



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN

Sunday, March 5, 2023 – Second 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 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

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 Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING *Please be seated for the readings.*

Genesis 12:1-4a

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him.

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

PSALM

Lector Let us read together Psalm 121.

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?

- 2 My help comes from God, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 God will not let your foot be moved; *
the One who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, the One who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The Holy One watches over you *
and is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 God shall preserve you from all evil *
and is the One who shall keep you safe.
- 8 God shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

GOSPEL *Please stand, as you are able.*

John 3:1-17

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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 Lord, our maker and our help, sustain us in our flawed and uncertain attempts with faith,
as we seek to know the grace of new birth through your Holy Spirit. Guide our efforts to be earnest in the
desire to live this life as abundantly as you taught us to live through your example.
(We pause, making space for prayer to be said, either silently or aloud.)

Leader O Holy One, watch over us
People **Preserve us from all evil and keep us safe.**

Leader O Lord, our maker and our help, we lift our eyes to you, in these confusing and unsettled
times, to guide us and the leaders of all governments across this earth, this nation, and this community to
genuine clarity of judgment and charity of heart.
(We pause, making space for prayer to be said, either silently or aloud.)

Leader O Holy One, watch over us
People **Preserve us from all evil and keep us safe.**

Leader O Lord, our maker and our help, fortify the souls of all who are anointed to lead your
Church as they strive to impart to us the faith of Abraham and the willingness to seek the way of salvation
through Christ. We pray especially for our Bishop Megan, our Rector Pamela, our clergy Betsy, Deborah,
Ernie, and Margaret, and all the lay leaders of this church.
(We pause, making space for prayer to be said, either silently or aloud.)

Leader O Holy One, watch over us
People **Preserve us from all evil and keep us safe.**

Leader O Lord, our maker and our help, calm the distress of those who are ailing in body, mind, or spirit, and grant stamina to those who give care. We now join our voices to pray aloud for those in need, especially those on our parish prayer list.

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

Leader O Holy One, watch over us
People **Preserve us from all evil and keep us safe.**

Leader O Lord, our maker and our help, comfort those who grieve with a foretaste of the joy and celebration enfolding all who now live forever with you.

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

Leader O Holy One, watch over us
People **Preserve us from all evil and keep us safe.**

Presider Living and Eternal God, for the mere price of our enduring faith, you promise us life unending and love without limit. May these reflective days of Lent turn our hearts to repentance as we examine and deepen our commitment to you. We ask this through your only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ; and your Holy Spirit, our sanctifier; who live and reign with you, as one God, now and forever. **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 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

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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