THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN

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Sunday, August 25, 2024 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost 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!

PRELUDE "Passacaglia in C minor"

J. S. Bach

"Blessed Jesus, at thy word"

G. Walker

Please stand, as you are able, and join in singing.

OPENING HYMN H 304 "I come with joy to meet my Lord" (*Land of Rest*)

In the Hymnal

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All are invited to sing the Song of Praise.

SONG OF PRAISE WLP 899 "Glory to God" (*Haywood*)

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING *Please be seated for the readings.*

Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18

A reading from the book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel:

"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

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

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Please join in reading from Psalm 34.

- 15 The eyes of God are upon the righteous, * and the ears of God are open to their cry.
- 16 The face of God is against those who do evil, * to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
- 17 The righteous cry, and God hears them * and delivers them from all their troubles.
- 18 God is near to the brokenhearted * and will save those whose spirits are crushed.
- 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, * but God will deliver them out of them all.
- 20 God will keep safe all their bones; * not one of them shall be broken.
- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked, * and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
- 22 O God, you will ransom the life of your servants, * and none will be punished who trust in you.

SECOND READING Ephesians 6:10-20

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

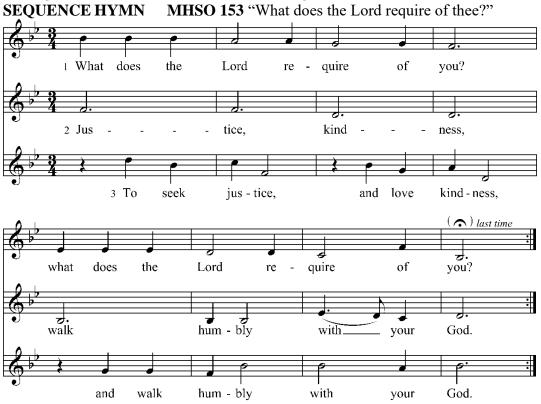
Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

People Thanks be to God.

All sing 1, 2, 3. Then choose 1, 2, or 3, and sing twice.



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GOSPEL John 6:56-69

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can

we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise 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 Church and the world.

Leader Holy and living God, we offer our whole-hearted thanks giving for those you have chosen to

inspire us through your word and sacraments. We pray especially for Michael, our Presiding

Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop-Elect; and Megan, our Bishop.

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

Leader Gracious, loving Lord, All Hear our prayer.

Leader Holy and living God, inspire those who govern to work for the good of our planet, our nation,

and our community. Grant us all the maturity to live and walk the way of insight, turning aside

from evil to do good, and to seek and pursue peace for all.

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

Leader Gracious, loving Lord, All Hear our prayer.

Leader Holy and living God, deliver hopeful relief to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, and to all

entrusted with their care. We now join our hearts together to pray for those on our parish prayer list. (The deacon will share prayer requests and then invite the congregation to share their own

prayer requests, either silently or aloud.)

Leader Gracious, loving Lord,
All Hear our prayer.

Leader Holy and living God, gladden the hearts of those who mourn, helping us remember that our

loved ones have awakened in the joyful courts of heaven to new life now and forever.

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

Leader Gracious, loving Lord, All Hear our prayer.

Leader Holy and living God, open our hearts to sing with the melody of gratitude for your gift of Jesus

as our bread of eternal life. Guide our every action to be in service to your will and in the name

of our Lord Christ.

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

Leader Gracious, loving Lord, All Hear our prayer.

Presider Almighty and eternal God, fill us with the spirit to live wisely now, that in our brief time on this earth, we will continually abide in Christ and prepare to be raised to eternal life. We ask through Jesus, our new manna from heaven; and the Holy Spirit, our unending source of wisdom; who together with you reign as one God, for all time, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

The Deacon says Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (We pause for silent reflection.)

Presider and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love, and serve only your will. Amen.

ABSOLUTION The Presider stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **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 info@churchofstmartin.org.

You are welcome to come forward with your backpack, book bag, or briefcase to receive a blessing.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

God of Wisdom, we give you thanks for schools and classrooms and for the teachers and students who fill them each day. We thank you for this new beginning, for new books and new ideas. We thank you for sharpened pencils, pointy crayons, and crisp blank pages waiting to be filled. We thank you for the gift of making mistakes and trying again. Help us to remember that asking the right questions is often as important as giving the right

answers. Today we give you thanks for these teachers and students, and all who contribute to the education of young minds. We ask you to bless them with curiosity, understanding and respect. May their backpacks, book bags, and briefcases be a sign to them that they have everything they need to learn and grow this year in school and in Church School. May they be guided by your love. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who taught by story and example your great love for us. **Amen.**

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.

Sung by the Summer Choir

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Bread of the world, in mercy broken," L. Bourgeois, arr. by C. Young

Bread of the world, in mercy broken / Wine of the world, in mercy shed.

By whom the words of life were spoken / and in whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken / Look on the tears by sinners shed,

And be thy feast to us the token / that by thy grace our souls are fed.

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

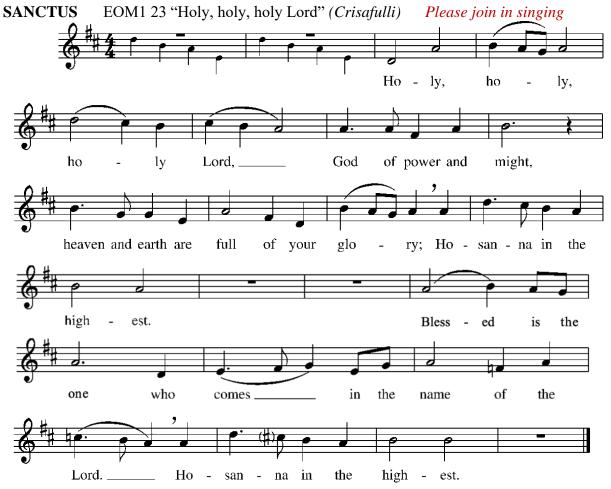
PresiderGod be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.PresiderLift up your hearts.

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

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



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

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, (first in Spanish and then in English,)

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

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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

H 440 "Blessed Jesus, at thy word" (Liebster Jesu)

WLP 760 "O wheat, whose crushing was for bread" (New Life)

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

Presider Let us pray.
Presider and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another, and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love in the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

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

May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; 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 530 "Spread, o spread thou mighty word" (*Gott sei Dank*) In the Hymnal

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Fugue in C minor" J.S. Bach

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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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Wonder, Love, and Praise 899 "Glory to God" (Haywood)





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Wonder, Love, and Praise 760 "O wheat, whose crushing was for bread" (New Life)



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