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Sunday, September 29, 2024 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10:00am

SERVICE NOTES: We are glad you have joined us! **All of the music is included in this bulletin. If you are online:** We have posted an online supplement that contains useful 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 "Metamorphosis Two" Philip Glass

"Metamorphosis Five"

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

OPENING HYMN H 376 "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee" (*Hymn to Joy*) On page 10

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider This is the day the Creator has made.
People Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All are invited to sing the Song of Praise.

SONG OF PRAISE MHSO 131, v. 1, 3 "We are a part of all creation" (M. Haugen) On page 11

THE CREATION COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray. O God, you show your glory throughout your Creation, calling it very good: Grant us the fullness of your blessing, that we, stewarding your garden, may become partakers in your joy; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

A reading from the book of Esther.

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

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

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM Please join in singing Psalm 124.



- 1 If God had not been on our <u>side</u>, * let Israel now say;
- 2 If God had not been on our <u>side</u>, * when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up a<u>live</u> * in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have over<u>whelmed us</u> * and the torrent gone <u>over us;</u>
- 5 Then would the raging <u>waters</u> * have gone right <u>over us</u>.
- 6 Blessed be <u>God</u>, * who has not given us over to be a prey for their <u>teeth</u>.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; * the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of <u>God</u>, * the maker of heaven and earth.

SECOND READING

"Nothing is Lost" from Ladder to the Light, Steven Charleston

The Rt. Rev. Steven Charleston (b. 1949) is a Native American elder, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, an author, and a retired bishop in the Episcopal Church. He is widely recognized as a leading proponent for justice issues and for spiritual renewal in the church in both the United States and Canada. Among other roles, he has served as the national staff officer for Native American ministries, the Bishop of Alaska, and the Dean of the Episcopal Divinity School.

A reading of "Nothing is Lost" from Ladder to the Light.

In the days of conquest, when darkness covered the land, the hoop of many nations was broken, the story of many people lost—and lost forever. The number who perished will never be counted, but their graves are still here. Their testimony is written into the earth. The wisdom of the ancestors is a mist over the valley, a cloud passing before the moon. The teachings of the elders can be heard in the rain, the message of the poets seen in the first stars that put the sun to bed. Nothing is finally lost. The ancient visions are within us. The old dreams are part of us. The steady rhythm of hope was never silenced. It beats today for all who would hear it. It beats within me. It beats within you. Life is still growing beneath the concrete. The sound of the earth is breathing beneath the glass and steel.

Here ends the reading.

SEQUENCE HYMN VF 53 "





GOSPEL Mark 9:38-50

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to

enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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 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 for all and working toward its fulfillment. 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 with justice around the world, especially for an end to gun violence and to all violent competition for limited resources, including oil, minerals, water, and land.

(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 agents 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 biodiversity loss to wildfires; may God move us from anxiety to action. We pray for those God has 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 us; 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 God's creation. (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 Peace with yourself.

Peace with Creation.
Peace with one another.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you. We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

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 pass collection plates. Online giving is also available; look for the blue "give" button on our website or the QR code near the back of this bulletin—or contact the church office. We are very grateful to those who have pledged and who give regularly, as well as for all plate offerings.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Is Any Afflicted?" William Billings Sung by the Choir

Is any afflicted? Let him pray.

Is any of you merry? Let him sing psalms,

Singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another

In psalms and hymns and songs of joy and praise,

Singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord.

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 Creator be with you.

And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the God who made us.

Presider Let us give thanks to our loving God.

People It is right to give God 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:

SANCTUS WLP 854 "Holy, holy, holy Lord" *Please join in singing*



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

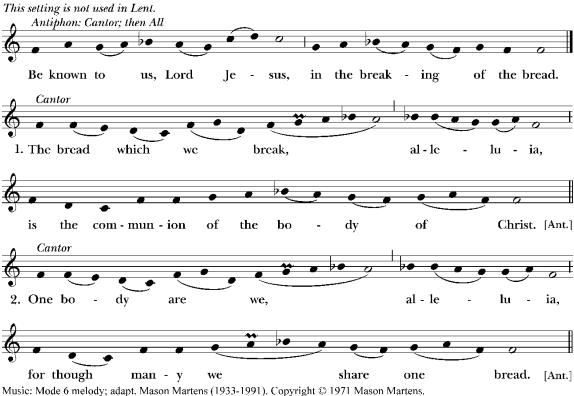
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, (first in Spanish and then in English,)

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 vour Name, your kingdom come, vour 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 S 171 "Be known to us" (Plainsong/Martens)



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 WLP 761 "All who hunger"

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H 343 "Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless" (*St. Agnes*) "Canon"

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

Holy One, you feed us with bread from heaven and the gifts of mother earth. In this communion, you have drawn us into your embrace and you call us to friendship with one another. You have given us the gift of reconciliation. May we who have tasted that gift from you offer ourselves in peace and humility to one another. And may you always walk among us as friend. Amen.

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

May God who established the dance of creation, who marveled at the lilies of the field, who transforms chaos to order, lead us to transform our lives and the Church to listen to the voice of all creatures that reflect God's glory in creation. And the blessing of the Creator God, the Risen Son, and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

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DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Joy"

J.S. Bach, arr. G. Winston

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H 376 "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee" (Hymn to Joy)

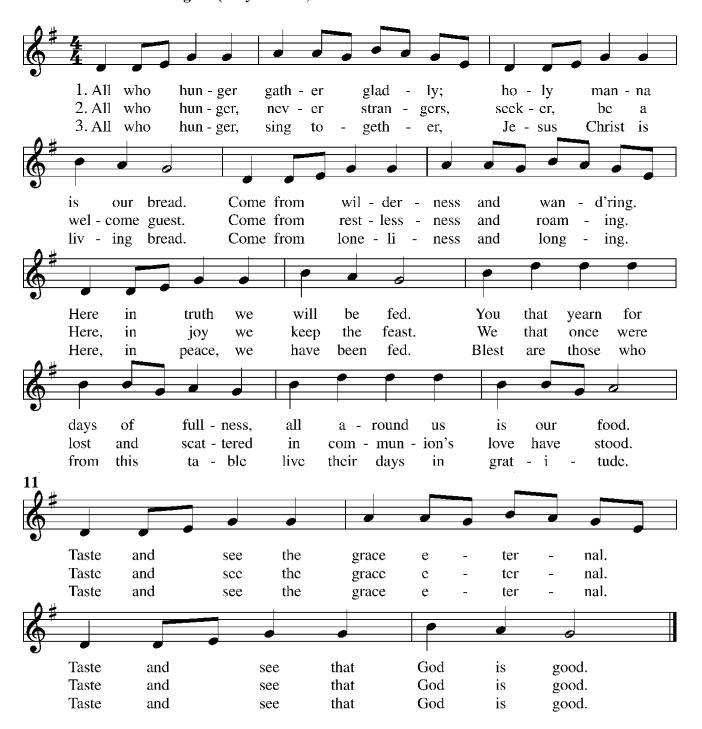


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WLP 761 "All who hunger" (Holy Manna)



H 343 "Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless" (St. Agnes)



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"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus," Indian Folk Melody

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus, No turning back, no turning back!

Though no one join me, still I will follow, Though no one join me, still I will follow, Though no one join me, still I will follow, No turning back, no turning back!

The world behind me, the cross before me, The world behind me, the cross before me, The world behind me, the cross before me, No turning back, no turning back!

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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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