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Sunday, March 30, 2025 – Fourth Sunday in Lent 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 hymn book in the pew rack in front of you, with some of the service music printed within the text. We encourage you to pray and participate fully in the service, as you are able. Welcome! Bienvenidos!

PRELUDE

“Ah’m Trubl’d in Mind!”

W. F. Smith

“Ah Been in duh Storm So Long, Chillun!”

“May Be duh Las’ Time. ah Don’t Know!”

Please stand, as you are able, while the procession enters in silence.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Presider Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.”

CONFESSION OF SIN *Please kneel or stand for the Confession.*

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may follow.*

Presider and People

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION *The Presider stands and says,*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Please stand if you are able. All are invited to sing.

TRISAGION EOM1 34 “Holy God” (*Trisagion*), Susan Calvin Fletcher

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.
 Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
 - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.
 Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
 - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING *Please be seated for the readings.*

Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua.

The LORD said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

We will read the Psalm antiphonally, meaning in alternating voices, by whole verse: Those sitting to the right of the aisle (the same side as the lector) will read the odd-numbered verses; those to the left (the same side as the choir) will read the even-numbered verses.

Lector Please join in reading from Psalm 32.

**1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!**

2 Happy are they to whom God imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

**3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.**

4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

**5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.**

6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to God." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

**7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

**9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.**

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."

**11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Most High.**

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in God; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

VF 147 "There is a longing in our hearts," v.1, 2

Please stand, as you are able.

Refrain

There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for

you to re - veal your - self to us.

There is a long-ing in our hearts for love we

on - ly find in you, our God. God.

1 For jus - tice, for free - dom, for

2 For wis - dom, for cour - age, for

mer - cy: hear our prayer.

com - fort: hear our prayer. In sor - row,
In weak - ness,

in grief:
in fear:

be near, hear our prayer, O God.

1.-4. to Verses Final

GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

*Gospeller
People*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property

in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

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.*

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 Creator Lord, you have given us eyes to see ourselves as we truly are and the heart to accept your free gift of grace. Fill us now with the courage to step forward in faith, to repent of our sins, and to turn the life we have been given to your guidance and your service. *(We pause, making space for prayer to be said.)*

Leader O God of mercy,
People **We now confess and begin again.**

Leader Creator Lord, impel the political leaders in our world, in our nation, and in our community, to rally to your call and forsake the temptations and vanity of power, and to govern with integrity, equity, and truth. *(We pause, making space for prayer to be said, either silently or aloud.)*

Leader O God of mercy,
People **We now confess and begin again.**

Leader Creator Lord, fortify and energize all who are anointed to bring us your Word and Sacraments. As they shepherd us in faith, we walk together toward wholeness in you. We pray especially for our Bishop Megan, our Rector Pamela, our clergy, our staff, and all the lay leaders of this church.
(We pause, making space for prayer to be said, either silently or aloud.)

Leader O God of mercy,
People **We now confess and begin again.**

Leader Creator Lord, sustain the faith and dispel the despair of all who are ill in body, mind, or spirit, and of all who attend to their needs. We now join our voices to pray aloud for all those in need, and especially those on our parish prayer list. *(We pause, making space for prayer to be said, either silently or aloud.)*

Leader O God of mercy,
People **We now confess and begin again.**

Leader Creator Lord, lift us from our grief into the hope of eternal life and joy, reunited with all who now live again in glory with you. *(We pause, making space for prayer to be said, either silently or aloud.)*

Leader O God of mercy,
People **We now confess and begin again.**

Presider O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *We are encouraged to stand for the Peace.*

Presider The peace of the Lord 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 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 NOTES

The ushers will 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 office. We are very grateful to those who have pledged and who give regularly, as well as for all plate offerings.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Presider Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “I know I been changed,” Bruce More *Sung by the Choir*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE (Franconia)

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

Presider God 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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS EOM1 35 “Holy, holy, holy Lord,” Susan Calvin Fletcher *Presider and People*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of pow - er and might, _____ hea - ven and earth are

full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na _____ in the high - est.

Blessed is the one
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord. _____ Ho - san - na _____ in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The People stand or kneel. The Presider continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all. Jesus stretched out

his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, 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,
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

THE FRACTION ANTHEM EOM1 38 "Lamb of God" *Presider & People*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sins of the world: have mer - cy on us, Lamb of
 God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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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. All the Communion bread is gluten-free and vegan. Come forward down the center aisle. Choose the altar rail on the left for intinction by the priest or the altar rail on the right to drink from the common cup. You may stand or kneel at the altar rail for Communion. 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 LEVAS II 8 "Deep River, my home is over Jordan"
 H 686 "Come thou fount of every blessing" (Nettleton)
 "Hold Out Your Light!"

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 In the Hymnal
 W. F. Smith*

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

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

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

The peace of God, which passes 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 Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN WLP 800 "Precious Lord, take my hand"

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DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People depart in silence.

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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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Lift Every Voice and Sing II 8 “Deep River, my home is over Jordan”

Deep _____ ri - ver, my home is o - ver Jor - dan, _____

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Deep _____ ri - ver, my home is o - ver Jor - dan, _____".

Deep _____ riv - er, Lord, I want to cross o - ver in - to

The second system of music continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "Deep _____ riv - er, Lord, I want to cross o - ver in - to".

camp ground. Oh don't you want to go _____ to that gos - pel _____

The third system of music continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "camp ground. Oh don't you want to go _____ to that gos - pel _____".

feast, That prom - ised land _____ where all _____ is peace? Oh _____

The fourth system of music continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "feast, That prom - ised land _____ where all _____ is peace? Oh _____".

Deep _____ riv - er, Lord, I want to cross o - ver in - to camp ground.

The fifth system of music concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "Deep _____ riv - er, Lord, I want to cross o - ver in - to camp ground."

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Wonder, Love, and Praise 800 "Precious Lord, take my hand"

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me
 2. When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
 3. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws

stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; _____
 near, when my life is near, al - most gone; _____
 near, and the day is near, past and gone; _____

— through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
 — hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I
 — at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my

light, take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me on. _____
 fall, take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me on. _____
 hand, take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me on. _____

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