



# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN

## Sunday, March 19, 2023 – Fourth Sunday of Lent Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8:00am

### OPENING ACCLAMATION *Remain standing as you are able.*

*Presider* Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;

*People* His mercy endureth forever.

### DECALOGUE *Please kneel, 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 Deacon 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**

*Presider* Lord, have mercy upon us.  
*People* Christ, have mercy upon us.  
*Presider* Lord, have mercy upon us.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Presider* The Lord be with you.  
*People* And with thy spirit.  
*Presider* Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; 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.*

**1 Samuel 16:1-13**

A reading from the book of Samuel.

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah

pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

## PSALM

*Lector* Let us read together Psalm 23.

- 1 O God, you are my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 You make me lie down in green pastures \*  
and lead me beside still waters.
- 3 You revive my soul \*  
and guide me along right pathways for the sake of your Name.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of God for ever.

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

**John 9:1-41**

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

*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:*      Eternal Shepherd, merciful and just, you chose David in his youth and us from the womb, knowing our full potential. Look into our hearts and lead us from the blindness of self-pride to the clarity of eyes opened to the fullness life in you.

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

*Leader*      O God of truth and light

***People***      **Let us awake.**

*Leader*      Eternal Shepherd, merciful and just, arouse and kindle the inner vision of those who lead us in this world, this country, and this community, so they will see themselves as you see them, and begin to shepherd their own flocks with integrity, principle, and compassion.

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

*Leader*      O God of truth and light

***People***      **Let us awake!**

*Leader*      Eternal Shepherd, Merciful and Just, amplify Your Spirit already within those who are anointed to guide Your Church along right pathways, as we walk together seeking the fruit of the light of Christ.

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

*Leader*      O God of truth and light

***People***      **Let us awake!**

*Leader*      Eternal Shepherd, merciful and just, comfort all who suffer with physical illness, fear of sickness, or economic anxiety, and impart Your calming Spirit to those who give them care. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list.

*(The deacon will first share prayer requests and then invite the congregation to share their prayer requests either silently or aloud.)*

*Leader*      O God of truth and light

***People***      **Let us awake!**

*Leader*      Eternal Shepherd, Merciful and Just, soothe the hearts of all who grieve, as our loved ones now live again in the delight of endless green pastures, dwelling in Your House forever.

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

*Leader* O God of Truth and Light  
*People* **Let us awake!**

*Presider* O Lord our God, still the turbulent waters of our times and release us from the darkness we make for ourselves. Draw us to the table that You spread before us, where the cup of Your goodness and mercy overflows in this life and anoints us for the next. We ask this through Jesus our Christ, True Light from True Light; and the Guiding Spirit of all that is Holy; who live and reign with You, one God, forever and ever. **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.

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

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.*

## **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*

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**

*Deacon* 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 19, 2023

**Godly Play Today:** 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!

**Episcopal 101 Today after 10am Service:** Rev. Betsy will lead the class on "Faith and What We Believe." **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 on April 30, this is your opportunity to be prepared for those milestones. You must also talk with Rev. Pamela to let her know of your intentions. Future class topics include Sacraments, Worship, and Scripture.

**Bring Your Project (Re)Start Items by Next Sunday, March 26:** Thanks to everyone who took a shopping list for our Lenten project, [Project \(Re\)Start](#). Your donations will fill 10 bins of bathroom items that the Episcopal Diocese of Northern California will be able to deploy in case of a disaster in our area. Please bring your items to church by **Sunday, March 26**. Return them on Sunday mornings in the narthex or weekdays from 9am - 12pm at the church office. Thanks!

**Pub Theology on Tuesday, March 21:** The next Pub Theology gathering will be Tuesday, March 21 at 7pm at Pizza and Pints in Davis. Join Rev. Portia Hopkins of the Belfry, Pastor Dan Smith of Lutheran Church of the Incarnation, and Rev. Pamela as we discuss theology and what a difference it can make in our lives. Beverages of all types are available.

**Peace and Justice Film Discussion, Wednesday, March 22:** Together with Church of the Messiah in Santa Ana, you are invited to a Peace and Justice film discussion every 4th Wednesday of the month from 7:00 - 8:00p on Zoom. Watch the movie first on Netflix and then come to a discussion led by John Liu, Sociologist, and Biff Baker, Russian Studies. The March 22 movie will be [Descendant](#) (Margaret Brown; 2022; 109 min.). Join Zoom meeting: (Meeting ID: 892 6042 5215; Passcode: 878846)  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89260425215?pwd=YzJGU3ZjTWRZMDdtNXlQQ1FLQWdGUT09>

**Spirituality in Nature Gathering at the Ranch on Saturday, March 25:** The next Spirituality in Nature Gathering (SING) will be on March 25. 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 9:00am to 12pm, learn about Native American building techniques and get hands-on experience peeling bark from cedar tree poles. At noon, enjoy a picnic (bring your own lunch!) and 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>

**Living Well Through Lent Discussion Group with Helen Campbell:** Helen Campbell is facilitating a discussion group on Wednesdays during Lent from 10:30am to approximately 11:30 via Zoom. Zoom link to attend the discussions:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81109316578?pwd=YWlkV3BvV1pZa29Ka210SzNITTdDQT09> **Passcode:**  
**Lent Meeting ID: 811 0931 6578.**

**Easter Offering - Seeking Your Input:** We are looking for worthy organizations with which to share the bounty that you offer at Easter, the holiest day of the year. If you have a nomination for our "Easter plate" or "Easter offering," please let the office know by **Sunday, March 26**. A committee including a Vestry member, a Social Justice & Outreach Committee member, and a parishioner at large will evaluate the nominations and then send a recommendation to the Vestry for approval. We are looking for organizations that are in alignment with the values of the Episcopal Church and St. Martin's. Please submit the name of the organization, a link to a website, and a one-paragraph explanation of why you are nominating them to

[info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org). All "plate" donations given to St. Martin's at any of our Easter services will be collected for this offering. If you wish to become involved in the special offering selection committees, please talk to Rev. Pamela, a vestry member, or the church office.

**Easter Flower Donations:** We are accepting Easter flower donations in memory of or thanksgiving for loved ones. If you would like to donate toward the Easter flowers, you can use the blue GIVE button at the top of our website or you can write a check to the Episcopal Church of St. Martin with memo line "Easter Flowers," and mail us the check or drop it in the plate on Sunday. Send your memories or thanksgivings to the office to be printed in the Easter bulletins.

**Casting Call: We need actors for our Passion Play & Easter Vigil!** On Palm Sunday, April 2, we will be offering a short play during the Liturgy of the Word at the 10 o'clock 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). There will be rehearsals for the Passion Play, although we want to work around your schedule as much as possible so no times have been set yet. **Please contact the office right away if you are interested in learning more.**

**Forbes Ranch Work - Seeking Volunteers:** Exciting things are happening at Forbes Ranch, St. Martin's "second home" in Esparto. You are invited to help build an open arbor around a gathering circle intended for Native dances, church services, wedding ceremonies, meditation, and other opportunities for restoration. For questions, contact Ann Liu, Co-Chair, Care for God's Creation. **Help is still needed on Saturday, March 25**, 9am - 4pm, Join Mark Brothers (parishioner and general contractor), and others in constructing the arbor. Need shovels, 12' ladders, and hard rakes. Bring your own water and gloves. Lunch will be provided. Volunteers are also needed to make salads and/or soup for 8 - 10 people. **Ranch address:** 19100 County Road 86A in Esparto 95627.

**Third Act "Banking on Our Future":** Want to know more about the Third Act "Banking on Our Future" event this Tuesday, March 21? Ann Liu, chair of Care for God's Creation, will have flyers and more information available after the 10 o'clock service. The event is sponsored by Yolo Interfaith Alliance for Climate Justice, of which we are a member, and is part of a nationwide effort to get major banks to divest from fossil fuels in response to the increasing climate emergency.

**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 (we are aiming for 6 - 8 people per group) that will meet monthly for a simple meal or coffee. When and where will be up to the group. Please sign up in person on Sunday after church in person or at this link: <https://forms.gle/U5nU1ZfLF6JSfCxZ7> Questions? [communications@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:communications@churchofstmartin.org). Groups will meet for about 6 months. All are welcome!!

**Join Us for Holy Week! April 2 – 9<sup>th</sup>:** 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>.

**Rector's Next Office Hours:** Wednesday, March 22, 4 - 5pm. Contact Rev. Pamela or the church office to schedule a meeting with Rev. Pamela on a different day/time.