THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN

Sunday, March 26, 2023 – Fifth Sunday of Lent Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8:00am

OPENING ACCLAMATION *Please stand as you are able.*

PresiderBless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins;PeopleHis mercy endureth forever.

The Presider says

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. Matthew 22:37-40

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

The Deacon says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. *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.

Silence may be kept.

Presider O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest and desire that which thou dost promise; so that, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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.*

Ezekiel 37:1-14

A reading from the book of Ezekiel.

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

LectorHear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.PeopleThanks be to God.

PSALM

Lector Let us read together Psalm 130.

- Out of the depths have I called to you;
 O God, hear my voice; *
 let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you were to note what is done amiss, * O God, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; * therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for you O God; my soul waits for you; * in your word is my hope.

- 5 My soul waits for you, more than sentries for the morning, * more than sentries for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait upon God, * for with God there is mercy;
- 7 With God there is plenteous redemption, * God shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

GOSPEL	Please stand, as you are able.
Gospeller	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People	Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

John 11:1-45

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved

him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Gospeller	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON

THE CREED

Silence is kept after the sermon.

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: Most merciful God, unbind us from the desires and fears that dry our souls, our hearts, and our bones. Set our minds on the spirit of life and peace, that we may seek, believe, and follow Christ Jesus, who is the Resurrection and the Life.

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

LeaderO Lord, our GodPeopleRest your loving hand upon us.

Leader Most merciful God, endow those who govern with the capacity, foresight, and willingness to act decisively for the benefit of all your people throughout this community, this nation, and this planet. *(We pause, making space for prayer to be said, either silently or aloud.)*

LeaderO Lord, our GodPeopleRest your righteous hand upon us.

Leader Most merciful God, hearten the spirits of those sent to us to lead your Church as they prophesy your Word, and bring us together into the light of Christ. We pray especially for our Bishop Megan, our clergy Pamela, Ernie, Deborah, Margaret, Betsy, for the Vestry and Ministry Council, and all the lay leaders of this church.

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

Leader O Lord, our God

People Rest your empowering hand upon us.

Leader Most merciful God, bestow your healing touch upon all in ill health, emotional turmoil, or despair; and for those who give them care, rest for today and hope for tomorrow. We now join our voices to pray aloud for those in need, 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.)

LeaderO Lord, our GodPeopleRest your healing hand upon us.

Leader Most merciful God, let our tears be dried and our grief released, for as Jesus called Lazarus from his tomb, you call our loved ones to the joy of new and eternal life. *(We pause, making space for prayer to be said, either silently or aloud.)*

LeaderO Lord, our GodPeopleRest your comforting hand upon us.

Presider O Lord our God, breathe into our mortal bones and awaken us from the death of sin, as our waiting souls turn toward the radiance of your mercy, forgiveness, and everlasting life. We ask this through Jesus, our Redeemer Christ; and the Holy Spirit, our compass and our guide; who together with you are One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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.

Please stand, as you are able.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

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.

Psalm 50:14

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

PresiderChrist our Passover is sacrificed for us;PeopleTherefore 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 the 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

DeaconLet us bless the Lord.PeopleThanks 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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STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT AND ACTION

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TITHELY: GIVE WITH A CLICK

ABBREVIATED ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF March 26, 2023

<u>Godly Play Today</u>: 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. Pamela will lead the class on the topic of Sacraments. 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. Future class topics include Worship and Scripture.

<u>Project (Re) Start Final Call to Bring Items to Church on Sunday</u>: Thanks to everyone who took a shopping list for our Lenten project, <u>Project (Re)Start</u>. 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 return your items to church by **this Sunday, March 26** (Bring them to our table in the narthex). Thank you one and all!

Living Well Through Lent Discussion Group – Two Classes Left: Helen Campbell is facilitating a discussion group on Wednesdays during Lent from 10:30 to 11:30am via Zoom. Zoom link to attend the discussions: https://tinyurl.com/StMartinsLentClass Passcode: Lent Meeting ID: 811 0931 6578.

Holy Week and Easter at St. Martin's

Join us during this holy week! For more details, see: https://churchofstmartin.org.

Palm Sunday, April 2: 8am Rite I and 10am First Sunday Service with Pop Up Choir, a passion play, and donkeys on the great lawn. Palms will be distributed and blessed at both services. If you want to participate in the Pop Up Choir or spend a little time petting the donkeys, please arrive at 9:00am. *Both services will begin outside*, rain or shine.

Labyrinth Walk, Wednesday, April 5: Guided evening labyrinth walk at 8pm. Enjoy a contemplative experience by candlelight as we enter the heart of Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday, April 6: Holy Eucharist at 7pm with optional foot washing. This service will include music by the choir, the stripping of the altar, and will end in silence and darkness.

Good Friday, April 7: 12 – 3pm: Way of the Cross self-guided prayer walk; 3pm Stations of the Cross inside the church and optional veneration of the cross; 8:30pm Compline (online only) with Good Friday prayers.

Holy Saturday, April 8, 11am - 12pm: Spirituality in Nature Gathering (SING). Join us for one hour of prayer and reflection on God's good creation and what it has to teach us about loss and the hope of resurrection. In the narthex and meditation garden.

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 8: Easter Vigil and Holy Eucharist at 8pm.

Easter Sunday, April 9: Festive Choral Holy Eucharist at both services, 8am and 10am. The 10am service will be followed by brunch and an Easter Egg hunt!

Easter Offering - Seeking Your Input: We are seeking nominations of 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.** We are looking for organizations that are in alignment with the values of the Episcopal Church and St. Martin's, whether local, national, or beyond. 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.

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 do so using 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. Make sure you send your memories or thanksgivings to the office as we will print them in the Easter bulletins. **Last day to submit donations: Sunday, April 2**.

<u>Volunteers Needed for Good Friday Outdoor Prayer Walk, 12 - 3pm</u>: Could you lend a hand on Good Friday? We need volunteers to help with our outdoor Prayer Walk from 12pm to 3 pm, on Good Friday, April 7. Come for an hour to help with set up, take down, or serve as a docent. Let Joan Cavanagh or the church office know if you are able to help at any of the following times: a) Set up 11am - 12pm; b) Docent 12 - 1pm, 1-2pm, 2 - 3pm; c) Take down 3-4pm.

<u>Casting Call: We Need Actors for our Passion Play & Easter Vigil</u>! On Palm Sunday, April 2, we will have 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). Please contact the office right away if you are interested in learning more or participating.

<u>Sign Ups Open for "A Place at the Table"</u>: Would you like to meet new people at St. Martin's 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 or online at <u>https://tinyurl.com/StMartinsPlaceAtTable</u>. We hope to start the program in April after Easter with groups meeting for about 6 months. Questions: <u>communications@churchofstmartin.org</u>

Bishop Megan Traquair at St. Martin's on Sunday, April 30: The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair, Bishop of the Diocese of Northern California, will be at St. Martin's on Sunday, April 30. This is your opportunity to be **confirmed, received, or baptized** by the Bishop, as visitations occur only every couple of years. Preparatory sessions in advance of any of these sacramental rites are needed; please contact Rev. Pamela for more information and to let her know of your intentions.

<u>We Need Your Help with Coffee Hour Hospitality!</u> Could you help out with coffee hour? Tables will be put up for you in advance. We need volunteers to a) Make coffee and put items out on the coffee and snack tables starting at 9:15am; b) Bring snacks; c) Clean up after coffee hour (starting about 11:45am). To talk over what this ministry involves, contact Maria Acuna-Feldman (Hospitality Chair), Francis David (Life in Community Chair), or the church office. You can also sign up on SignUp Genius for the date(s) you wish to help.<u>https://stmartinsdavis.tiny.us/SundayVolunteers</u>.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Social Justice & Outreach: Tuesday, March 28 at 7pm (on Zoom) Choir Practice: Thursday, March 30 at 7pm (in the church) Ministry Council: Tuesday, April 18, at 6pm (in the church library) Vestry: Tuesday, April 25, at 7pm (in the church library)

<u>**Rector's Next Office Hours:**</u> Wednesday, March 29, 4 – 5pm. Contact Rev. Pamela or the church office to schedule a meeting with Rev. Pamela on a different day/time.