



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN

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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist Rite I at 8am - Sunday, September 13, 2026

SERVICE NOTES: *We are glad you have joined us! We encourage you to pray and participate fully in the service, as you are able. The congregation is invited to read the words in bold. Welcome! Bienvenidos!*

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 *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. O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, 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 God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Please join in reading Psalm 114.*

- 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.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL *Please stand as you are able.*

Matthew 18:21-35

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

People **Glory be to thee, 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 be to thee, 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 against God and our neighbor. *We pause for silent reflection.*

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 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 *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 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 contact the office at info@churchofstmartin.org so we can be in touch.

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 give regularly, as well as for all plate offerings.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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

Presider All things come of thee, O Lord,
People **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

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 *Presider*

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." Crossing your arms over your chest indicates you would like a blessing instead of Communion.

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

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

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.**

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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