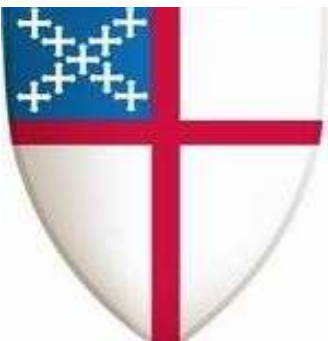


Sunday December 28, 2025
First Sunday after Christmas

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.
John 1:1



HOLY CHILD & ST. MARTIN
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**In Communion with the
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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.**

Gloria

Glory to God

Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,

We adore you, we glorify you,

We give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, Heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

You take away the sins of the world,

Have mercy on us;

You take away the sins of the world,

Receive our prayer;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father, Have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One;

You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

With the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God, the Father. **Amen.**

The Collect: Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,

my whole being shall exult in my God;

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,

he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,

and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

People: Thanks be to God

The Psalm

Psalm 147 or 147:13-21

- [1 Hallelujah!
How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!
- 2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *
he gathers the exiles of Israel.
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted *
and binds up their wounds.
- 4 He counts the number of the stars *
and calls them all by their names.
- 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *
there is no limit to his wisdom.
- 6 The LORD lifts up the lowly, *
but casts the wicked to the ground.
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *
make music to our God upon the harp.
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds *
and prepares rain for the earth;
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;
- 12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.]

- 13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

The second reading is from the letter of Paul to the Galatians

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

People: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

The Holy Gospel according to John

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he

of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'")
From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader: Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Reader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

People: Hear our prayer

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.*

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. **Amen.**

Celebrant: 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.**

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."



Christmas Message 2025

Beloved siblings in Christ,

At Christmas, we celebrate the wondrous mystery of "Emmanuel- God with us." In the humble birth of Jesus Christ, God reminds us that every person, every story, and every voice matters. The Holy Child came not to the powerful and privileged but to an ordinary family among ordinary people, showing that every life is sacred and beloved.

In our richly diverse community here at Holy Child and St. Martin, we catch a glimpse of the beauty of God's own creativity. We come from many countries, speak many languages, and carry many experiences, yet, in Christ, we are one body. This unity does not erase our differences; it celebrates them. Our diversity is not something to manage, but a gift to treasure.

Before God, we all matter. It means that each one of us is seen, known, and valued by God and one another. When we recognize that everyone's problems matter, we begin to build a world that reflects God's kingdom: a world where compassion overcomes division, and love drives out fear.

Thus, this Christmas, let us embrace the spirit of collaboration that was born that holy night- the shepherds and angels, the magi, Joseph, and a young mother Mary, all together gather in wonder and worship. Together, we can be bearers of Christ's light in our homes, neighborhoods, and in the world.

May the peace, joy, and hope of the Holy Child fill your hearts this Christmas and throughout the year to come. Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year!!!

*With blessings and love,
The Rev. Jureck Z. 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 L. Fernandez

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Calendar of Events

January 10, 2026

Bishop's Committee Meeting

January 19, 2026

*Feast of Sto Nino
Adult Baptism*

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.*

