

ABBREVIATED LITURGY FOR ORDINARY TIME  
WITH ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH  
JULY 5, 2020  
PROPER 9

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 during this time, do not hesitate to call. Fr. Mulder at: 908-672-8695, or to write him at [rectorstmartinsnj@gmail.com](mailto:rectorstmartinsnj@gmail.com).

Our parish office is now open limited hours each day. Messages can be left at: 908-526-1350, or by writing: [stmartinschurchnj@gmail.com](mailto:stmartinschurchnj@gmail.com). Our website is [www.stmartinsnj.org](http://www.stmartinsnj.org). During this time, it is critical that your financial support of this ministry continues. You can do this easily using the Vanco platform on our website under "Donate." It takes only a few minutes to set up and has already made a positive difference to our ability to carry on in ministry. Thank you all.



**The Opening Acclamation**

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

**Hymn of Praise 387, We sing of God**

-Magdalen College

*1 We sing of God, the mighty source  
of all things; the stupendous force  
on which all strength depends;  
from whose right arm, beneath whose eyes,  
all period, power, and enterprise  
commences, reigns, and ends.*

*2 Tell them I AM, the Lord God said,  
to Moses while on earth in dread  
and smitten to the heart,  
at once, above, beneath, around,  
all nature without voice or sound  
replied, O Lord, thou art.*

*3 Glorious the sun in mid career;  
glorious the assembled fires appear;  
glorious the comet's train:  
glorious the trumpet and alarm;  
glorious the almighty stretched-out arm;  
glorious the enraptured main:*

*4 Glorious, most glorious, is the crown  
of him that brought salvation down  
by meekness, Mary's son;  
seers that stupendous truth believed,  
and now the matchless deed's achieved,  
determined, dared, and done.*

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*          *And also with you.*

*Celebrant*      O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**A Reading from the Letter to the Romans. (7:15-25a)**

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

*Reader*          Hear what the Spirit is saying.

*People*          *Thanks be to God!*

**Anthem**

*Save the People*  
*(Hunter Parish and the Godspell Ensemble)*

*-Stephen Schwartz*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (11:16-19, 25-30)

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

Jesus said, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

*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*

Let us confess our sin to God.

*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.*

### **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*

The peace of Christ be with you.

*People*

*And also with you.*

### **Hymn 652**

*Dear Lord and Father*

*-Rest*

*(King's College, Cambridge)*

*1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways!  
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.*

*2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word,  
rise up and follow thee.*

*3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity  
interpreted by love!*

*4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.*

*5 Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm.*

**Blessing and Dismissal**

Celebrant      Go forth to love and serve the Lord.  
People          Thanks be to God.