



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN

Sunday, March 12, 2023 – Third Sunday of Lent Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8:00am

OPENING ACCLAMATION *Please stand, as you are able.*

Presider Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;

People His mercy endureth forever.

DECALOGUE *Please kneel or remain standing, as you are able.*

Presider God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

People *Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Presider Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

People *Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Presider Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

People *Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Presider Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

People *Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Presider Honor thy father and thy mother.

People *Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Presider Thou shalt do no murder.

People *Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Presider Thou shalt not commit adultery.

People *Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Presider Thou shalt not steal.

People *Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Presider Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

People *Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Presider Thou shalt not covet.

People *Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.*

CONFESSION OF SIN *Please stand or kneel, as you are able.*

The Presider says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

All

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 thy Name. Amen.

The Priest stands and says

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE KYRIE *Please stand, as you are able.*

Presider Kyrie eleison.

People Christe eleison.

Presider Kyrie eleison.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, thy Son; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING *Please be seated for the readings.*

Exodus 17:1-7

A reading from the book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

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

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Lector Let us read together Psalm 95.

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Holy One; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout with psalms.
- 3 For you, O God, are a great God; *
you are great above all gods.
- 4 In your hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are yours also.
- 5 The sea is yours, for you made it, *
and your hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before God, our Maker.
- 7 For you are our God,
and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. *
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!
- 8 Harden not your hearts,
as your forebears did in the wilderness, *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.
- 9 They put me to the test, *
though they had seen my works.
- 10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *
"This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways."
- 11 So I swore in my wrath, *
"They shall not enter into my rest."

GOSPEL *Please stand, as you are able.*

John 4:5-42

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

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.*

Deacon Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Leader O God of grace and peace, drive us from the desert of discouragement we lead ourselves into by our wayward hearts and selfish grumblings. Guide us back to the saving water from the rock of faith that washes away all fear, anguish, and uncertainty.

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

Leader God of living water

People **May our souls be quenched in you.**

Leader O God of grace and peace, awaken, inspire, and turn the efforts of the leaders of this world, this nation, and this community into a cooperative spirit, for the common purpose of the health, safety, and prospering of all your people everywhere.

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

Leader God of living water

People **May our souls be quenched in you.**

Leader O God of grace and peace, refresh the spirit of those we have called into leadership for your Church. May their faith in you course so strongly in their hearts that they and we are sustained and renewed with the courage of their convictions. We pray especially for our Bishop Megan, our Rector Pamela, our clergy Ernie, Deborah, Margaret, and Betsy, and all the lay leaders of this church.

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

Leader God of living water

People **May our souls be quenched in you.**

Leader O God of grace and peace, pour your love and enduring hope into those who are seriously ill and fearful of what is to come. Grant health and safety to all who minister to their needs. We now join our voices to pray aloud for those in need, especially for those on our parish prayer list.

(The deacon will share prayer requests and then invite the congregation to add their prayer requests.)

Leader God of living water

People **May our souls be quenched in you.**

Leader O God of grace and peace, bathe the hearts of the mournful with your healing mercy as those who have departed this life now dance with joy in the fountains of eternity with you.

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

Leader God of living water

People **May our souls be quenched in you.**

Presider Great Lord of heaven and earth, we know that Christ's presence among us is the proof of your love for us and the model for how to live as Beloved Community. Un-harden our hearts, that we may work to rid the world of prejudice and hate by reconciling ourselves with others, planting seeds of kindness and tolerance, and returning real or perceived insults and injuries with forgiveness. We ask this through Jesus, the rock of our salvation; and the Holy Spirit, the sustainer of our souls; who live and reign with you, one God, in glory everlasting. **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 SENTENCE

Presider Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High.

Psalms 50:14

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 and God bless you!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *Please stand, as you are able, for the Eucharistic Prayer.*

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, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

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 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

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.

The People may join in saying this prayer

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 *Please stand, as you are able.*

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*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst 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 FOR THE WEEK OF March 12, 2023

Godly Play This Sunday

We have Godly Play this Sunday - and every 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sunday of the month - at 10am in Room 4. Our nursery is also open from 9:30 - 11:30am every Sunday for infants through age 5. Children of all ages are always welcome in church too!

NO Episcopal 101 This Sunday—Class Resumes on March 19

We're taking a brief hiatus this week, but you won't want to miss next Sunday when Rev. Betsy will lead the class on "Faith and What We Believe." All are welcome! **You don't have to be a newcomer to take part. *If you want to be confirmed, received, or baptized*** when the Bishop is here in April, this is your opportunity to be prepared for those milestones. You must also talk with Rev. Pamela to let her know of your intentions.

Rescheduled!! Spirituality in Nature Gathering Moved to Saturday, March 25

The next Spirituality in Nature Gathering (SING) has been moved to March 25 (postponed from March 11 due to rain). Join Rev. Pamela and Stan Forbes to enjoy the almond blossoms at the Forbes Ranch in Esparto. Come for one or both of the following: From 9:00 am to Noon: Learn about Native American building techniques and get hands-on experience with peeling bark from cedar tree poles. At noon, enjoy a picnic (bring your own lunch!) and a wander through the spring blossoms. We'll end with a low-key Taizé service in the barn. Address: 19100 County Road 86A, Esparto CA 95627. More information <https://stmartinsdavis.tiny.us/TheRanch>

Vestry News and Review for February

To read about a very eventful February, including a retreat and potential change to our ByLaws, see Neil Willits' latest edition of Vestry News and Review: <https://churchofstmartin.org/2023/03/07/vestry-news-an-eventful-february/>

Lent Project: Project (Re)Start Off to Good Start - Only 8 Shopping Lists Left

The Social Justice and Outreach Committee wishes to express their gratitude for the very supportive response to our Lenten Giving Project, [Project \(Re\)Start](#). Our commitment is to fill 10 bins with bathroom supplies to help those who have been displaced because of the kinds of disasters we see so frequently in Northern CA—fires, floods, earthquakes and other disasters. All but eight shopping lists were spoken last Sunday. The items and the list can be delivered to church any Sunday between now and March 26. We hope to distribute the final eight lists on Sunday. See us at our table in the Narthex.

Forbes Ranch Work - Seeking Volunteers

You are invited to come to the Ranch and have a unique opportunity to build an open arbor around a gathering circle. The circle is intended for Native dances, church services, wedding ceremonies, meditation, and other opportunities for restoration. For more information, see <https://churchofstmartin.org/2023/02/26/ranch-volunteers-needed/> For questions, contact Ann Liu, Co-Chair, Care for God's Creation. ***Help is needed on the following dates:***

Tuesday, March 14—1:00pm - 4:00pm, Measure and mark placement of holes for tree poles

Saturdays, March 18 and 25—9:00am - 4:00pm, Join Diana Almendariz (Patwin Wintun Culture Bearer) and Mark Brothers (parishioner and general contractor) in constructing the arbor (12 - 15 volunteers needed each day). Need gloves, shovels, 12' ladders, hammers, hard rakes, and power tools for screwing. Lunch will be provided. Bring your own water.

Ranch address: 19100 County Road 86A in Esparto 95627 (Look for tall white water tower).

Casting Call: We need actors for our Passion Play and Easter Vigil!

On Palm Sunday, April 2, we will be offering a short play during the Liturgy of the Word at the 10am service. This draws on the ancient tradition of the Passion Play, a dramatic way to experience the passion

story. We are also dramatizing some of the readings at the Easter Vigil (8pm on April 8). We will have rehearsals for the Passion Play but will work around your schedule so no times have been set yet. **Please contact the office right away if you are interested in learning more** or participating.

Invite-Welcome-Connect Needs Your Help!

Invite-Welcome-Connect (IWC) at St. Martin's focuses on making sure the community knows that, indeed, all are welcome. We are looking for a few souls who want to build up a stronger sense of community in our parish, inside and outside our church walls. Recent IWC activities have included relaunching coffee hour, organizing newcomer brunches, and hosting a St. Martin's table at Farmers' Market. If you enjoy meeting new people and planning fun events, contact Colette Chabbott (information in church directory) or the church office.

A Spring Cleaning Opportunity: Forbes Ranch Seeking Outdoor Furniture and Tools

Want to declutter your stuff? Have something you no longer need? The Ranch is rustic and could use some used benches, chairs, and tables for outdoor seating as well as for inside the barn. Have good folding chairs? We can use them. For our soil restoration work, we need donations of push brooms, brooms, shovels, digging forks, rakes, hand trucks, and wheelbarrows. Have pruners, saws, or ladders? We'll take them. Please contact the church office if you have items to donate, and you'll be referred to Ann Liu on how to get items to the Ranch.

A Thank-you from Belfry Student, Ben B.

On behalf of all the students at the Belfry, I wanted to thank our incredible prayer shawl makers for the time, energy, and, most importantly, the love they poured into their shawls. Winter quarter is often the most difficult and isolating for students. These shawls are a beautiful reminder that we are, in fact, not alone and are deeply loved. The shawls are like a warm hug, especially during these cold nights and all-nighters. We are so grateful for these prayer shawls and for the love and support of this community! We hope to see you back at the Belfry soon :) Blessings, Ben.

Sign Ups Open for "A Place at the Table"

Would you like to meet new people at St. Martins or get to know people better? Consider signing up for our fellowship program, "A Place at The Table." You will be placed in a small fellowship group (6 - 8 people per group) that will meet monthly for a simple meal or coffee. When and where will be up to the group. Sign up in person on Sunday after church or at this link: <https://forms.gle/U5nU1ZfLF6JSfCxZ7>. Questions? communications@churchofstmartin.org. Program will start late March/early April with groups meeting for 6 months. All are welcome!!

Youth and Parents Take Note: Deadline to Register for Pathways Extended to March 29!

This summer, Pathways will be joining hundreds of Episcopal youth from all across the United States at [EYE 2023](#) in College Park, Maryland! Youth ages 15-19 (as of July 4, 2023) are invited to join us on our journey to the east coast to participate in learning, laughing, and worshiping with EYE. EYE only happens every three years. Applications for participants and chaperones are open now and close on March 29.

Application: <https://form.jotform.com/230044700647145>

Questions? Rev. Mack Olson, Mack@norcalepiscopal.org.

Join Us for Holy Week! April 2 – 9th

On Palm Sunday, we'll have, palms, a passion play and donkeys on the great lawn. We'll have a Wednesday night labyrinth walk, Maundy Thursday Eucharist and optional foot washing (7pm), and several Good Friday options. On Holy Saturday, we'll have a Spirituality in Nature Gathering (11am) and the Great Vigil (8pm). On Easter Day, we'll have a festive choral Eucharist at both services followed by brunch and an Easter egg hunt after the 10am service. For details on each offering, see: <https://churchofstmartin.org>.

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