



# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN



## Sunday, December 24, 2023 – Christmas Eve The Holy Eucharist Rite II at 7:00pm and 10:00pm

**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. Welcome! Merry Christmas! Feliz Navidad!

**PRELUDE** “Christmas Medley” Various Composers

**CHORAL INTROIT** “Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light” (J. S. Bach)

*Please stand, as you are able, for the opening hymn.*

**OPENING HYMN** H 83 “O Come all ye faithful” (*Adeste Fideles*) *In the Hymnal*

### CHRISTMAS CANDLE LIGHTING

*Reader* This is the eve of Christmas, a time of longing for God’s presence among us.

*We light all four Advent candles.*

*Reader* Christmas is when we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. The hope, peace, joy, and love of the entire world are fully realized in this tiny baby, sent to live among us as a human being and to walk with us on the paths of our lives.

*We light the white Christ candle.*

*People* **O Emmanuel, God with us, as you let your light shine before all, help us be a light to the world.**

*Presider* Beloved of God, as we celebrate the birth of the Holy Child, let the light of Christ so enter our hearts and minds, that with simple faith and true hope, we may at this time hasten to Bethlehem to see the baby lying in a manger. **Amen.**

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

*People* **And blessed be God’s kingdom now and forever. Amen.**

*ALL are invited to sing the song of praise.*

**SONG OF PRAISE**

H 96 “Angels we have heard on high” (*Gloria*)

*In the Hymnal*

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Presider* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** *Please be seated for the readings.*

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

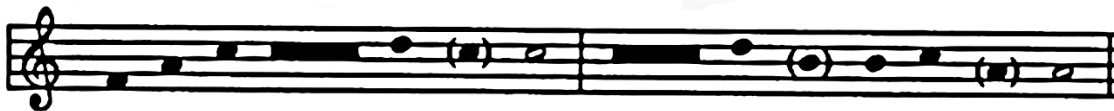
The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

Please join in singing Psalm 96.



- 1 Sing to God a new song;\*  
sing to God all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing and bless God's holy Name;\*  
proclaim the good news of salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare God's glory among the nations,\*  
God's wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For God is great and greatly to be praised,\*  
more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols,\*  
but it is God who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of God's presence!\*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of God's sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to God, you families of the peoples,\*  
ascribe to God honor and power.



born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

*Gospeller*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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

**THE CREED**      *Please stand, as you are able, for 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**      *The Leader and the People pray responsively.*

*Deacon*      Let us pray for God’s holy church and for the world, which God made and loves.

*Leader*      Lord God, ruler of the universe, we thank you that you hear us when we pray. We are grateful for all your gifts to us, especially the gift of your son who came to live a human life with us. As you guided the Magi to Bethlehem by a star, guide us to come worshipfully to you.

*(We pause, making space for prayer to be said, either silently or aloud.)*

*Leader*      Glory to God in the highest  
*People*            **And peace to all people on Earth!**

*Leader*      We pray on this Christmas Eve for our world. We pray for those who govern and hold positions of authority among the nations. Lord, you sent your news of peace and goodwill to shepherds, and sent them to see the babe lying in a manger. Let your good news be fulfilled everywhere on earth, for all people.

*(We pause, making space for prayer to be said, either silently or aloud.)*

*Leader*            Glory to God in the highest  
*People*            **And peace to all people on Earth!**

*Leader*            We pray for your church; we pray especially for our Bishop, Megan, and for all who serve Christ and build up the Beloved Community. By your Spirit strengthen your people for their work and ministry. As you sent your angels to share the good news, send us to show your light to the world.  
*(We pause, making space for prayer to be said, either silently or aloud.)*

*Leader*            Glory to God in the highest  
*People*            **And peace to all people on Earth!**

*Leader*            We pray for one another, for our grandparents, parents, children, and all family and friends, through whom we learn to love and be loved. We thank you for all who care for us as Joseph cared for his family, and we ask you to help us love one another as you first loved us.  
*(We pause, making space for prayer to be said, either silently or aloud.)*

*Leader*            Glory to God in the highest  
*People*            **And peace to all people on Earth!**

*Leader*            We pray for those who are sorrowful, distressed or lonely. We pray for all people who have to be separated from loved ones on this holy night. We ask you to comfort us, as Mary comforted the Baby Jesus, when we are afraid. We ask you for the grace to serve you as we find you in the poor, the hungry, the homeless, or the sick.  
*(We pause, making space for prayer to be said, either silently or aloud.)*

*Leader*            Glory to God in the highest  
*People*            **And peace to all people on Earth!**

*Presider*            O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**CONFESSION OF SIN**        *You may stand or kneel, as you are able.*

*The Deacon says*    Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
*(We pause for a moment of silent reflection).*

*Presider and People*

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love,  
and serve only your will. 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 the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*We greet one another in the name of the Lord, with sensitivity to those who may wish to maintain physical distance.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please see the announcement insert, and feel free to take this bulletin home with you. If you do not currently receive an email from us with current news and events, please reach out to [info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org).*

## 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 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.*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM “On Christmas Night” (*The Sussex Carol*, arr. R. Vaughan Williams)

On Christmas night, all Christians sing / To hear the news the angels bring.  
News of great joy, news of great mirth / News of our merciful King’s birth.  
When sin departs before Thy grace / Then life and health come in its place.  
Angels rejoice with us and sing / all for to see the newborn King.  
All out of darkness we have light / Which made the angels sing this night.  
Glory to God in highest heav’n, / Peace on earth and goodwill. Amen.

## 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, for the Eucharistic Prayer.*

*Presider* The Lord 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*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS *Please join in singing.*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r, of pow'r and might.  
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
*Opt. des.*  
Blessed is he, is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
*molto rit.*  
Ho - san - na in the high-est, Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

*The Presider continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus, the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with Martin and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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

organ Be known to us, Lord Je - sus Christ,\_\_\_  
in the break - ing of\_\_\_ the bread. God of hope\_\_\_ and  
God of pro - mise, you have pre - pared\_\_\_ a ban - quet for us;  
Come, Lord Je - sus, come\_\_\_ and cheer, Come and make thy Dwel - ling here.

### *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.** 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 115 “What Child is This?” (*Greensleeves*)  
H 109 “The First Nowell” (*The First Nowell*)  
H 112 “In the Bleak Midwinter” (*Cranham*)

*In the Hymnal*  
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### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**Loving God,  
we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth  
a people forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen**

*We will take a moment to light our handheld candles before the song begins. All are invited to sing.*

**CANDLE LIGHTING** H 111 “Silent Night” (*Stille Nacht*)

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**BLESSING** *The Presider offers a blessing and the People respond Amen.*

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** H 100 “Joy to the World” (*Antioch*)

### **DISMISSAL**

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** “Prelude in C Major” (BWV 545), 7pm  
“Fugue in C Major (BWV 545), 10pm

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## **CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS AND THANKSGIVINGS**

*Gifts have been made to the Memorial Fund*

### **In loving memory of**

The Domingos and Stivers *by Ginny Stivers*

Ron Holm *by Janet Lane and Bob Holm*

Russ and Rachael Bruch, and Dee Cary *by Gwyneth Bruch*

Jerry Lawo, Guy Gregg, and Jim and Nancy Lang *by John and Pamela Dolan*

### **In thanksgiving for**

Family and dear friends *by Jerry Hulbert*

Andrew, Lindsay and Jack Bruch; Jann Murray-Garcia and Jorge and Gabi Garcia; and Canela, Ian, Sarah, and new-born Moses Yohanan Roper *by Gwyneth Bruch*

## **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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Hymnal 111 "Silent Night" (*Stille Nacht*)

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
 heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
 born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!  
 birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.