



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:00am Sunday, September 17, 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	“Yigdal” (We Praise the Living God)	M. Leoni
	“Rosh Hashannah Morning Theme”	L. Lewandowski
	“Shalom Rav”	B. Steinberg
	“Silent Devotion”	E. Bloch
	“Praise and Honor”	L. Altman

Please stand, as you are able.

OPENING HYMN H 376 "Joyful, joyful we adore thee" (*Hymn to Joy*) *In the Hymnal*

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People Glory to God for ever and ever.

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 WLP 887 “A Song of Praise,” Canticle 13 (*Boles*)

Glo-ry to you, Lord God of our fa-thers; you are wor-thy of praise;
glo-ry to you. Glo-ry to you for the rad-iance of your
ho-ly Name; we will praise you and high-ly ex-alt you for e-ver.

Glo-ry to you in the splen-dor of your tem-ple; on the throne of your ma-jes-ty,
glo-ry to you. Glo-ry to you, seat-ed be-tween the
Che - ru-bim; we will praise you and high-ly ex-alt you for e - ver.
Glo-ry to you, be - hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of hea-ven,
glo-ry to you. Glo - ry to you, Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly
Spi - rit; we will praise you and high-ly ex-alt you for e - ver.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING *Please be seated.*

Exodus 14:19-31

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians

into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

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

PSALM

Please join in singing Psalm 114.

Adapted from *O Waly Waly*
by William Bradley Roberts



- 1 Alleluia! When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel God's dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills, like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

A reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN *Celtic Alleluia* *Please stand, as you are able.*

Choir Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

All **Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Choir The stone which the builders rejected becomes the cornerstone chosen: Praise the work of God for this marvel in our eyes!

All **Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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 *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.
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. Then people may add their own petitions.

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

Presider O God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are generous, O Lover of souls; and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **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.

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 our Savior 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 the grace of 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 Christ 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!

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Serve nequam,” Sebastian Homo

“You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me.
Should you not have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?”

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 God 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:

Presider and People

SANCTUS WLP 854 "Holy, holy, holy Lord" (Santo)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. San - to, san - to, san - to es el Se -
ñor. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en el
cie - lo. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en el cie - lo.

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION *The People stand or kneel. The Presider continues.*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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.

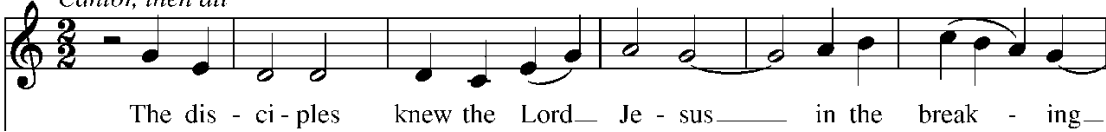
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM


WLP 876 "The disciples knew the Lord Jesus"

Antiphon
Cantor, then all




The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing
of the bread.

Fine Verses



1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu -
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu -

All repeat Antiphon



ia, is the com - mun - ion of the Bod - y of Christ.
ia, for though ma - ny we share one bread.

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 302 "Father we thank thee who has planted" (*Rendez à Dieu*)

In the Hymnal
See pages 10 - 11

VF 144 "The servants well pleasing to God" (*Nicholas*)

"Hallelujah"

L. Cohen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's 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 Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

The Presider offers a blessing and the People respond Amen.

CLOSING HYMN H 347 "Go forth for God" (*Litton*)

In the Hymnal

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Solemn Recessional on 'Leoni'"

"The Awakening"

W. Held
F. Couperin

Voices Found 144 “The servants well pleasing to God” (Nicholas)

1 The ser - vants well - pleas - ing to God _____ re - spond with - out
 2 The ser - vants well - pleas - ing to God _____ live not for the
 3 The ser - vants well - pleas - ing to God _____ know he will sup -

think - ing of self, _____ but joy - ful - ly give from the
 praise of the world, _____ but give in re - sponse to God's
 ply all their needs; _____ and when they will faith - ful - ly

heart _____ and make no de - mands in re - turn. _____
 love, _____ which they, un - de - serv - ing, re - ceived. _____
 tithes _____ he'll give them a - bun - dance be - side. _____

Refrain

Lord, when did we see you hun - gry, im - pris - oned, lone - ly or

na - ked, in need of a friend? "What - ev - er you've done for

one of these oth - ers, in truth you have done it for me."

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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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