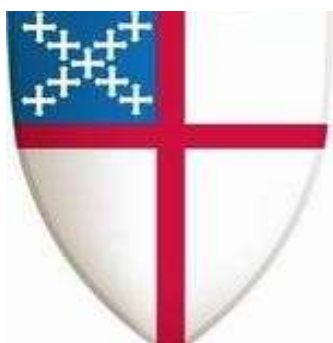


Sunday December 7, 2025
Second Sunday of Advent



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

Celebrant: 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, we light the second candle of the Advent wreath, the candle of peace. John the Baptist call us to prepare the way of the Lord, to make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

All Pray: God of peace, as we light this candle, guide our feet into the way of peace. Make us ready to receive the Prince of Peace and to follow him in the path of justice and mercy. Through Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Kyrie eleison

People: Kyrie eleison

Celebrant: Christe eleison

People: Christe eleison

Celebrant: Kyrie eleison

People: Kyrie eleison

The Collect

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The first reading is from the book of Isaiah

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the
ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire
of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

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

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm

The Psalm

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. **Amen.**

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

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,

and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and

fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

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, nationally, regionally, and municipally: 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: The Villalon Family, Maria Montalan, Angustia Family, Downs/Fields Family, Romy and Rose Cayangyang, Pacholo and Vian Padua

We pray for those who celebrate their wedding anniversary this week: Digna & Ramon Sales

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, Elsie Ching, 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, Spencer Combes, Esther Archard, 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, Sherrie Rubi, Rev. Lynn Bowdish

We pray for the repose of the souls of the departed, especially: 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 .

A Prayer in Remembrance of Pearl Harbor

O God of peace and strength, we remember before you the lives lost and the courage shown at Pearl Harbor.

Receive the fallen into your eternal rest,
comfort all who still bear the weight of that day

grant us grace to seek justice, reconciliation, and lasting peace
among nations

through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**



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

A vibrant rainbow watercolor background with soft, blended colors of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple. The colors are more saturated at the top and fade towards the bottom, creating a dreamy, artistic effect.

Calendar of Events

December 14, 2025

*Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
Church Christmas Party*

January 19, 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.*

