THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN

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Sunday, April 21, 2024 – Fourth Sunday of Easter 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 helpful information about attending online. *If you are in person*: The hymns can be found in the Hymnal 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!

Today, we start our service outside with a 7-minute, 8-second procession around the church grounds. This amount of time equals 425 seconds or the present level of CO2 in parts per million in the earth's atmosphere, the highest in millions of years. Just follow the cross, Rev. Pamela and the choir. If you are not able to walk, you are welcome to stand and watch the procession or wait inside the church. The opening hymn will commence when the procession enters the church.

PRELUDE Pealing of the bells

Please stand, as you are able, and join in singing. **OPENING HYMN** Hymnal 304 "I come with joy to meet my Lord" (*Land of Rest*)

In the Hymnal

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The people sing the antiphon after the choir.

SONG OF PRAISE EOM1 33 "Song of Judith, Canticle J" (*Crisafulli*)



Choir: I will sing a new song to my God, for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength invincible.

All: I will sing a new song, sing a new song to my God. I will sing, I will sing, sing a new song to my God.

Choir: Let the whole creation serve you, for you spoke and all things came into being. You sent your breath and it formed them, no one is able to resist your voice.

Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, rocks melt like wax at your presence.

All: I will sing a new song, sing a new song to my God. I will sing, I will sing, sing a new song to my God.

Choir: But to those who fear you, you continue to show mercy.

No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, but whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.

All: I will sing a new song, sing a new song to my God. I will sing, I will sing, sing a new song to my God.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray. O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING *Please be seated for the readings.*

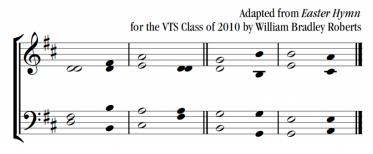
Acts 4:5-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

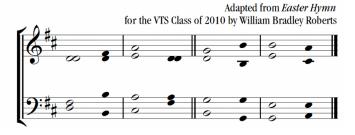
The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

PSALM *Please join in singing Psalm 23*



- 1 O God, you are my <u>shepherd</u>; * I shall not be in <u>want</u>.
- 2 You make me lie down in green <u>pastures</u> * and lead me beside still <u>waters</u>.
- 3 You revive my <u>soul</u> * and guide me along right pathways for the sake of your <u>Name</u>.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no <u>evil;</u> for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they <u>comfort me.</u>



- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who <u>trouble me</u>; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running <u>over</u>.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my <u>life</u>, * and I will dwell in the house of God for <u>ever</u>.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Please stand, as you are able.

In the Hymnal

SEQUENCE HYMN H 178, "Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord" (*Alleluia No. 1*), v. 1, 2

GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

1 John 3:16-24

GospellerThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

GospellerThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise 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 the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.

Leader Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet. We offer our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and ask that you grant us thewisdom and will to conserve it. (*We pause, making space for prayers to be said, either silently or aloud.*)

LeaderO God, our shepherd and guide,PeopleHear our prayer.

Leader Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being. May your Church truly come to embody and embrace the wisdom of the Incarnation, loving all creatures as you have loved us.

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

LeaderO God, our shepherd and guide,PeopleHear our prayer.

Leader Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed. Wise Creator, whose works are full of mystery, give us wonder and appreciation for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict.

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

Leader O God, our shepherd and guide, People Hear our prayer.

Leader Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings. Receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits. *(We pause, making space for prayers to be said, either silently or aloud.)*

LeaderO God, our shepherd and guide,PeopleHear our prayer.

Leader Divine Physician, heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflict suffering upon people and other creatures. Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list. *(The deacon will share prayer requests and then invite the congregation to add their prayer requests).*

LeaderO God, our shepherd and guide,PeopleHear our prayer.

Leader Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died, and comfort all who mourn.

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

LeaderO God, our shepherd and guide,PeopleHear our prayer.

Presider Eternal God, the light of all who know you: Come and fill our hearts with your love. Help us speak when many keep silent; help us stand for what is right when many sit in indifference. Increase our faith and courage, until your kingdom comes and heaven and earth rejoice together in glory; through your Son our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ 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 <u>info@churchofstmartin.org</u>.

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. Thank you!

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Gloria" from "The World Beloved: a Bluegrass Mass," by Carols Barnett

Glory be to God on high, who launched the sunlight, loosed the rain, who scattered stars across the sky and piled the mountains, rolled the plains, who spilled the rivers and the seas. Oh, glory be! Oh, glory be! Glory be to God below, for feather, fur, for scale and fin, for vine uptwisting, blossom's fire, for muscle, sinew, nerve and skin and every feature set aglow. Oh, glory be to God below.

Oh, glory be for peace on earth, and prayerful be the human heart that has required a Savior's birth to make of earth heaven's counterpart, so strife might stop and warring cease. Oh, glory be for peace.

Oh, glory be the Generous Hand who left us to our work and care, who gave us only few commands but that we help each other bear life's burdens, pain and suffering ease. Oh, glory be, Oh glory be.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE (Franconia) Please stand, as you are able, and join in singing.

We give thee but thine own, / Whate'er the gift may be;

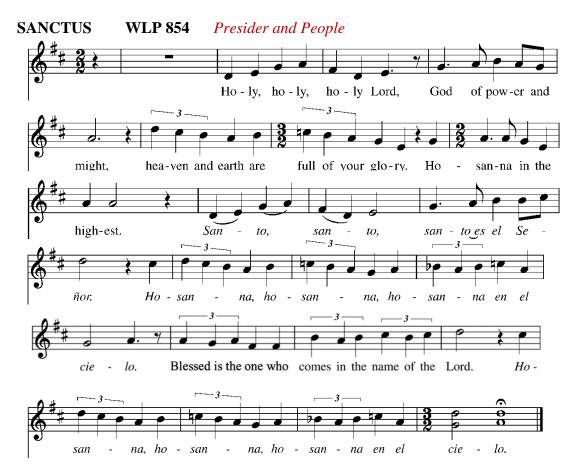
All that we have is thine alone, / A trust, O God, from thee. —William Walsham Howe

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:



WORDS OF INSTITUTION *The People stand or kneel. The Presider continues*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Presider continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Martin and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People

Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

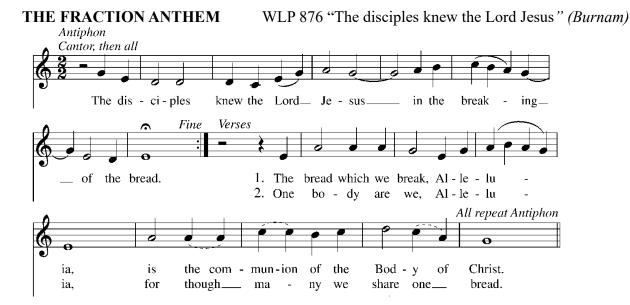
THE LORD'S PRAYER

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,	Our Father in heaven,
santificado sea tu Nombre,	hallowed be your Name,
venga tu reino,	your kingdom come,
hágase tu voluntad,	your will be done,
en la tierra como en el cielo.	on earth as in heaven.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.	Give us today our daily bread.
Perdona nuestras ofensas,	Forgive us our sins
como también nosotros perdonamos a los	as we forgive those who sin against us.
que nos ofenden.	Save us from the time of trial,
No nos dejes caer en tentación	and deliver us from evil.
y líbranos del mal.	For the kingdom, the power,
Porque tuyo es el reino, tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria, ahora y por siempre.	and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.	Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD



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 HYMNS	Hymnal 343 "Shepherd of souls" (St. Agnes)	In the Hymnal
	Hymnal 664 "My Shepherd will supply my need" (<i>Resignation</i>)	In the Hymnal

EUCHARISTIC 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

Please stand as you are able.

Presider Let us pray. Presider and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do his will; and the blessing of God alright, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN Hymnal 708 "Savior, like a shepherd lead us" (Sicilian Mariners) In the Hymnal

DISMISSAL

DeaconLet us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE "Alleluia, Alleluia! O sons and daughters" Lynnwood Farnam

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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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