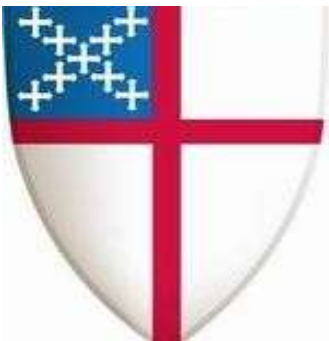


*Sunday December 21, 2025*  
*Fourth Sunday of Advent*



*HOLY CHILD & ST. MARTIN*  
*EPISCOPAL CHURCH*



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# *The Order of Worship*

## *Liturgy of the Word*

### **Entrance song:**

**Celebrant:** Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

**People:** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **Informal Introduction**

#### **The Purity Prayer**

**All Pray:** 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.**

#### **Advent Wreath Candle Lighting**

**Reader:** Today, light the fourth candle of the Advent wreath, the candle of Love. We remember the angel's message to Joseph, "Do not be afraid." God is with us, Emmanuel.

The fourth candle is lit.

**All pray:** God of love. As we light this candle, open our hearts to your presence among us. Prepare us to receive your Son with faith, humility, and compassion. May your love shine through us for the healing of the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

**Celebrant:** Kyrie eleison

**People:** Kyrie eleison

**Celebrant:** Christe eleison

**People:** Christe eleison

**Celebrant:** Kyrie eleison

**People:** Kyrie eleison

### **The Collect**

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lessons**

#### **The first reading is from the book of Isaiah**

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

**Reader:**       **Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People**

**People:**       **Thanks be to God**

## **The Psalm**

### **Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18**

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

### **The second reading is from the letter of Paul to the Romans**

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Reader:** **Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People**

**People:** **Thanks be to God**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

### ***The Holy Gospel according to Matthew***

### ***People: Glory to you, Lord Christ***

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"

which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

**Deacon**

**People**

**Sermon**

**Nicene Creed**

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**Praise to you Lord Christ**

**Fr. Jureck Fernandez**

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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:  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
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 and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

**Reader:** For all leaders of government: that God will inspire them with new ways to promote the welfare of citizens and the common good.

**Reader:** Lord in your mercy,

**People:** Hear our prayer.

**Reader:** For greater respect for each person: that God will turn the hearts of all who rely upon violence and bring healing to all who have suffered harm, abuse or neglect.

**Reader:** Lord in your mercy,

**People:** Hear our prayer.

**Reader:** For all who are in need; for the poor, the homeless, the widow, the orphan and those on the margins of society: that God will open our eyes and hearts to their needs and their presence in our communities.

**Reader:** Lord in your mercy,

**People:** Hear our prayer.

**Reader:** For the eternal welfare and well being of our deceased loved ones, raise them up to the fullness of new life, and bring them to the company and perfection of Your Saints, to enjoy everlasting rest and peace in Your presence.

**Reader:** Lord in your mercy,

**People:** Hear our prayer.

**Reader:** We pray for all who mourn loved ones today, that they will find comfort in God's promise of life and in the support of family, friends and the parish community.

**Reader:** Lord in your mercy,

**People:** Hear our prayer.

**Reader:** In your mercy, O Lord our God, give us, as you gave to them, the hope of salvation and the promise of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the first-born of many from the dead. Amen (BCP 2019, p.693)

**Presider:** You have allowed no barriers to your loving action, hear, and fulfill our longings as may be best for us, and grant us your salvation. All these we ask in the name of Jesus, our Lord, who abides with you and the Holy Spirit forever. **Amen.**

### ***We continue to pray***

For the blessings our congregation has received and for the continued financial support from the diocese and our givers.

### ***We Ask Your Prayers***

*For the ministry of our Bishop's Committee, the Music*

*Ministry; the Altar Guild; Lectors and Acolytes, Online Ministry, Bread for the World Ministry*

### **Prayers for Birthdays, Travelers, Wedding Anniversaries, Death Anniversaries**

**Prayer intention by:** Montalan, Villalon, Angustia, Downs, Padua, Cayangyang, Rubi, Bowdish, Cruz, Gonzales, Dayrit, Flores, and Tronoff Families

*We pray for those who celebrate their wedding anniversary this week:*

*We pray for God's blessings on those who celebrate their birthdays this month:* Christian Downs, Bernard Dayrit, Eda Fernandez, Regine Mae Jerusalem, Beth Dayrit, Luz Mack, Robert Milanes, Marietta Flores, Milo Jacildo, Peter Edward Yangco, Arnel Bausante, Nick Johnson, Vanessa Pailano, Jon Ownes, Elaine Vollmer, Martina Tellas, Jesus Aquino, Isabelo Somebang, Grace Purganan, Silvestine Santiago, Arianna DeLosSantos, Javier Pumacayo, Rowena Pica, Jessie Zumel, Michael Downs

*We continue to pray for the health of* Rosalia Basa, Marietta Flores, Romy and Amy Mijares, Chris Stock, Elizabeth Reece, Edna Marfori, Mary Crow, Tita Bartolata, Alona Pailano, Ray Flores, Frankie Lino, Anna Angustia, Teresita Cochangco, Ellie Billington, Amelia Quinere, Susan Gabelo, Lily Young, Evelyn Busk, Alice Yunevich, Debbie Yunevich, Ken Yunevich, Megan Fifield, Pablito Quinere, Arnold Dayrit, Keith Prassas, Nelly Sarmiento, Jane Tronoff, Ray Fields, Myrna Villalon, Bernaliza Benin Ponco, Marlene Dayrit, Ofelia Benavidez, Jennifer Downs, Mirella Pumacayo,

Karen Gonzalez, Romy and Rose Cayangyang, Michael Quinere, Marcia Bowdish, Rev. Lynn Bowdish, Lee Cahalan

*We pray for the repose of the souls of the departed, especially: Elsie Ching, Bethel Kemmerrer, Catalina Masupil, Arnulfo Zumel Sr, Anastacio Ramos, Jed Christine Fernandez, Primo Castaneda, Alejandria Bausanta*

**Celebrant:** *The peace of the Lord be always with you.*

**People:** *And also with you.*

**Celebrant:** In all things that I have shown you that by so toiling, one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and work to the Lord.' **Acts 20:35**

**Celebrant:** Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

**Offertory song:**

**The Doxology**

**(Sung to the tune of Old 100th)**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,**

**Praise God, all creatures here below,**

**Praise God above the Heavenly host,**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**Celebrant:** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

**Celebrant 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 he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all.

He 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 he 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:

**Celebrant and People:**

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior

**People and Celebrant:**

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,

for ever and ever. **Amen.**

***The Breaking of the Bread***

**Celebrant:** We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**People:** We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

**Lamb of God: Sung**

**Celebrant:** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Communion**

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

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 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.**

**The Blessing**



May Almighty God, who in His Son Jesus Christ came to take our human nature upon him, grant you grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Amen.

May Christ, whose coming in glory we await, find you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and fervent in charity. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, who prepares the Church for the coming of the Lord, make you watchful and keep you holy and without blame at His appearing. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Summary of donations/pledges/plate collection for the month of November**

**\$4,246.11**

**Thanks to all our pledgers, givers and Church and her mission**

**You may mail you pledges to our church at:**

**777 Southgate Avenue, Daly City, CA 94015**

**Thanks also to all our Church volunteers**

**For their dedication and services to the Church and community**

Please submit names for prayer requests (Travels, Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Deaths) to Fr. Jureck (650-636-5654) no later than **Wednesday at 6PM.** Prayer requests received after that day and time will be included in the following week's bulletin. Thank you.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

#### ***We give thanks to God for the ministries of:***

Our Bishop's Committee, Liturgy and Worship, Music and Livestream, Lectors and Acolytes, Art and Decorations, Altar Guild, Bread for the World Ministry and Volunteers; Church Building and Grounds Maintenance

To all the faithful who join us always in our online worship service.

*'To God be the Glory'*

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### **Dismissal**

**Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord**

**People: Thanks be to God .**

### **HCSM VISION**

***"A diverse, welcoming church, embracing all to live and grow in faith, guiding our community to the healing presence of Christ."***





## Advent Message 2025

Beloved siblings in Christ,

As we enter this holy season of Advent 2025, we are invited once again to wait in hope – to make room in our hearts, minds, and in the world for the coming of Christ. Advent is not simply a countdown to Christmas; it is a time of deep and serious reflection and renewal, a reminder that God is always doing something new among us.

In this season of expectation, we remember that God's promise of salvation is for **all** people. From the beginning, the Gospel has been woven through human diversity – from the prophets and the shepherds to the magi from faraway lands. Each person in the story of Jesus' birth mattered profoundly to God, and so do we.

At Holy Child and St. Martin Episcopal Church, our diverse community reflects that same divine tapestry. We come from many cultures and traditions, and speak various languages, yet we are united in the light of Christ. Advent teaches us that diversity is not a barrier but a blessing – a glimpse of God's kingdom where all are noticed, welcomed, valued, heard, and loved.

When we truly believe and embrace that everyone matters, we begin to live differently. We listen more deeply, care more fully, and act more justly. And when we collaborate, we share our various gifts and allow the light of Christ to shine brighter through us, illuminating the world's darkness with peace, joy, hope, and love.

On this season of Advent, may we open our hearts and minds to one another as we open them to God. May our waiting be active, our hope be inclusive, and our joy be shared. Let us not only watch the world but work in preparing the way of the Lord– together

With hope and blessings,

Peace,

The Rev. Jureck Fernandez

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## **Bishop's Visitation**

### **Eucharist, Confirmation, Reaffirmation, and Reception**

*Dear HCSM Family and Friends,*

*We are delighted to welcome The Rt. Rev. Austin K. Rios, Bishop of California, for his visitation to Holy Child and St. Martin Church on Sunday, February 22, 2026, at 10 am.*

*During this special Eucharist, Bishop Rios will administer confirmation, reaffirm our faith commitment, and receive new members into the Episcopal Church. On this day, we will also celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Manaoag.*

*Please join us for this joyous worship occasion and for a fellowship lunch following the service in the church hall.*

*"We, who are many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread." (1 Corinthians 10.17)*

*Blessings and Love,*

*The Rev. Jureck Z. Fernandez*



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## *Calendar of Events*

*December 25, 2025*

*Christmas Day Mass  
10:30 AM*

*January 10, 2026*

*Bishop's Committee Meeting*

*January 18, 2026*

*Feast of Sto Nino*

*January 24, 2026*

*Cache Creek Bus Trip*

*January 25, 2026*

*Annual Meeting*

*February 18, 2026*

*Ash Wednesday*

*February 22, 2026*

*Feast of Our Lady of Manaoag  
Bishop's Visit*

## *Prayer For Peace Among the Nations*

*Almighty God our heavenly  
Father, guide the nations of  
the world into the way of  
justice and truth, and establish  
among them that peace which is the fruit of  
righteousness,  
that they may become the  
kingdom of our Lord and  
Savior Jesus Christ.  
Amen.*

