



# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN

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## Sunday, April 21, 2024 – The Fourth Sunday of Easter Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8:00am

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Please stand as you are able.*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### 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 *The Presider and People say together*

**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 with thy spirit.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, 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 reading Psalm 23.

- 1 O God, you are my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.**
- 2 You make me lie down in green pastures \*  
and lead me beside still waters.**
- 3 You revive my soul \*  
and guide me along right pathways for the sake of your Name.**
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.**
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of God for ever.**

**SECOND READING**

**1 John 3:16-24**

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.*

## **GOSPEL**

**John 10:11-18**

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

*People* **Glory be to thee, 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."

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **THE SERMON**

*Silence is kept after 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.*

*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 the wisdom and will to conserve it.

*(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* 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.)*

*Leader* O God, our shepherd and guide,  
*People* **Hear 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.)*

*Leader* O God, our shepherd and guide,  
*People* **Hear 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).*

*Leader* O God, our shepherd and guide,  
*People* **Hear 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.)*

*Leader* O God, our shepherd and guide,  
*People* **Hear 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 the Lord be always with you.

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

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, 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.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Please stand, as you are able, for the Eucharistic Prayer.*

*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, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; who by his suffering and death became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. 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* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## 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.**

**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 Presider says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament and then deliver it to the people.*

## 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

*Please stand, as you are able, for the final prayer and blessing.*

*The Presider says*

Let us pray.

*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 Priest blesses the people, saying*

The blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

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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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