



St. Martin's Episcopal Church  
Bridgewater, New Jersey



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

The Feast of Saint Mary the Virgin  
August 15, 2021 + 10:30 am

Opening Hymn (*Please stand to sing*)



1. Sing we of the Bless-ed Moth-er, Who re - ceived the  
 2. Sing we, too, of Mar - y's sor-rows, Of the sword that  
 3. Sing a - gain the joys of Mar - y When she saw the  
 4. Sing the great - est joy of Mar - y When on earth her



an - gel's word And, o - be - dient to the sum - mons,  
 pierced her through, When be - neath the cross of Je - sus  
 ris - en Lord, And in prayer with Christ's a - pos - tles  
 work was done, And the Lord of all cre - a - tion



Bore in love the in - fant Lord. Sing we of the  
 She his weight of suf - f'ring knew, Looked up - on her  
 Wait - ed on his prom - ised word. From on high the  
 Brought her to his heav'n - ly home. Vir - gin Moth - er,



joys of Mar - y, At whose breast that child was fed,  
 Son and Sav - ior Reign - ing from the aw - ful tree,  
 blaz - ing glo - ry Of the Spir - it's pres - ence came:  
 Mar - y bless - ed, Raised on high and crowned with grace,



Who is Son of God e - ter - nal  
 Saw the price of our re - demp - tion  
 Heav'n - ly breath of God's own be - ing  
 May your Son, the world's re - deem - er,



And the ev - er - last - ing Bread.  
 Paid to set the sin - ner free.  
 To - kened in the wind and flame.  
 Grant us all to see his face.

Priest: + Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: *And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

Priest: 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. BCP, 355

**Hymn of Praise:** *(Please remain standing to sing)*

*Hymnal 1982, Hymn 421, V. 1*



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from  
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther  
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -



hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be  
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -  
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who



to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for  
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and  
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,



your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.  
we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.  
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

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## **Collect of the Day**

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

## **The Lesson (Galatians 4:4-7) *Please be seated***

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

The Word of the Lord/ *Thanks be to God*

## **Psalm 34:1-9 *Benedicam Dominum***

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; \* his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord; \* let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; \* let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me \*  
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, \* and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me \*  
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, \*  
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; \* happy are they who trust in him!
- 9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, \* for those who fear him lack nothing.

**Gospel Acclamation** *(Please stand and sing. The cantor sings alone the first time and all join in the second time).*

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

**The Holy Gospel**

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

*All: Glory to you, Lord Christ*

Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." *Luke 1:46-55*

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

**The Homily** *(Please be seated)*

**Father Robert Laws**

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 (Form II, BCP, page 385)**

*Please stand or kneel*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for William, our Bishop, for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, especially Jacob, Mary, Elsie, Jeff, Gloribel, Denise, Linda, and Maryann . I ask your prayers for the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask for your own intentions, offered silently or aloud.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Peggy and Bill. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored, especially the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Martin of Tours, and all the Saints. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

Priest: Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns forever and ever. *Amen.*

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *BCP, 360*

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

### **The Peace & Offertory Hymn**

*Hymn 268*

*Please stand to sing the offertory hymn. It is customary to bow to the Thurifer as he bows to you before and after the censuring).*



*Introduction/Interlude*

*Descent*

4 "Mag - ni - fi - cat

1 Ye who claim the faith of Je - sus, sing the  
 2 Bless - ed were the cho - sen peo - ple out of  
 3 There - fore let all faith - ful peo - ple sing the  
 4 "Mag - ni - fy, my soul, God's great - ness; in my

an - i - ma me - a  
 won - ders that were done when the love of God the  
 whom the Lord did come; bless - ed was the land of  
 hon - or of her name; let the Church, in her fore -  
 Sa - vior I re - joice; all the a - ges call me

Do - mi - num. Mag -  
 Fa - ther o - ver sin the vic - tory won, when he  
 prom - ise fa - shioned for his earth - ly home; but more  
 shad - owed, part in her thanks - giv - ing claim; what Christ's  
 bless - ed, in his praise I lift my voice; he has

ni - fi - cat, mag - ni - fi - cat."  
 made the Vir - gin Ma - ry mo - ther of his on - ly Son,  
 bless - ed far the mo - ther, she who bore him in her womb,  
 mo - ther sang in glad - ness let Christ's peo - ple sing the same;  
 cast down all the might - y, and the low - ly are his choice."

*Conclusion*

## The Liturgy of the Altar

BCP, 361

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 through Jesus Christ our Lord; because in choosing the blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son you have exalted the humble and meek. Your angel hailed her as most highly favoured; with all generations we call her blessed and with her we rejoice 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.***

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, martyrs, prophets and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. 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.

### **Holy Communion**

*The priest will deliver communion to those seated on the socially distanced side first. Then, the ushers will guide the other side to receive at a standing station. Please do not remove your mask to receive communion until you are six feet from the priest. Please return to your pew via the side aisle.*

### **Communion Hymn**

*Hymn 277*

PLEADING SAVIOUR  
*Somewhat slowly*

*Plymouth Collection,*  
New York, 1855

1 Sing of Ma - ry, pure and low - ly, Vir - gin - moth - er un - de - filed,  
2 Sing of Je - sus, son of Ma - ry, In the home at Na - za - reth.

Sing of God's own Son most ho - ly, Who be - came her lit - tle child.  
Toil and la - bor can - not wea - ry Love en - dur - ing un - to death.

Fair - est child of fair - est moth - er, God the Lord who came to earth,  
Con - stant was the love he gave her, Though he went forth from her side,

Word made flesh, our ve - ry broth - er, Takes our na - ture by his birth.  
Forth to preach, and heal, and suf - fer, Till on Cal - va - ry he died. A - men.

3 Glory be to God the Father;  
Glory be to God the Son;  
Glory be to God the Spirit;  
Glory to the Three in One.

From the heart of blessed Mary,  
From all saints the song ascends,  
And the Church the strain re-echoes  
Unto earth's remotest ends. Amen

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

*BCP, 365*

*God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Blessing**

May Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will; 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. *Thanks be to God.*

**Closing Hymn** (*Please stand*) vv. 1, 4

*The Hymnal 1982, Hymn 620*

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when  
 2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they  
 3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as  
 4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with  
 5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God

1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows  
 2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they  
 3 mas - ter of the choir; ten thou - sand times would  
 4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyr's  
 5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and

1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?  
 2 still re - joice in that most hap - py place.  
 3 one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.  
 4 har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.  
 5 of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

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## **The Angelus**

*By the 10th century, it was commonplace to recite the Hail Mary prayer in the evening. By the 14th century this practice had been expanded into the form we now know as the Angelus, prayed three times a day at 6 am, Noon, and 6 pm. At St. Martin's, following a longstanding tradition in the Church, Angelus bells are rung three times a day to call the faithful to pray the Angelus and reflect on the mystery of the Incarnation. On this feast of Mary Ever-Blessed, we conclude our celebration by saying the Angelus together.*

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

*R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.*

V. Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with Thee;

Blessed art thou among women, And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*R. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners,*

*Now and at the hour of our death. Amen*

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

*R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.*

Hail Mary, etc.

V. And the Word was made Flesh.

*R. And dwelt among us.*

Hail Mary, etc.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

*R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

## **LET US PRAY**

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.

Through the same Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Postlude**