



# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN

## Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8:00am Sunday, September 3, 2023

### OPENING ACCLAMATION *Please stand as you are able.*

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

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

### COLLECT FOR PURITY AND GREAT COMMANDMENTS *All standing, 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.

*Presider* Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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.*

**Exodus 3:1-15**

A reading from the book of Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

*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 praise \*  
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.
- 23 Israel came into Egypt, \*  
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.

- 24 You made your people exceedingly fruitful; \*  
you made them stronger than their enemies;
- 25 Whose hearts you turned, so that they hated your people, \*  
and dealt unjustly with your servants.
- 26 You sent Moses your servant, \*  
and Aaron whom you had chosen.
- 45c Alleluia!

**SECOND READING**

**Romans 12:9-21**

A reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

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

**Matthew 16:21-28**

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?”

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

**THE SERMON** *Silence is kept after the sermon.*

**THE NICENE 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**     *BCP, Form VI     The Leader and the People pray responsively.*

*Deacon*     In peace, we pray to you, O God.

*Silence*

*Leader*     For all people in their daily life and work.

*All*     **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

*Leader*     For this community, the nation, and the world.

*All*     **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Leader*     For the just and proper use of your creation.

*All*     **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

*Leader*     For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble.

*All*     **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

*Leader*     For the peace and unity of the Church of God.

*All*     **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*Leader*     For Michael, our presiding bishop, and Megan, our bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers.

*All*     **For all who serve God in the church.**

*Leader*     For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The deacon will add prayer requests and then invite the people to add their own petitions.*

*Leader*     Hear us, O God;

*All*           **For your mercy is great.**  
*Leader*       We thank you, O God, for all the blessings of this life.  
*The people may add their own thanksgivings.*

*Leader*       We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*All*           **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Leader*       We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.  
*Silence*  
*The people may add their own petitions.*

*Leader*       O God, let your loving kindness be upon them.  
*All*           **Who put their trust in you.**

*Presider*     Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **CONFESSION OF SIN**

*The Deacon says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Presider and People*

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 your Name. Amen.

*The Presider stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

### ***Offertory Notes***

*The ushers will pass collection plates. You may also give online using 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 grateful to those who have pledged and who give regularly, as well as for all plate offerings. Thank you!*

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**      *Please stand, as you are able.*

*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, who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world. 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**

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

*Presider and People*

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.

*Presider*

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.*

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*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

## DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve 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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