



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite II and Blessing of the Animals at 10:00am
Celebration of the Feast of St. Francis: Sunday, October 15, 2023

SERVICE NOTES: *We are glad you have joined us this morning! The hymns can be found beginning on page 11 in this bulletin. The words in bold are those said by the whole congregation. We encourage and welcome you to sing and pray actively. Thank you for being here.*

PRELUDE

“Suite”
“Sister Moon”

Chick Corea
J. Woodman

Please stand, as you are able.

OPENING HYMN H 400 “All creatures of our God and king” Verses 1, 4, 5, 7 (*Lasst uns erfreuen*) On page 9

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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. Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; 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.*

Job 39:1-18

A reading from the book of Job.

"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them.

"Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing.

"Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labor to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?

"The ostrich's wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labor should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider."

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Please join in saying Psalm 121.

- 1 **I lift up my eyes to the hills; ***
from where is my help to come?
- 2 **My help comes from God ***
the maker of heaven and earth.

- 3 **God will not let your foot be moved; *
the One who watches over you will not fall asleep.**
- 4 **Behold, the One who keeps watch over Israel, *
shall neither slumber nor sleep,**
- 5 **The Holy One watches over you,
and is your shade at your right hand. ***
- 6 **So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.**
- 7 **God shall preserve you from all evil, *
and is the One who shall keep you safe.**
- 8 **God shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
From this time forth for evermore.**

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 11:25-30

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON *Silence is kept after the sermon.*

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Please bring your pets or a photo of your pets forward, and one of the priests will offer a blessing.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *The Leader and the People pray responsively.*

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

Leader St. Francis dedicated his life to rebuilding the church by living in right relationship with all the creatures of the earth. Let us, too, dedicate ourselves to this task. Loving God, please bless our parish and your whole Church: let us be an open and accepting church; let us be a forgiving and loving church; and let us be a brave and prophetic church; that we may reflect your love for the world.

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

Leader Lord, we ask you,

All **Make us instruments of your peace.**

Leader St. Francis was not afraid to be despised by the powerful and to give up all worldly wealth and influence. May those in power never forget their responsibility to the poor, the disenfranchised, and the oppressed. May we follow in the footsteps of St. Francis, seeking peace and reconciliation at home and abroad, and speaking and living the truth of the Gospel without counting the cost.
(We pause, making space for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.)

Leader Lord, we ask you,
All **Make us instruments of your peace.**

Leader St. Francis took delight in every living creature and spread joy to all whom he encountered. Rooted in gratitude, wonder, and praise, may we too become bearers of God's light in the world, fulfilling Christ's desire that "my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete."
(We pause, making space for prayers to be offered either silently or aloud.)

Leader Lord, we ask you,
All **Make us instruments of your peace.**

Leader St. Francis had compassion on all who were sick, weary, and suffering, even embracing those whom others were afraid to touch. May we too reach out to all in need with generous and open hearts. We pray especially 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 Lord, we ask you,
All **Make us instruments of your peace.**

Leader St. Francis learned to be at peace with death, even calling Death his sister as he called the earth his mother and the sun his brother. May we, too, grow to accept our limits and our dependence on the great web of creation, and to see in bodily death the gateway to eternal life. We pray for those who mourn and for all the departed.
(We pause, making space for prayers to be offered either silently or aloud.)

Leader Lord, we ask you,
All **Make us instruments of your peace.**

Presider O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty: Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness; for the sake of him through whom all things were made, you Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 announcements on our website. If you do not currently receive an email from us with current news and events, contact info@churchofstmartin.org. 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

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. 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 “O Brother Sun,”

Sung by the Sanctuary Choir

(Trad. Tune; words adapted from St. Francis by Sharon Anway)

- O Brother Sun, you bring us light, all shining round in fiery might.
- O Sister Moon, you heal and bless, your beauty shines in tenderness.
- O Brother Wind, you sweep the hills; your mighty breath both freshens and fills.
- O Sister Water, you cleanse and flow thorough rivers and streams, in ice and snow.

- O Brother Fire, you warm our night with all your dancing colored light.
- O Sister Earth, you feed all things: all birds, all creatures, all scales and wings.
- O Sister Death, you meet us here and take us to our God so near.
- O God of Life, we give you praise for all your creatures, for all your ways.

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

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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"

Cantor The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

All **The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.**

Cantor The bread which we break, Alleluia, is the communion of the Body of Christ.

All **The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.**

Cantor One body are we, Alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

All **The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the 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 8 "Morning has broken" (Bunessan) *On page 10*
H 593 "Lord, make us servants of your peace" (Dickinson College) *On page 11*

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.*

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN H 398 "I sing the almighty power of God" (Forest Green) *On page 12*

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE "Pet Minuet" *C. Shavers*

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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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H 400 "All creatures of our God and king" (*Lasst uns erfreuen*) (Verses 1, 4, 5, 7)



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
 *2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
 *3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
 *6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
 4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
 5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
 6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
 7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

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H 8 "Morning has broken" (*Bunessan*)

Unison or harmony

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. _____
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass. _____
 born of the one light E - den saw play! _____

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise cv - cry morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! _____
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. _____
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! _____

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H 593 "Lord, make us servants of your peace" (*Dickinson College*)

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
 3 Jc - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

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H 398 "I sing the almighty power of God" (*Forest Green*)

1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
 he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
 and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
 while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery-where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

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