



# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN

## **Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Holy Eucharist Rite I** **Sunday, October 1, 2023 at 8:00am**

**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. O God, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made  
partakers of thy heavenly treasure; 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 17:1-7**

A reading from the book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord  
commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people

quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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

### **PSALM**

Please join in reading from Psalm 78.

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and your power, O God, \*  
and the wonderful works you have done.
- 12 You worked marvels in the sight of their forebears, \*  
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 You split open the sea and let them pass through; \*  
you made the waters stand up like walls.
- 14 You led them with a cloud by day, \*  
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
- 15 You split the hard rocks in the wilderness \*  
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
- 16 You brought streams out of the cliff, \*  
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

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

**Matthew 21:23-32**

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

*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

*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**     *The Leader and the People pray responsively.*

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

*Leader*         O Lord, our rock and our salvation, quench our spiritual thirst by the living waters of your grace. Split the hard shell of our selfish ambitions and flood us with your living presence as we strive to take on the mind of Christ.

*(We pause, making space for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.)*

*Leader*         O God of our journeys

*All*                **We put our trust in You.**

*Leader*         O Lord, our rock and our salvation, replenish our determination to press our political leaders for humanitarian and ecological solutions for the issues facing our community, our nation, and our planet.

*(We pause, making space for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.)*

*Leader* O God of our journeys  
*All* **We put our trust in You.**

*Leader* O Lord, our rock and our salvation, we pause in this moment to offer you our heartfelt thanksgivings. We give thanks for our families, friends, colleagues, and fellow parishioners.  
*(We pause, making space for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.)*

*Leader* O God of our journeys  
*All* **We put our trust in You.**

*Leader* O Lord, our rock and our salvation, embrace and uplift all whose priestly vocations nourish our spiritual development and care for our pastoral needs. We pray especially for Michael, our presiding bishop; Megan, our bishop; Pamela, our rector; Ernie, Deborah, and Margaret, our clergy; our vestry, lay leaders, and all in this congregation.  
*(We pause, making space for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.)*

*Leader* O God of our journeys  
*All* **We put our trust in You.**

*Leader* O Lord, our rock and our salvation, cradle and comfort all who suffer in body, soul, or life circumstances, and ease the burdens of 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 God of our journeys  
*All* **We put our trust in You.**

*Leader* O Lord, our rock and our salvation, we give thanks for all those newly released from earthly woes and trials, and welcomed into new life with Christ.  
*(We pause, making space for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.)*

*Leader* O God of our journeys  
*All* **We put our trust in You.**

*Presider* Lord within us, Lord among us, as we journey through good times and difficult times, rejuvenate our faith and animate our desire to seek and reflect on your Word, engage in prayer-filled action, and hold fast to humble regard for others and for your creation. We ask through our Savior Jesus Christ who, with the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns with You as One God, forever 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, as we greet one another in the Name of the Lord.*

*Presider*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*      And with thy spirit.

**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**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*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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