



# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN

## Sunday, May 14, 2023 Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8:00am

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

### COLLECT FOR PURITY AND GREAT COMMANDMENTS *The Presider says,*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

### THE GLORIA *The Presider and People say together:*

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,  
we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy;

thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit. O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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.*

**Acts 17:22-31**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **PSALM**

*Lector* Let us read together from Psalm 66.

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
let the sound of praise be heard;
- 8 God holds our souls in life, \*  
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare \*  
and laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
we went through fire and water, \*  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
and will pay you my vows, \*  
which I promised with my lips  
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
with the smoke of rams; \*  
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
and I will tell you what God has done for me.
- 15 I called out to God with my mouth, \*  
and high praise was on my tongue.

- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
 God would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me \*  
 and has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
 nor withheld steadfast love from me.

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

**John 14:15-21**

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

*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

*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*        God of all creation, we live, we move, and have our being in you, who gave us life and breath. You overlook our ignorance and never withhold your love. Quicken our desire to turn toward you, to repent for things done and left undone, and to pledge our love for you and to strive to do that which you would have us do.

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

*Leader*        God, giver of life,  
*People*        **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader*        God of all creation, embolden and encourage us as we urge productive, generous, and immediate environmental actions from the political leaders of our nation, our community, and our planet, in the service of safety, mercy, and health for all.

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

*Leader*        God, giver of life,  
*People*        **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader*        God of all creation, lift and renew the spirits of all who lead us in your church, that they may guide us all to a place of spiritual refreshment through your word and by your love. We pray especially for our Bishop Megan and our clergy Pamela, Ernie, Deborah, Betsy, and Margaret and for all the people of this congregation.

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

*Leader*        God, giver of life,  
*People*        **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader*        God of all creation, we pause in this moment to offer you our heartfelt thanks for all the blessings of this life. We thank you for the beauty of the earth, sea, and skies. We thank you for the communities of plants and animals that make all human life possible. And today we are especially thankful for all those who reached out to each other in love and care during these difficult times in Davis.

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

*Leader*        God, giver of life,  
*People*        **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader*        God of all creation, deliver comfort and hope to all who are sick, anxious, or fearful, and to those who attend to their needs. 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 own prayers.)*

*Leader*        God, giver of life,  
*People*        **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader*        God of all creation, we commend to your eternal embrace all who have left this mortal life and are now received into everlasting joy and glory in you.

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

*Leader*        God, giver of life,  
*People*        **Hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Eternal God, the light of all who know you, come and fill our hearts with your love. Help us speak when many keep silent, help us stand for what is right when many sit in indifference. Increase our faith and charity, until your kingdom comes and heaven and earth rejoice in everlasting glory; through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **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, with sensitivity to those who may 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* Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

### **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. But chiefly we are bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death, and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life.

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* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**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.

## **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 God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

## **DISMISSAL**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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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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