



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost: Holy Eucharist Rite I Sunday, November 12, 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, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of
the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that having
this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great

glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

FIRST READING *Please be seated.*

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

A reading from the book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the LORD!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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
 your praiseworthy deeds and your power, O God, *
 and the wonderful works you have done.**

- 5 You gave your decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which you commanded them to teach their children;**
- 6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;**
- 7 So that they might put their trust in you, *
and not forget your deeds,
but keep your commandments;**

GOSPEL *Please stand, as you are able.*

Matthew 25:1-13

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

ANNIVERSARY REFLECTIONS

The Rev. Canon Mary Goshert, The Rt. Rev. Barry Beisner, The Rev. Dr. Ann Hallisey, The Rev. Suzanne Guthrie, The Rev. Alex Leach, The Rt. Rev. Megan Traquair, The Rev. Dr. Pamela Dolan

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 Gather us together, O God, to share the prayers, intentions, and thanksgivings of our community.

Leader I ask your prayers for the Church, for all who worship God this day. For our clergy, our diocesan and denominational leaders, our worship leaders, and for our congregation. Blessed are the meek and the merciful; may we lead so as to be a blessing to others.
(We pause, making space for prayer to be said, either silently or aloud.)

Leader God of abundance and mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader I ask your prayers for our nation and all nations; for judges, for elected officials at all levels of government, and informed citizens. Blessed are the peacekeepers, and those who hunger and thirst for righteousness; may we work to make this a more just and equitable world.
(We pause, making space for prayer to be said, either silently or aloud.)

Leader God of abundance and mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader I ask your prayers for the sick, the lonely, the lost, and those injured by war, climate change, or displacement. Blessed are the persecuted and the poor in spirit, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs. We pray for all on our parish prayer list.
(The deacon will share prayer requests and then invite those in the congregation to share theirs.)

Leader God of abundance and mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader I ask your prayers for those who have died in the sure and certain hope of the Resurrection and for their family and friends who mourn. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God; may we work to remember and honor the memories of those who came before us.
(We pause, making space for prayer to be said, either silently or aloud.)

Leader God of abundance and mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader I ask for your remembrances of thanksgivings and blessings, for we are given time, talent, and treasure to share with the world. Today we give special thanks for veterans, We also give thanks for the many generations of St. Martin's parishioners who have come before us and brought this church to where we are today.
(We pause, making space for prayer to be said, either silently or aloud.)

Leader God of abundance and mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Presider: Lord God of hosts, you clothed your servant Martin the soldier with the spirit of sacrifice and set him as a bishop in your Church. Give us grace to follow in his holy steps, that, at the last, we may be found clothed with righteousness in the dwellings of peace; 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. (*Silence may be kept.*)

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.

PRAYER FOR HEROIC SERVICE

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** (*BCP page 839*)

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, for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all thy saints, who have been chosen vessels of thy grace, and the lights of the world in their generations. 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.** 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.**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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Assisting Priest: The Rev. Ernie Lewis

Deacon: The Ven. Margaret Grayden

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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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