Sunday March 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday in Lent

HOLY CHILD & ST. MARTIN EPISCOPAL CHURCH

In Communion with the
Philippine Independent Church (PIC)
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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.***

Celebrant: Kyrie eleison
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The Collect:

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Lessons

The first reading is from the first book of Samuel

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to

Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome.
The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

People: **Thanks be to God**

The Psalm

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

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

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

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Gospel Acclamation

The Holy Gospel according to John

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes,

saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

People:	***Glory to you, Lord Christ***
Celebrant:	**The Gospel of the Lord**
People	**Praise to you Lord Christ**
Sermon	**Rev. Jureck Fernandez**

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Nicene Creed

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.***

Prayers of the People
Form IV

Reader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

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.

People: Lord, in your mercy 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.

People: Lord, in your mercy 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.

People: Lord, in your mercy 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.

People: Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.

Reader: 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.

People: Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.

Reader: 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.

People: Lord, in your mercy 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 the families of: Montalan & Quinere, Villalon, Angustia, Downs, Cayangyang, Rubi, Bowdish, Cruz, Gonzales, Dayrit, Flores, Alicia Paleracio, Pureza Ganio & Betty Ganio

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: Mario Dayrit, Alicia Cruz, Grace Vedad, Theresa Rubi Sadig, Ashley Lamsen, Amel Corpuz, Rico Cabesas, Ellie Billington, Enerico Antonio Santiago, Janessa Manzano, Rosario Tababa, Sherrie Rubi, Virginia Delizo, Giovanni Villalon, Gian Marko Lara, Angelyne Dayrit, Lloyd Francisco, Lee Cahalan, Sally Martinez, Leonardo "Jong" Pailano Jr. Cristina Montalan, Edna Marfori

We continue to pray for the health of Rosalia Basa, Marietta Flores, Romy and Amy Mijares, Chris Stock, Elizabeth Reece, Edna Marfori, 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, Pablit Quinere, Arnold Dayrit, Nelly Sarmiento, Jane Tronoff, Myrna Villalon, Bernaliza Benin Ponco, Marlene Dayrit, Jennifer Downs, Mirella Pumacayo, Karen Gonzalez, Romy Cayangyang, Michael Quinere, Marcia Bowdish, Rev. Lynn Bowdish,

We pray for the repose of the souls of the departed, especially: Eduardo Franco, Ray Fields, Mary Crow, Marlene Ferrer, Oscar Tesuero, Martha & Onesimo Gumstand, Socorro Cudiamat Kong, Josefina San Gabriel, Aida Ramos, Henry Goldberg, Amparo Flores, Carino Angustia Sr, Rosendo Fernandez Sr,
Rosendo Fernandez Jr

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.a,

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 Christ has taught
us, we are we are bold to say:

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.***

Blessing

May the Almighty God, who in Christ call us to repentance, prayer, and lives of mercy, grant you the grace to walk faithfully in this holy season of Lent.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summary of donations/pledges/plate collection for the month of February

$2,538.17

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."

Lenten Message 2026

Greetings of love and peace!

This year's holy season of Lent is calling us, the congregation of Holy Child and St. Martin, to return to God with open and faithful hearts. In a time when our community carries worries, divisions, and uncertainties, Lent reminds us that Christ Jesus walks with us and renews our hope.

As a church shaped by many cultures, stories, and journeys, we are invited to support one another through prayers, acts of kindness, and works of justice. Together, we walk the Lenten path trusting that God is already at work among us– healing wounds, strengthening our bonds, and guiding us toward the promise of Easter.

May HCSM Church be a living sign of Christ's hope in Daly City and beyond, shining the light in our neighborhoods and in our shared common life.

Blessings of peace and love to everything we do.

In peace,

The Rev. Jureck Fernandez

Calendar of Events

March 14, 2026	Bishop's Committee Meeting 10:30 Am in the narthex
March 15, 2026	St. Patrick's Day
March 29, 2026	Palm Sunday
April 1, 2026	Stations of the Cross 5:00 PM
April 2, 2026	Holy Thursday 5:00 PM Washing of the Feet
April 3, 2026	Good Friday 5:00 PM
April 5, 2026	Easter Sunday 10:00 AM Outside

The bus trip planned for Cache Creek on March 14, has been postponed. As soon as the new date is available it will be posted.

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.