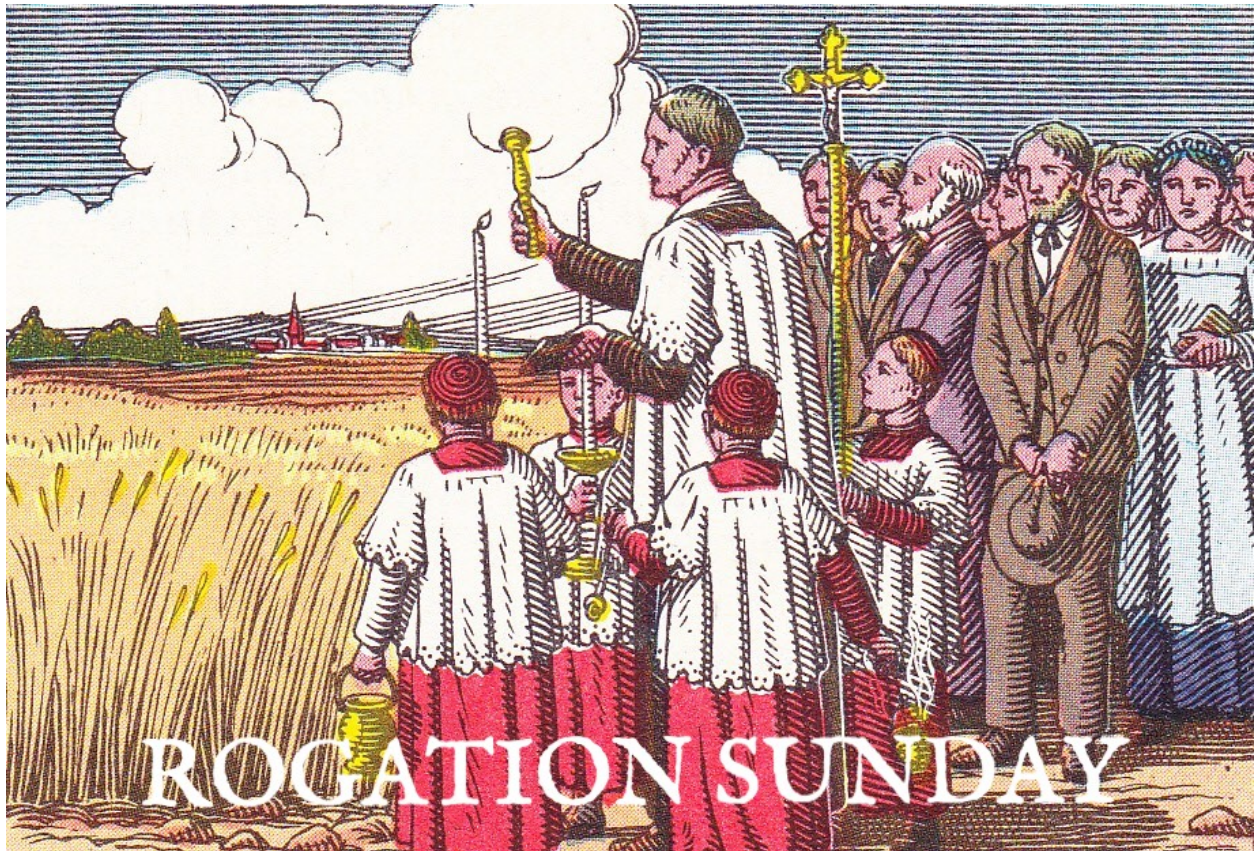




St. Martin's Episcopal Church  
Bridgewater, New Jersey



An Abbreviated Celebration of the Holy Eucharist  
with Spiritual Communion  
Rite 2

Mass for the Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday

**Opening Hymn** *(Please stand as the Cross and priest process and the cantor begins to sing, and prayerfully read the text as the cantor sings alone. During the singing of the hymn, the people are asperged with holy water in remembrance of their baptisms)*

***This Is My Father's World***

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Priest: + Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

All: *The Lord is Risen, Alleluia!*

**Hymn of Praise:** *(sung by cantor)*

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**Collect of the Day**

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of mothers. As they have given us life, may we have grace to share that life with others. As they have shown us patience, may we show patience to those around us. As they have given us care and hope and challenge, may we, through their own gift of life, inspire a world through that same care and hope and challenge. And whether they be in this world or the next, let them feel our hearts full of gratitude for all they have taught us, all they have given us and all they have hoped into our future. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Lesson (Acts 10:44-48)** *Please be seated*

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.    *The Word of the Lord/ Thanks be to God*

**Psalm 98** *Cantate Domino*

1 Sing to the Lord a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things

5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

**Gospel Acclamation**    *(Please stand)*

**Cantor:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

God has spoken to us through his Son, through whom he created all things.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**The Holy Gospel**

The Holy Gospel of our + Lord Jesus Christ according to John

*All: Glory to you, Lord Christ*

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

*John 15:9-17*

The Gospel of the Lord./ *All: Praise to you, O Christ.*

**The Homily**

**Father Robert Laws**

**The Nicene Creed**    *(Please stand)*

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.

**The Prayers of the People (from the Church of England: *Common Worship*)**

*The People respond by praying the italicized text. Please stand or kneel*

Let us pray to God our Creator, that the Holy Spirit will bring to fruition all that God desires for the creation. Life giving God, in your mercy, hear us.

You have created the universe by your eternal Word, and have blessed humankind in making us stewards of the earth. We pray for your world, that we may share and conserve its resources, and live in reverence for the creation in harmony with one another. Life giving God, *in your mercy, hear us.*

You have given us a beautiful and rich world- a world filled with oceans, rivers and streams, majestic mountains, tranquil deserts, and fields which feed us with wheat and barley, orchards, vines, oil and honey. Yet, we have made by sin a world of suffering and sorrow. We pray for those who bear the weight of affliction that they may come to share the life of wholeness and plenty.

Life giving God, *in your mercy, hear us.*

In Christ you call us to a new way of life, loving our neighbours before ourselves. Help us to treat with care and respect the world as it is as we live in hope and anticipation of the world as it will be when your kingdom comes and your will is done. Life giving God, *in your mercy, hear us.*

We thank you for those, living and departed, who have shown a true respect for your creation. Help us to follow in their footsteps, until, with them, we see you face to face, where all is made new in Christ our Lord.

Priest: Merciful Creator, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ, by whom all things have their being, and in who we have been given abundant life. Amen.

### **The Peace and The Offertory Sentence**

*(You may be seated during the Offertory hymn. Please remember that only the cantor is permitted to sing, but you are encouraged to prayerfully read the lyrics. Please stand as the Thurifer turns toward the Nave to cense the people. It is customary to bow to the Thurifer as he bows to you before and after the censuring)*

## **The Offertory Anthem**

*Glory, Love, and Praise and Honor*

**William H. Harris**

Glory, love, and praise and honor  
For our food now bestowed, render we the Donor.

Bounteous God, we now confess thee;  
God, who thus blesses us, meet it is to bless thee.

Thankful for our every blessing.  
Let us sing Christ the Spring, never never ceasing.

Source of all our gifts and graces Christ we own;  
Christ alone Calls for all our praises.

He dispels our sin and sadness, Life imparts,  
Cheers our hearts Fills with food and gladness

Who himself for all hath given Us he feeds,  
Us he leads To a feast in heaven.

## **The Liturgy of the Altar**

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

***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:

*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 The Ever Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Martin of Tours and 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 forever. *Amen.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
*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 Fraction**

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are they who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

### **An Act of Spiritual Communion** *(prayed silently by those who watching online)*

*In union, dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Let me never be separated from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen. Lord Jesus, come dwell in my heart.*

Because of Covid restrictions, Holy Communion will be administered in one kind- the body of Christ only (although both the Body and Blood of Christ are present in the consecrated host.) Please stand at your seat with hands extended to receive Communion as the priest passes. Please do not consume the host until the priest has gone to the next pew.

## Communion Hymn

*Descant*

4 Soon shall each rap - tured tongue his

1 A - wake and sing the song of  
 2 Sing of his dy - ing love, his  
 3 You pil - grims on the road to  
 4 Soon shall each rap - tured tongue his

end - less praise pro - claim, and sing in sweet - er

Mo - ses and the Lamb; wake ev - ery heart and  
 re - sur - rec - tion power; sing how he in - ter -  
 Zi - on's ci - ty, sing, re - joic - ing in the  
 end - less praise pro - claim, and sing in sweet - er

notes the song of Mo - ses and the Lamb.

ev - ery tongue to praise the Sa - vior's name.  
 cedes a - bove for those whose sins he bore.  
 Lamb of God, in Christ the e - ter - nal King.  
 notes the song of Mo - ses and the Lamb.

Words: William Hammond (1719-1783), alt. Music: *St. Ethelwald*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

**Post Communion Prayer** *(Please kneel or stand)*

*Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Blessing** *(Please stand)*

May the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

**Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

## Closing Hymn (Please stand)

*Unison or harmony*

1 As those of old their first fruits brought of vine - yard, flock, and  
 #2 A world in need now sum - mons us to la - bor, love, and  
 3 With grat - i - tude and hum - ble trust we bring our best to

field to God, the giv - er of all good, the  
 give; to make our life an of - fer - ing to  
 thee to serve thy cause and share thy love with

source of bount - eous yield; so we to - day our  
 God that all may live; the Church of Christ is  
 all hu - man - i - ty. O thou who gav - est

first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land, of  
 call - ing us to make the dream come true: a  
 us thys - elf in Je - sus Christ thy Son, help

farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind, and heart, and hand.  
 world re - deemed by Christ - like love; all life in Christ made new.  
 us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

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