



# THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN

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## Sunday, March 30, 2025 – Fourth Sunday in Lent Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8:00am

**SERVICE NOTES:** *We are glad you have joined us! We encourage you to pray and participate fully in the service, as you are able. Welcome! Bienvenidos!*

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

*Presider*      Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

*People*      **His mercy endureth forever.**

*Presider*      Hear what our Lord Jesus 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.

### **CONFESSION OF SIN**      *Please stand or kneel, as you are able, for the Confession.*

*The Deacon says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*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 your Name. Amen.**

### **ABSOLUTION**      *The Presider says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **THE KYRIE**

*Presider*      Lord, have mercy upon us.

*People*      **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

*Presider*      Lord, have mercy upon us.

### **THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Presider*      The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider*      Let us pray. Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee 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**

*Lector* Please join in reading 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.**

*Please stand, as you are able.*

**GOSPEL**

**Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

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

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

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 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 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, either silently or aloud.)*

*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.)*

*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.)*

*Leader*      O God of mercy,

**People**      **We now confess and begin again.**

*Presider* O God, who hast taught us to keep all thy commandments by loving thee and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to thee with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same 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 with thy spirit.** *We greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please see the announcements at the end of the bulletin. We also have announcements on our website. If you do not currently receive an email from us with current news and events, please reach out to [info@churchofstmartin.org](mailto:info@churchofstmartin.org) so we can be in touch. Feel free to take this bulletin home with you.*

**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; 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 all who have pledged and for all plate offerings.*

## **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

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

**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 was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again. 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.**

*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 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 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." Cross your arms over your chest if you'd like a blessing instead of Communion.*

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Presider* 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 amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**DISMISSAL**

*Presider* Let us bless 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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