



# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN

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## Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany: Sunday, February 4, 2024 The Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8:00am

**SERVICE NOTES:** *We are glad you have joined us! Masks are recommended by Yolo County; they are optional at this time, but we want everyone to take whatever precautions they deem appropriate. We encourage you to pray and participate fully in the service, as you are able. Thank you and welcome!*

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**      *Please stand as the service begins.*

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

*People*      **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

### COLLECT FOR PURITY AND GREAT COMMANDMENTS

*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

*All* **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 also with you.**

*Presider*      Let us pray.

*Presider* Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us, we beseech thee, the liberty of that abundant life which thou hast manifested to us in thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

**Isaiah 40:21-31**

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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

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

## **PSALM**

Please join in reading from Psalm 147.

- 1 Alleluia! How good it is to sing praises to you, O God; \*  
how pleasant it is to honor you with praise!**
- 2 For you rebuild Jerusalem \*  
and gather the exiles of Israel.**
- 3 You heal the brokenhearted \*  
and bind up their wounds.**
- 4 You count the number of the stars \*  
and call them all by their names.**
- 5 Great are you and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to your wisdom.**
- 6 You lift up the lowly, \*  
but cast the wicked to the ground.**
- 7 We sing to you, Most High, with thanksgiving; \*  
we make music to you upon the harp,**
- 8 For you cover the heavens with clouds \*  
and prepare rain for the earth;**
- 9 You make grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve humankind.**
- 10 You provide food for flocks and herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they cry.**

**11 You are not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
you have no pleasure in human strength;**

**12 But you have pleasure in those who fear you, \*  
in those who await your gracious favor.**

**21 Alleluia!**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**Mark 1:29-39**

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

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

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON AND BLESSING OF CANDLES**

*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**

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

*Leader* Everlasting Creator, guide us to be unwavering reminders to those in political authority of the limits and transience of human power, and of their absolute duty to prosper all who live in this world, this

country, and this community. For the courage and compassion to seek the common good above personal profit or power, we pray.

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

*Leader* Christ, our healer and guide  
*People* **Shine your light in us and through us.**

*Leader* Everlasting Creator, continually renew the strength of your Spirit in those who preside at the sacred feast of Christ's table, as we share with them in the work for and the blessings of the Beloved Community. We pray especially for our Bishop Megan, our rector Pamela, and all the clergy, staff, and lay leaders who serve St. Martin's so faithfully.

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

*Leader* Christ, our healer and guide  
*People* **Shine your light in us and through us.**

*Leader* Everlasting Creator, bind the wounds and heal the hearts of those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, and grant stamina to all who give them care. We now join our hearts together to pray for those in need and especially for those on our parish prayer list.

*(The deacon will read prayer requests and then invite all to add their prayer requests, either silently or aloud.)*

*Leader* Christ, our healer and guide  
*People* **Shine your light in us and through us.**

*Leader* Everlasting Creator, we celebrate our memories and commend to you all who have left the exile of this mortal life for your infinite and eternal paradise.

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

*Leader* Christ, our healer and guide  
*People* **Shine your light in us and through us.**

*Leader* Everlasting Creator, we pause in this moment to offer you our other heartfelt thanksgivings, intercessions, and petitions, either silently or aloud.

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

*Leader* Christ, our healer and guide  
*People* **Shine your light in us and through us**

*Celebrant* Gracious, all-knowing God, free and restore us from the power of sin, that we may accept your call to serve you in faithfulness, gratitude, and love. We ask this through Jesus, our healer; and the Holy Spirit, our comforter; who live and reign with you as one God, now and beyond the ages of ages. **Amen.**

**CONFESSION OF SIN** *Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

*The Deacon says* Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. *(We pause for silent reflection).*

*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 thy Name. Amen.**

**ABSOLUTION**      *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**

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

*People*      **And with thy spirit.**

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please see the announcements at the end of the bulletin. We also have announcements on our website. 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) so we can be in touch. Feel free to take this bulletin 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 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!*

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*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; because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

### FRACTION ANTHEM

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**AGNUS DEI** *Presider and People*

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.**

*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.**

### INVITATION AND DISTRIBUTION

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. Come forward down the center aisle for Communion. Choose the station on the left for intinction by the priest or 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.*

### EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR SENDING PRAYER

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Deacon* We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those whom you visit will share in Christ's body and blood.

*People* **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

*Deacon* Our prayers go with you.

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *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 *The Presider offers a blessing and the People respond Amen.*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## 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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