



St. Martin's Episcopal Church  
Bridgewater, New Jersey



## An Abbreviated Celebration of the Holy Eucharist Rite 2

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 28, 2021 + 10:30 am

*Please stand as the Priest enters and sing (Vv, 1,3)*

*Hymnal 1982, 561*

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 in thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise,  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love,  
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee,  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.

Music: St. Eusebio, Welsh hymn, from *Cantador* (1839); adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. *The English Hymnal* 1906, alt.

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

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

**Song of Praise** *(Please remain standing to sing)*



**Collect of the Day**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The Lesson (James 1:7-17)** *Please be seated*

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act-they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. The Word of the Lord/ *Thanks be to God*

**Psalm 15      *Domine, quis habitabit?***

1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*

who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*

who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue;

he does no evil to his friend; \*

he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*

but he honors those who fear the Lord.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*

and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*

nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things \*

shall never be overthrown.

but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.

**Gospel Acclamation** (Please stand as the Cantor begins the acclamation)

*K. Shanklin*



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

*All: Glory to you, Lord Christ*

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines. You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.’” Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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

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

**Father Robert Laws**

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

*BCP, 358*

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, Cathay, and Linda. 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 MaryAnn and Dona. 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 and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *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** *(please stand to sing)*



1 Lo, the win - ter's past. For the rain is gone; the flowers ap - pear.  
 2 Beau - ti - ful and fair, like a gar - den, our be - lov - ed's face—  
 3 Love is strong as death— yes, and strong-er yet, its frets of fire

Time of sing-ing has be - gun— lark and tur - tile-dove,  
 clus - tered hen - na, Shar-on's rose, ra - diant to our eyes,  
 floods of wa - ters can - not drown, nei - ther quench its flame.

Rise, then, come a - way, as the vines burst in - to blos - som here,  
 Hon - ey, milk, and wine, fill our cups with o - ver-flow - ing grace,  
 Burn-ing still through tears, dia-mond pris - ms for our hearts' de - sire,

rich with fra - grance, drenched with sun, shim-mer-ing with God's love,  
 feed our souls where God be - stows ban - quets of love's sur - prise,  
 spread an arc - ing rain - bow crown 'round the be - lov - ed's name.

## 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; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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**

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

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 the altar rail. Please return to your pew via the side aisle.*

## Communion Hymn

WLP, 798

1. Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin; from  
2. Lord Je - sus, think on me, with care and woe op - pressed; let  
3. Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray; through  
4. Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is past, I  
earth-born pas - sions set me free, and make me pure with - in.  
me thy lov - ing ser - vant be, and taste thy prom - ised rest.  
dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point thou the heav' - nly way.  
may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see, and share thy joy at last.

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

BCP, 365

*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

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

## Dismissal

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

1. We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,  
 2. We all are called for ser-vice to wit-ness in God's name.  
 3. We all be-hold one vi-sion, a stark re-al-i-ty;  
 4. Now let us be u-nit-ed and let our song be heard.

our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
 Our min-is-tries are dif-f'rent, our pur-pose is the same:  
 the stew-ard of sal-va-tion was nailed up-on a tree.  
 Now let us be a-ves-sel for God's re-deem-ing Word.

A sin-gle, great com-mis-sion com-pels us from a-bove  
 to touch the lives of oth-ers by God's sur-pris-ing grace,  
 Yet res-ur-rect-ed Jus-tice gives rise that we may share  
 We all are one in mis-sion, we all are one in call,

to plan and work to-geth-er that all may know Christ's love.  
 so peo-ple of all na-tions may feel God's warm em-brace.  
 free re-con-cil-i-a-tion and hope a-mid de-spair.  
 our var-ied gifts u-nit-ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

