December 18, 2022 – Fourth 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 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 “Choral Fantasy on *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*”
Introduzione – Andante sostenuto. M. Reger

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

OPENING HYMN H497 “How bright appears the morning star” (*Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*)

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE LIGHTING

Reader

Today is the fourth 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. On the second Sunday we remembered the Holy Family, who invite us to walk with them on the road to new life. On the third Sunday of Advent, we remembered the shepherds and the joyful song of the angels.

Today, on the fourth Sunday of Advent, we remember the Magi, the wise men who followed a star all the way to Bethlehem. Even though they don't arrive until after Christmas, remembering the Magi now reminds us not to lose hope, no matter where we are on our journey.

We light all four 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.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING *Please be seated for the readings.*

Isaiah 7:10-16

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

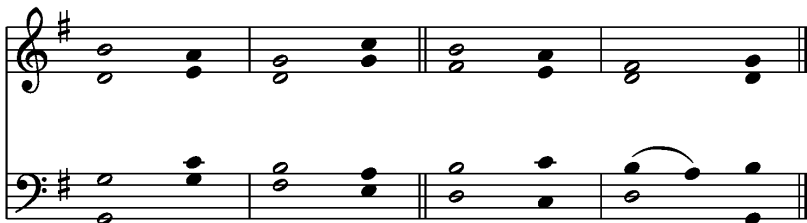
Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM

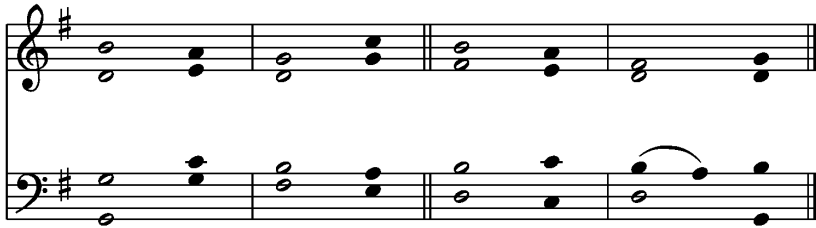
Please join in singing from Psalm 80.

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



- 16 Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, *
those whom you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING

Romans 1: 1-7

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 *Veni Emmanuel*

Choir Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

All Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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 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.)

Lord, in your mercy

People **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.)

Lord, in your mercy

People **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 confess our sins to God.

You may stand or kneel, as you are able.

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 on pages 15-16. We also have extended announcements 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. Feel free to take this bulletin home with you.

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 blue “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!

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “The Seven Joys of Mary,” Richard Shepherd *Sung by the Choir:*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE (Franconia)

Please join in singing

We give thee but thine own, / Whate'er the gift may be;

All that we have is thine alone, / A trust, O God, from thee. —William Walsham Howe

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 EOM1 23 “Holy, holy, holy Lord” (Crisafulli) *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. Blessed is the

one who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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

EOM1 27 “Lamb of God” (Crisafulli)

Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world: ___ have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sins of the world: ___ grant us peace.

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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

H53 “Once he came in blessing” (*Gottes Sohn ist kommen*)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

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 H73 The King shall come” (St. Stephen)

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE “The Morning Star” D. Pinkham

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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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COMMITMENT AND ACTION**



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**TITHELY: GIVE
WITH A CLICK**

Hymnal 497 "How bright appears the morning star" (*Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern*)

1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing
 2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a
 3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,

from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;
 pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;
 fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and
 the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -
 In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:
 phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;
 Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,
 Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it
 A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.
 thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.
 Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

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.

Hymnal 53 "Once he came in blessing" (*Gottes Sohn ist kommen*)



1 Once he came in bless - ing, all our ills re - dress - ing;
2 Still he comes with - in us, still his voice would win us
3 Thus, if thou canst name him, not a - shamed to claim him,
4 One who thus en - dur - eth bright re - ward se - cur - eth.



came in like - ness low - ly, Son of God most ho - ly;
from the sins that hurt us, would to Truth con - vert us:
but wilt trust him bold - ly nor dost love him cold - ly,
Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, from our sins re - lease us;



bore the cross to save us, hope and free - dom gave us.
not in tor - ment hold us, but in love en - fold us.
he will then re - ceive thee, heal thee, and for - give thee.
let us here con - fess thee till in heaven we bless thee.

Hymnal 73 The King shall come" (St. Stephen)

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to
 3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
 5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
 2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
 3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
 4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
 5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
 2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
 3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
 4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
 5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

ABBREVIATED ANNOUNCEMENTS—WEEK OF DECEMBER 18, 2022

For the full announcements, visit www.churchofstmartin.org

TONIGHT! Advent Lessons and Carols, Sunday, December 18 at 4:00pm

Join us for a service of scripture readings interspersed with festive music and carol singing. The service will feature the music of Spain and the Colonial era in America, sung in Spanish, Quechua, Nahuatl, and Mono Paiute. In person and online.

TONIGHT! 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 (with tea, hot chocolate, cookies, and a piñata!) and caroling in the Parish Hall. In person only (not recorded or live streamed).

Our Nursery Is Open on Sunday Mornings

Our nursery is now open on Sunday mornings between 9:30 and 11:30am for infants through age 5. If you'd like to come take a look at the nursery anytime, just let us know and we'd be happy to show it to you—and don't worry, children of all ages are always welcome in church, too!

Living Well in Advent—One More Tuesday, Dec. 20 at 10am on Zoom

Anyone interested can drop in on the last class, **Dec. 20, on Zoom from 10am to 11:30am**. For the Zoom link, contact Gabe at communications@churchofstmartin.org.

Journeying the Way of Love on Wednesday Nights

Rev. Pamela is offering Wednesday night classes on Journeying the Way of Love in Advent. **The last class is on Dec. 21.** You are welcome to join us even if you did not attend the previous sessions.

Join Us for Christmas!

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

3:00pm Children's Service: A brief interactive service for families with young children (or, yes, those who are young at heart!). In person only.

7:00pm and 10:00pm: Festive Choral Eucharist with Christmas Carols. In person and online.

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25 at 10:00am

Contemporary Eucharist with Christmas Carols. One service. In person only.

New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1, 2023 at 8:00am and 10:00am

Regular Sunday services at 8:00 and at 10:00 (with coffee hour following). As always, our 8:00 service will be in person and our 10:00 service will be both in person and online.

Christmas Plate Offering Update

Thank you to everyone who sent in nominations. The worthy recipient(s) will be announced in our email newsletter on Friday, December 23. Look for the announcement and thank you in advance for your generosity!

Christmas Flower Donations: Contribute ASAP to Have Your Dedication in the Bulletin

To donate Christmas flowers in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one, you have two options: Send a check to St. Martin's Church with memo line "Christmas Flowers," or give online using the blue GIVE button on our website (select "Christmas Flowers" from the menu). Be sure to send us the names of those you are giving in memory of or in thanksgiving for and we will list them in the Christmas bulletins. **Please get us your donations and names by Monday, December 19.**

Memorial Service for Marcia Campbell, Monday, December 19, 2022 at URC

A memorial service will be held for Marcia Campbell on Monday, December 19 at 10:00am at URC (University Retirement Community), 1515 Shasta Drive in Davis. Rev. Pamela will be officiating and offering the homily. May Marcia rest in peace and rise in glory.

New Yolo County Masking Recommendations and Signage

Yolo County recommends that everyone 2 years and older wear a mask indoors this Winter as multiple respiratory viruses are spreading, including influenza, RSV, and COVID. The County has changed their signage to reflect that masking recommendations are now based on combined respiratory virus levels rather than a single virus. We have replaced our older signs with Yolo County's new red signs. While masking will continue to be recommended only at St. Martin's, we have two types of masks available for anyone who needs one (KN95 and blue medical masks). For more information:

<https://www.yolocounty.org/Home/Components/News/News/13197/4918>

We Need Your Help with Coffee Hour Hospitality!!

Could you help host coffee hour once every month or two? To sign up, go to SignUp Genius and choose the date(s) you wish: <https://stmartinsdavis.tiny.us/hospitality>. Tables will always be put up for you in advance. We have 3 different sign-up slots: a) make coffee at 9:15am; b) bring snacks; c) clean up at about 11:45am. Let's continue to have a great coffee hour, with everyone's help!

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. A new Sacred Ground Circle facilitated by the Rev. Ernie Lewis and Carole Hom will meet in a hybrid format at St. Martin's on Sunday afternoons, starting on January 8 - June, with meetings approximately every two weeks. Interested? Contact Ernie or Carole by December 23, or email the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org).

New Website Design

Gabe has been hard at work on our website, and we are excited to have a new design! It's a little different from what we had, so to find the information you are looking for, make sure you keep scrolling down the page until you reach the item you need. Contact Gabe if you have any questions.

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 21.** If you would like to meet with Pamela at a different time, just email her or contact the church office (info@churchofstmartin.org).

Upcoming Meeting Dates (On Zoom unless noted; communications@churchofstmartin.org for Zoom link)

Vestry: Monday, December 19 at 7:00pm

Choir Practice: Thursday, December 22 at 7:00pm (in the church)

Care for God's Creation: Monday, January 9 at 7:00pm

Worship Committee: Tuesday, January 10 at 5:00pm

Ministry Council: Thursday, January 12 at 10:00am (in the library)

Buildings & Grounds: Friday, January 20 at 4:00pm

Social Justice & Outreach: Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00pm

Upcoming holiday office closures include Monday, December 26 (in observance of Christmas) and Monday, January 2 (in observance of New Year's Day).

Our regular office hours are Monday – Friday 9am – 12pm.