

The Episcopal Church of St. Martin
ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF March 31, 2024

This Weekend

Good Friday, March 29, 12pm and 7pm

We have two Good Friday services. At 12pm, we walk the Stations of the Cross in the church. At 7pm, we have the Good Friday Proper Liturgy in the church. Both include an optional veneration of the Cross and are relatively brief services with no music or Communion.

Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 30, 8pm

The Great Vigil of Easter starts outdoors with the lighting of the new fire, moves inside for dramatic readings and music, and finally ends with a festive Holy Eucharist. **All are welcome to bring bells and noisemakers to use as part of the Easter Acclamation.** After the service, we hope you'll stay for a short reception in the narthex. We'll be serving chocolate and other goodies, sparkling cider, and champagne. The Easter Vigil is a feast for the senses and the moment when the Lenten fast ends.

Easter Day, Sunday, March 31, 8am and 10am

At both services on Easter Day, we will have a festive Holy Eucharist. Both services will have music, preaching, and the choir.

Fun Activities for All Ages on Easter after 10am Service

Join in the fun after the 10am Easter Day service, when we hold an Easter Egg hunt for children of all ages. We will also have a special Easter Coffee Hour—we invite you to bring sweet or savory finger food to share, if you wish. What a wonderful way to reconnect with your parish family and welcome all who might be visiting our parish for the first time!

Good Friday and Easter Offerings

On Good Friday this year, we joined with Episcopalians from around the country and collected donations for the Good Friday Offering, which goes to the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Presiding Bishop Curry invited us to be part of this 102-year tradition and to learn more about this province, which includes St. George's, the only Anglican church in Iraq; Christ Church in Aden, Yemen; St Philip's Episcopal Church in Nablus, in the West Bank; and others.

It is not too late to give to the Good Friday offering.

Our Easter Offering will be divided evenly between The Episcopal Relief and Development Middle East Fund, which is supporting humanitarian aid to areas affected by the conflict in Gaza, and The Belfry Lutheran-Episcopal Ministry in Davis, which offers support, fellowship, and worship opportunities to college students right from the "little yellow house" on A Street.

How to Give: You may write checks to The Church of St. Martin with memo "Good Friday Offering" or "Easter Offering," Or you may give on our website by clicking the blue GIVE button and choosing "Easter Offering 2024" or "Good Friday Offering 2024" from the drop-down menu. Thank you for your generosity.!

Happening Soon

Seeds of Justice Discussion Group Continues on April 9

Seeds of Justice, our land-based ministry program, is partnering with YoloSol to host three sessions to discuss the book, *Know We Are Here: Voices of Native California Resistance*, edited with an introduction by Terria Smith, a tribal member of the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indians. A limited number of copies of the book are available for circulation. We encourage our community to support the authors and independent publisher Heyday by purchasing the book directly from them: <https://heydaybooks.com/catalog/know-we-are-here/> or ordering from one of our local bookstores. **The group met on March 26 and is meeting from 6:30 to 8pm at St. Martin's on the following Tuesday nights: April 9, and May 7.** Contact Rev. Pamela or the church office if you're interested in participating. You are welcome to come even if you did not attend the first discussion.

Grace Garden Plant Sale and More!

On April 13, from 9am to 12pm, Grace Garden is having a plant sale. The event will also feature live music by Yolo Noteworthy, garden tours, a "Paint Your Own Garden Pot" activity, and a master gardener presentation on pollinators. This isn't just a sale; it's a celebration of our community's spirit and dedication to making a difference. For more details, see the Grace Garden website: <https://www.davisumc.org/grace-garden/>. With your support, Grace Garden is growing!

Diocese of Northern California Fearless Faith Revival, April 26 - 27

On April 26 - 27, The Diocese of Northern California will be holding a Fearless Faith Revival. As explained by the diocese, an Episcopal revival is a series of gatherings that combine worship, teaching, faith-sharing, intensified prayer, and engagement with the mission of God — all for the sake of the spiritual renewal and transformation of people and of society. The Revival will take place at Trinity Cathedral downtown Sacramento and at St. John's in Roseville. It will consist of workshops, a festival with food trucks, and fun activities, and a worship service with the Rt. Rev. Daniel Gutiérrez, Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania as the featured speaker. For more information about the Revival, see the website [HERE](#).

Friday Evening, April 26, 5pm - 8:30pm Fearless Feast Fundraising Dinner Trinity Cathedral, Sacramento

A fundraising event in support of the Fearless Faith Revival! Social Hour 5pm; mingle with Revival workshop presenters; dinner; Complime in the Cathedral. Purchase dinner tickets [HERE](#). Dinner Tickets \$250 per person

Saturday, April 27, 1pm - 7:30pm, St. John's Church, Roseville

Revival Workshops, 1pm - 5pm: Attend workshops focusing on Creation Care, Evangelism & Formation, Racial Reconciliation

Revival Festival, 1pm - 6pm: Talk to ministry partners, exhibitors, and vendors. Use contemplative space. Kid-friendly activities, food trucks.

Revival Worship, 6pm - 7:30pm: Casual, spirit-filled outdoor service with uplifting music, prayer, and preaching by Bishop Daniel Gutierrez of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. Registration Required. Register [HERE](#).

I Will With God's Help: Journey Toward Racial Healing and Justice Workshop

This workshop is rooted in our baptismal identity and the promises we make in baptism. It focuses on how we can more fully live into our promise to be loving toward our neighbors, to address racism in our communities and build the Beloved Community. **This workshop meets the requirement for licensing for Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Lay Eucharistic Visitors and unlicensed lay leaders (such as vestry members and ministry leads).** Other *licensed* lay ministries need to take Sacred Ground to meet Diocesan licensing requirements. If you are not sure what training you need for your ministry, please contact Director of Operations Gabe Avila.

Saturday, April 20 / Ascension, Vallejo | 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Register here: <https://form.jotform.com/240327860593157>

Registration deadline: April 13, 2024

Saturday, May 11 / St. Michael's, Carmichael | 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Register here: <https://form.jotform.com/240328253904150>

Registration deadline: May 4, 2024

Saturday, June 8 / Zoom | 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Register here: <https://form.jotform.com/240327903106145>

Registration deadline: June 1, 2024

Prayer Opportunities on Weekdays

Morning Prayer: Wednesdays, 8:30am in the narthex. Join Rev. Pamela and others for this 25-minute service.

Centering Prayer: Wednesdays, 5pm in Room 6/7. Join Kim Andrup and others for this 60-minute session.

Compline: Fridays, 8:30pm on Zoom. Join Deacon Margaret and others for this 20-minute service. Find the Zoom link on our website under “Worship.”

Meetings and Office Hours

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Choir Practice: Thursday, April 4 at 7pm in the church

Buildings and Grounds: Friday, April 5 at 4pm on Zoom

Seeds of Justice Book Discussion: Tuesday, April 9, 6:30pm in Room 8

Vestry: Monday, April 15 at 7pm in the church library

Social Justice and Outreach: Monday, April 22 at 5:15pm on Zoom

Rector's Office Hours on Monday

Rev. Pamela has office hours on Monday from 3 – 4:15pm in the church library. **Her next office hours will be on Monday, April 8.** She will **not** have office hours on Monday, April 1, due to the Easter holiday (no fooling!). To reach Pamela at a different time, feel free to contact her directly (pamela@churchofstmartin.org) or to contact the church office. As a reminder, Rev. Pamela's usual day off is Friday.

Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9am to 12pm. Stop by in person or contact the office by calling 530-756-0444 or sending an email to info@churchofstmartin.org

The Church Office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, April 1-2 in order to give the clergy and staff an Easter holiday. For pastoral emergencies, please call (530) 756-0444 for instructions.