



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN

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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist Rite II at 10am - Sunday, September 13, 2026

SERVICE NOTES: *Welcome! We are glad you have joined us! 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, as you are able. The congregation is invited to read the words in bold. **If you are online:** We have posted a hymn insert, which also has other helpful information about attending online. Welcome! Bienvenidos!*

PRELUDE

“Prelude for the New Year”
“Prelude/Processional”

A.W. Binder
E. Bloch

Please stand, as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

H 383 “Fairest Lord Jesus” (*St. Elizabeth*)

In the Hymnal

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY *The Presider says*

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 may join in singing.

SONG OF PRAISE

MHSO 131 “We are a part of all creation,” M. Haugen

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CREATION COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Creator be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. O God, because in our ignorance and selfishness we so often fail to care rightly for your Creation, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may soften and unite our hearts with all living beings who suffer; 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.*

Exodus 14:19-31

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

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

PSALM

Please join in reading Psalm 114 antiphonally by whole verse. Those seated on the lector side, will read the verses in bold, while those on the choir side will read the verses not in bold.

1 Alleluia! When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel God's dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

SECOND READING

Romans 14:1-12

A reading from the letter to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them.

Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as able.

SEQUENCE HYMN H 8 "Morning has broken" (*Bunessan*) **verses 1 & 3**

In the Hymnal

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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 *Please stand or kneel, as you are able.*

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 Presiding Bishop, Sean; for our Bishop, Megan; and for all clergy and lay leaders. *(We pause, making space for prayer.)*

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 prayer.)*

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

Leader I ask your prayers for the health and safety of our water, in rivers, aquifers, lakes, and oceans. We pray for whales and other sea creatures navigating through pollution and for rivers that carry our runoff, such as fertilizers and heavy metals. May God move us from anxiety to action and make us a people who bring healing to the land, air, and waters. *(We pause, making space for prayer.)*

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

Leader I ask your prayers for those experiencing illness, want, or exile because of environmental degradation. May we work to end their suffering and become agents of welcome, respite, and resilience. We pray for all whom God has commended to our care, especially those on our parish prayer list.
(We pause, making space for prayer.)

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 prayer.)*

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 have taught us to marvel in all God's works. *(We pause, making space for prayer.)*

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 to God. *We pause for silent reflection.*

Presider and People

God of compassion, have mercy upon us. Heal our relationship with all creation. Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect of the creatures who share the earth with us. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent for what we have done to harm them, and for what we have not done to help them. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for one another and for all creatures, according to your will and in the fullness of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

ABSOLUTION *The Presider 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 *We are encouraged to stand for 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*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the announcement insert. If you do not currently receive an email from us with current news and events, please contact info@churchofstmartin.org so we can be in touch. Feel free to take this bulletin and/or the announcements 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 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. Thank you!*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “For the Beauty of the Earth,” Mark Schweizer *The Summer Sunday Choir*

OFFERTORY RESPONSE (Franconia) *Please stand 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 The Creator be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Creator.**

Presider Let us give thanks to our loving God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider

Praise and thanks are yours, our Creating God. From the dust of the earth you shaped human beings in your own image, and you filled the earth and seas and skies with a myriad of wonders. Yet we consistently turn your generosity into our scarcity, your elegance into our meanness, and your simplicity into our corruption. Though we poison and destroy your good Creation, you continue to offer us your abundance. In your mercy, you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus, transforming death into life. Through the Spirit you continue to call us into covenant with you—for the restoration of Creation and the reconciliation of all people. And so we give you thanks, rejoicing with all of Creation, as we join the saints and angels in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS *Presider and People*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *The Presider continues* *Please kneel or stand, as you are able.*

In the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks to God. He broke the bread, gave it to his friends and said: “Take and eat, for this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” He took the wine, and gave thanks to God, Creator. He gave it to his friends saying: “This is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for all creation for the forgiveness of sins. Every time you drink of the wine, do this in remembrance of me.” So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Merciful God, we come to this table seeking reconciliation: with you, with one another, and with all creation. Through these mysteries reconcile us to our world and empower us to restore your Creation and fulfill your will. Send your life-giving Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine. Stir in us the creative and redeem

the destructive. Heal your stricken world, that the soil, the skies, and the seas may be filled with your life anew. Fill every heart with the sure and certain hope that we shall enter into the fullness of your joy, when your whole Creation is justified by faith and sanctified by love, and you are all in all. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, everlasting God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now say, (*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.**

Amén.

**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

Presider This is Living Bread, given for all Creation.

People All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body.

INVITATION AND DISTRIBUTION *Presider*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

ABOUT RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome at God's table, children included. The bread is gluten-free and vegan. Come forward down the center aisle and proceed to either side of the altar rail. **You may stand or kneel at the altar rail.** On both sides of the altar rail, you can consume the bread that is placed in your hand and then drink from the common cup. Or you can leave the bread in your hand, allowing the Eucharistic Minister to intinct the bread in the wine (dip it) and put the bread back into your open hand. If you wish to consume bread only, you can cross your arms when the wine chalice comes to you. 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

"Silent Devotion"

H 516 "Come down, O Love divine" (*Down Ampney*)

WLP 776 "No saint on earth lives life to self alone" (*Song 1*)

E. Bloch

In the Hymnal

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

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING *Presider*

May the God who sprung water from a rock, quenching the thirst of those who wandered in fear, spare us from the drought of a senseless life. May the God who flows from the wells of salvation, and who is Living Water to the foreigner, the stranger, and the unknown, keep us in peace. May the God who rolls on like a river, changing the course of the world with streams of righteousness that guide the Church's vessel in this world, empower us to work for transformation. And may the blessing of our merciful God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, keep us and preserve us in eternal life. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN **H 408** "Sing praise to God who reigns above" (*Mit Freuden zart*) *In the Hymnal*

DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into all Creation rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE "Postlude in g minor"

E. Bloch

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My Heart Sings Out 131 "We are a part of all creation," M. Haugen, v. 1 and 3



1 We are___ a part of all cre - a - tion,
 2 We are___ a part of ev - 'ry per - son,
 3 We are___ a part of God's cre - a - tion,
 4 We are___ a part of all cre - a - tion



all of___ cre - a - tion sings in us, earth and sea and
 all of___ the peo - ples sing in us, one our jour - ney,
 God is___ the voice that sings in us, bc our jour - ncy,
 giv - en___ the breath of life to share all the glo - ry



sky and crea - tures, join in___ the dance of life and love.
 one our path - way, one in___ the dance of life and love.
 be our path - way, come be___ our dance of life and love.
 of our Mak - er with ev - 'ry per - son ev - 'ry-where.



All of___ cre-a - tion, one o - ha-na,* All of___ cre-a - tion sings in you;



Ma-ny___ the voic-es, one great mu-sic, part of me___ and part of



you.____ you; part of me___and part of you.____

*ohana - great family

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Wonder, Love, and Praise 776 “No saint on earth lives life to self alone” (Song 1)

1. No saint on earth lives life to self a - lone
 2. For to this end our Lord by death was slain,

or dies a - lone, for we with Christ are one.
 that to new life he might a - rise a - gain.

So if we live, for Christ a - lone we live,
 Through sor - row on to tri - umph Christ has led,

and if we die, to Christ our dy - ing give.
 and reigns o'er all: the liv - ing and the dead.

In liv - ing and in dy - ing this con - fess:
 In liv - ing and in dy - ing, him we bless.

we are the Lord's, safe in God's faith - ful - ness.
 We are the Lord's, safe in God's faith - ful - ness.

Words: J. W. Schulte-Nordholt; tr. Norman J. Kansfield. Music: *Song 1*, melody and bass Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625); harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958), alt. *From Hymns for Church and School* 1964.

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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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