



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:00am Sunday, July 30, 2023

SERVICE NOTES: *We are glad you have joined us! If you are online:* We have posted a hymn insert, which also has other helpful information about attending online. *If you are in person:* The hymns can be found in the hymn book in the pew rack in front of you, with some of the service music printed within the text. We encourage you to sing and pray actively. Thank you and welcome!

PRELUDE

“Preludes in F”

J. S. Bach/P. Glass

Please stand, as you are able.

OPENING HYMN H 9 “Not here for high and holy things” (*Morning Song*)

In the Hymnal

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

All are invited to sing the Song of Praise.

SONG OF PRAISE “To God Be the Glory” (*Ashgrove*) M. Archer



To God be the glo - ry, all glo - ry__ in the
Lord Je - sus, the on - ly be - got - ten__ of the



high - est and peace to__ his__ peo - ple who dwell here be - low, Our
Fa - ther we praise and_ we__ bless you, the Son and the Lamb. The



hea - v'n - ly Fa - ther, our Lord, and__ our__ sov - 'reign, to
sin of the world you have tak - en__ up - on you, have

you, the Al - migh-ty, our prai - ses be - stow. We wor ship and a -
mer - cy up - on us, the Great I AM. For ho - ly, you

dore you, we bow here be - fore you with grate - ful thanks - gi - ving, our
meet us, yet low - ly you greet us, the Lord in the high est, the

song let us raise. All glo - ry and hon - our and glad a - do -
Ho - ly One. All glo - ry to the Fath - er, the Son and the

- ra - tion to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.
Spi - rit, From a - ges ev - er - last - ing, the Three in One.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING *Please be seated for the readings.*

Genesis 29:15-28

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, “Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed.” So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?” Laban said, “This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years.” Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

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

PSALM

Please join in reading from Psalm 105.

- 1 We give you thanks, O God, and call upon your Name; *
we make known your deeds among the peoples.
 - 2 We sing to you, we sing your praises, *
and speak of all your marvelous works.
 - 3 We glory in your holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek you rejoice.
 - 4 We search for you and your strength; *
we continue to seek your face.
 - 5 We remember the marvels you have done, *
the wonders and the judgments of your mouth,
 - 6 We, the offspring of Abraham, your servant, *
we, the children of Jacob, the chosen ones.
 - 7 You are our God indeed; *
your judgments prevail in all the world.
 - 8 You have always been mindful of your covenant, *
the promise you made for a thousand generations:
 - 9 The covenant you made with Abraham, *
the oath that you swore to Isaac,
 - 10 Which you established as a statute for Jacob, *
an everlasting covenant for Israel,
 - 11 Saying, "To them will I give the land of Canaan *
to be their allotted inheritance."
- 45b Alleluia!

SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-39

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Please stand, as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN H 178, "Alleluia, Alleluia" (*Alleluia No. 1*), verses 1 & 4 *In the Hymnal*

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON *Silence is kept after the sermon.*

THE NICENE CREED *Please stand as you are able and join in saying the Creed.*

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:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.
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.
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified; who 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

Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Leader O Lord, our God, the smallest seeds, the yeast that gives rise, and the hidden treasures of everyday life, are a few of the markers of your bountiful love. Guide us to see the ordinary as miraculous in your creation, filling our souls beyond measure through faith.
(We pause, making space for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.)

Leader O Spirit of God
All **Our help in weakness.**

Leader O Lord, our God, endow all who govern in every area of our world with wise and understanding minds, able to discern and choose good over evil for the health and welfare of all your people. We pray especially for Joseph, our president; Gavin, our governor; and all our local elected officials.
(We pause, making space for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.)

Leader O Spirit of God
All **Our help in weakness.**

Leader O Lord, our God, bestow the gift of grace-filled respite for all who are called to lead us in your church, teaching us to pray, worship, and work together, all according to your purpose. We pray especially for our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishop Megan, our clergy, the lay leaders of St. Martin's, and all in this congregation.
(We pause, making space for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.)

Leader O Spirit of God
All **Our help in weakness.**

Leader O Lord, our God, we pause in this moment to offer you our other heartfelt thanksgivings.
(We pause, making space for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.)

Leader O Spirit of God
All **Our help in weakness.**

Leader O Lord, our God, ease the burdens and fear of illness, injury, or despair for those who suffer, and bring relief to those who give them care. We now join our hearts together to pray for those on our parish prayer list.
(The deacon shares prayer requests and then invites the congregation to add their own prayers, either silently or aloud.)

Leader O Spirit of God
All **Our help in weakness.**

Leader O Lord, our God, we hold closely in our hearts all who have traveled to the end of their human experience, and now shine in Your eternal radiance and peace.
(We pause, making space for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.)

Leader O Spirit of God
All **Our help in weakness.**

Presider O God of Mercy, as you are always for us, nothing can separate us from the enduring love of Christ but ourselves. Catch us in your ample net and draw us from the troubled waters of this life, into the eternal good of your Heavenly Kingdom. We ask through Jesus, our hope and our Savior, and the Holy Spirit, our Advocate and Counselor, who together with you are our One God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

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

The Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION *The Presider stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, with sensitivity to those who wish to maintain physical distance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the announcement insert. We also have extended announcements on our website. If you do not currently receive an email from us with current news and events, contact info@churchofstmartin.org so we can be in touch. Feel free to take this bulletin and/or the announcements home with you.

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

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!

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Sung by the Summer Choir*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE *(Franconia)*

Please join in singing

We give thee but thine own, / Whate'er the gift may be;

All that we have is thine alone, / A trust, O God, from thee.

—William Walsham Howe

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand, as you are able.

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presider continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, for by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS Wonder, Love, and Praise 858 (*Land of Rest*)

Presider and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the one who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The People stand or kneel. The Presider continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Martin and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, *(first in Spanish and then in English,)*

People and Presider

Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu Nombre,
venga tu reino,
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos a los
que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en tentación
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder,
y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre.
Amen.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

Presider Alleluia. Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Presider says

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. Please come forward down the center aisle for Communion. **Choose the station on the left for intinction by the priest. Choose the station on the right to drink from the common cup.** We will not be able to intinct at the station on the right. The customary response upon receiving Communion is "Amen." Crossing your arms over your chest indicates you would like a blessing instead of Communion.*

COMMUNION HYMNS H 711 "Seek ye first the kingdom of God" (*Seek Ye First*)

In the Hymnal

H 615 "Thy kingdom come!" (*St. Flavian*)

In the Hymnal

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand as you are able.*

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

The Presider offers a blessing and the People respond Amen.

May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN H 594 "God of grace and God of glory" (*Cwm Rhondda*)

In the Hymnal

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Presto in F"

G. F. Händel

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