

ABBREVIATED LITURGY FOR ORDINARY TIME  
WITH ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH  
JULY 19, 2020  
PROPER 11

In care for one another and all our neighbors, we are not meeting in our buildings at this time. However, we are still the Church in worship and service. For 15 minutes prior to each service we have a "virtual coffee hour," to chat, check-in with one another and share announcements. Once the liturgy begins, participants will be muted except those leading at the moment. During the hymns and prayers, feel free to sing or speak out loud as you will be muted. This is also making it possible for us to sing along with choirs from around the world, so we look for blessings in all things at all times.

If you are in need of pastoral care, do not hesitate to call. Fr. Mulder at: 908-672-8695, or to write him at [rectorstmartinsnj@gmail.com](mailto:rectorstmartinsnj@gmail.com).

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**The Opening Acclamation**

<i>Celebrant</i>	Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
<i>People</i>	Glory to God for ever and ever.

**Hymn of Praise 335, I am the Bread of Life**

*(The Choir of All Saints', Beverly Hills)*

*I am the bread of life, they who come to me shall not hunger;  
they who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me  
unless the Father draw them.*

*Refrain: And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up,  
and I will raise them up on the last day.*

*The Bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world,  
and they who eat of this bread, they shall live forever,  
they shall live forever.*

*Unless you eat of the Flesh of the Son of Man*

*and drink of his Blood, you shall not have life within you,  
you shall not have life within you.*

*I am the resurrection, I am the life.  
They who believe in me, even if they die,  
they shall live forever.*

*Yes, Lord we believe that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God who has come into the world.*

### Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          *And also with you.*

*Celebrant*      Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### A Reading from the book of Genesis (28:10-19a)

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

*Reader*          Hear what the Spirit is saying.

*People*          *Thanks be to God!*

Anthem

*Jacob's Ladder*  
(Pete Seeger)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (13:24-30, 36-43)

*People*      *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Another parable Jesus put before the crowds: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

*Celebrant*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*          Praise to you, Lord, Christ.

Homily

The 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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
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

Holy God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church  
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding  
Bishop and Chip our diocesan, and for all bishops, for Tim, our priest and  
for all priests and deacons;  
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations;  
That there may be justice and peace on earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

We offer prayers of gratitude and debt to all who serve others during this time. Grant them energy, health and resolve for their ministry among us. And for your Church, may the day come soon when we can feast again at your Table. Until that great day, keep us steadfast in care for one another, regular in prayer and faithful in worship and service to your world.

Hear us now as Jesus taught us to pray, saying:  
*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.*

### **Confession of Sin**

Celebrant

People

Let us confess our sin to God.  
*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.*

### **Absolution**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.  
*Amen.*

### **The Peace**

Celebrant

People

The peace of Christ be with you.  
*And also with you.*

**Hymn 499**

*Lord God, you now have set your servants free*

*Lord God, you now have set your servant free  
to go in peace as promised in your word;  
my eyes have seen the Savior, Christ the Lord,  
prepared by you for all the world to see,  
to shine on nations trapped in darkest night,  
the glory of your people, and their light.*

**Blessing and Dismissal**

Celebrant      Go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People          Thanks be to God.