



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN

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**Sunday, September 22, 2024 –Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8:00am**

OPENING ACCLAMATION *Please stand, as you are able.*

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY AND GREAT COMMANDMENTS *All standing, 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. Grant us, Lord, your vision of a renewed earth in which heaven comes to rest;
and even now, while we too often despair of healing and wholeness, to hold fast to your promise and
commit again to hope; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING *Please be seated for the readings.*

Jeremiah 11:18-20

A reading from the book of Jeremiah.

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter.

And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Please join in reading Psalm 54.*

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.**
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; *
give ear to the words of my mouth.**
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.**
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; *
it is God who sustains my life.**
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.**
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *
and praise your Name, O God, for it is good.**
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.**

SECOND READING

Babylonian Talmud, Taanit 23a

The Talmud is the textual record of generations of rabbinic debate about law, philosophy, and biblical interpretation, compiled between the 3rd and 8th centuries and structured as commentary on the Mishnah with stories interwoven. Honi HaMe'agel ("Honi the circle-drawer") was a tanna or Jewish scholar of the 1st century BCE, the scholars from whose teachings the Mishnah was derived.

A reading from the Babylonian Talmud.

While the sage, Honi, was walking along a road, he saw a man planting a carob tree.

Honi asked him, "How long will it take for this tree to bear fruit?"

"Seventy years," replied the man.

Honi then asked, "Are you so healthy a man that you expect to live that length of time and eat its fruit?"

The man answered, "I found a fruitful world because my ancestors planted it for me. Likewise I am planting for my children."

Here ends the reading.

GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O 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 offer our prayers to God who gives life and breath to all creatures, saying, “God of glory, hear us.”

Leader I ask your prayers for the mission of the church throughout the world, for sharing the promise of abundant life and working toward it for all. For our Bishop, Megan; our Presiding Bishop, Michael; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop-Elect; and for all clergy and lay leaders.

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

Leader Lifting our voices, we pray,
All **God of glory, hear us.**

Leader I ask your prayers for the leaders of the nations, and for all who make or influence decisions for the health of our planet and the well-being of her peoples. *(We pause, making space for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.)*

Leader Lifting our voices, we pray,
All **God of glory, hear us.**

Leader I ask your prayers for peace and justice around the world, especially for an end to gun violence and to all violent competition for limited resources.
(We pause, making space for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.)

Leader Lifting our voices, we pray,
All **God of glory, hear us.**

Leader I ask your prayers for those who suffer illness, want, or exile because of environmental degradation. May we work to end their suffering and become sources of welcome, respite, and resilience.
(We pause, making space for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.)

Leader Lifting our voices, we pray,
All **God of glory, hear us.**

Leader I ask your prayers for the environmental concerns that especially trouble our hearts, from rising oceans to loss of biodiversity; may God move us from anxiety to action. We pray for those you have commended to our care and especially 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 Lifting our voices, we pray,
All **God of glory, hear us.**

Leader I ask your prayers for those who in their daily work are stewards and protectors of God's creation in ways large and small; for gardeners, farmers, and ranchers; for rangers and park managers; for fishers and foresters; for climate scientists, ecologists, and activists, and for all who work to restore and heal our wounded Earth.
(We pause, making space for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.)

Leader Lifting our voices, we pray,
All **God of glory, hear us.**

Leader I ask your prayers for the dead, especially for those holy women and men who taught us to marvel in all God's works. *(We pause, making space for prayers to be offered silently or aloud.)*

Leader Lifting our voices, we pray,
All **God of glory, hear us.**

Presider Gracious God: Grant that your people may have in them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and guide us into harmony of relationship through loving-kindness and the wise use of all that you have given; for you are drawing all things into communion with you and with each other by the power of the Holy Spirit. **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 in silence.)*

Presider and People

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

ABSOLUTION *The Presider stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *Please stand, as you are able. We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

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 news and events, contact us at 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. For online giving, go to the blue “give” button on our website or the QR code near the back of this bulletin--or contact the office. 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, who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world. 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 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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.**

Presider and People

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

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.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, 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 peace of God, which passeth 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 Ghost, be with you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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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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