



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN

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Sunday, March 10, 2024 – Fourth Sunday in Lent Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:00am

SERVICE NOTES: *We are glad you have joined us! If you are online:* We have posted a hymn insert, which also has other 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. Masks are optional, but we want everyone to take whatever precautions they deem appropriate. We encourage you to sing and pray actively. Thank you and welcome!

PRELUDE “Récit de Tierce en Taille,” N. De Grigny “Agnus Dei,” F. Martin

The ministers enter in silence. Please stand as you are able.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Presider Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.”

CONFESSION OF SIN *Please kneel or stand for the Confession.*

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may follow.*

Presider and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Presider stands and says,

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE KYRIE EOM1 33 “Lord, have mercy” Kyrie (*Fletcher*) *Please stand, as you are able.*



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



Christ, have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy.



Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. —

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING *Please be seated for the readings.*

Numbers 21:4-9

A reading from the book of Numbers.

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Please join in reading from Psalm 107.

**1 We give you thanks, O God, for you are good, *
your mercy endures for ever.**

**2 Let all those whom you have redeemed proclaim *
that you redeemed them from the hand of the foe.**

**3 You gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.**

**17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.**

**18 They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.**

**19 Then they cried to you in their trouble, *
and you delivered them from their distress.**

**20 You sent forth your word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.**

**21 Let them give thanks to you for your mercy *
and the wonders you do for your children.**

**22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving, *
and tell of your acts with shouts of joy.**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient.

All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

Please stand, as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN *Shaker Tune*

Choir: Oh, the beautiful treasure laid up for the wise; how precious the value, how glorious the prize.

All: **Oh, the beautiful treasure laid up for the wise; how precious the value, how glorious the prize.**

Choir: Far brighter than diamonds, the Word of God shines down to enlighten the path we trod.

All: **Oh, the beautiful treasure laid up for the wise; how precious the value, how glorious the prize.**

GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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

SERMON *A period of silence follows the sermon.*

THE 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,

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.*

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

Leader Creator Lord, you have given us eyes to see ourselves as we truly are and the heart to accept your free gift of grace. Fill us now with the courage to step forward in faith, to repent of our sins, and to turn the life we have been given to your guidance and your service.

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

Leader O God of mercy,
People **We now confess and begin again.**

Leader Creator Lord, impel the political leaders in our world, in our nation, and in our community, to rally to your call and forsake the temptations and vanity of power, and to govern with integrity, equity, and truth.

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

Leader O God of mercy,
People **We now confess and begin again.**

Leader Creator Lord, fortify and energize all who are anointed to bring us your Word and Sacraments. As they shepherd us in faith, we walk together toward wholeness in you. We pray especially for our Bishop Megan, our Rector Pamela, our clergy, our staff, and all the lay leaders of this church.

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

Leader O God of mercy,
People **We now confess and begin again.**

Leader Creator Lord, sustain the faith and dispel the despair of all who are ill in body, mind, or spirit, and of all who attend to their needs. We now join our voices to pray aloud for all those in need, and especially those on our parish prayer list.

(The deacon will share prayer requests and then invite the congregation to add their prayer requests.)

Leader O God of mercy,
People **We now confess and begin again.**

Leader Creator Lord, lift us from our grief into the hope of eternal life and joy, reunited with all who now live again in glory with you.

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

Leader O God of mercy,
People **We now confess and begin again.**

Presider O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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 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.

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

Presider 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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Agnus Dei" from *The World Beloved: A Bluegrass Mass*, Carol Barnett

O Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. O Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. O Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace." *Sung by the choir.*

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 God thanks and praise.**

Presider God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

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

Presider At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Presider From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Presider Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

The Presider continues And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Please join in saying

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The People stand or kneel. The Presider continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

Presider and People

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

The Presider continues

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers:

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Sarah, Rebecca, and Leah;

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us.

Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength;
for pardon only, and not for renewal.

Let the grace of this Holy Communion

make us one body, one spirit in Christ,

that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Presider and People

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

The Presider continues

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
All Therefore let us keep the feast.

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. 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.

COMMUNION MUSIC H 321 "My God, thy table now is spread" (*Rockingham*) *In the hymnal*
H 671 "Amazing grace" (*New Britain*) *In the hymnal*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand as you are able.*

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

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

The peace of God, which passes 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 Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN H 145 "Now quit your care" (*Quittez, Pasteurs*) *In the Hymnal*

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People depart in silence.

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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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