



St. Martin's Episcopal Church  
Bridgewater, New Jersey



## An Abbreviated Celebration of the Holy Eucharist Rite 2

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 05, 2021 + 10:30 am

Please stand as the Priest enters and sing (Vv, 1,2)

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1 In bold-ness, look to God for help, like wo - men folk who  
 2 In bold-ness, lean on God for strength, and heal - ing from dis -  
 3 In bold-ness, learn of God the truth of Ma - ry's bet - ter  
 4 In bold-ness, love, nor count the cost. Con - front the world's harsh

dared: to ask that Je - sus heal a child, that  
 ease: of mind and bod - y, heart and will, whose  
 part: by fear and cen - sure un - de - terred, de -  
 stare: like one who washed the feet of Christ, and

crumbs of grace be shared, that out - cast ones be  
 bond - age Je - sus frees. Reach out and touch the  
 ter - mined in her heart. to kneel at Je - sus'  
 wiped them with her hair, poured per - fume to a -

wel - comed to the feast God has pre - pared.  
 hem of Christ, and gath - er spi - rit's ease.  
 feet and learn the wis - dom he im - parts.  
 noint her Lord, and left love's fra - grance there.

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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**

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

## **The Lesson (James 2:1-10, 14-17)** *Please be seated*

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is

naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

**Psalm 125**                      *Qui confidunt*

- 1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,  
    which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.
- 2 The hills stand about Jerusalem;  
    so does the Lord stand round about his people,  
    from this time forth forevermore.
- 3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway  
    over the land allotted to the just,  
    so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.
- 4 Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good  
    and to those who are true of heart.
- 5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,  
    the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers;  
    but peace be upon Israel.

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

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. (repeated)*

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

*All: Glory to you, Lord Christ*

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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, especially the people of Afghanistan. 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. I ask your prayers for Afghan refugees, and for those who are suffering in Haiti, Louisiana, and throughout our country with Covid. 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. Heal me, hands of Je-sus, and search out all my pain; re-  
2. Cleanse me, blood of Je-sus, take bit-ter-ness a-way; let  
3. Know me, mind of Je-sus, and show me all my sin; dis-  
4. Fill me, joy of Je-sus: anx-i-e-ty shall cease and

store my hope, re-move my fear and bring me peace a-gain.  
me for-give as one for-given and bring me peace to-day.  
pel the mem-o-ries of guilt, and bring me peace with-in.  
heaven's se-ren-i-ty be mine, for Je-sus brings me peace!



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, 722*



The des-ert shall re - joice and blos-som as a rose: 1. It shall  
2. For the  
3. For the  
4. For the

blos - som a - bun - dant - ly and re - joice with praise and sing - ing.  
ears of the deaf shall hear And the blind, their eyes be o - pened.  
tongue of the mute shall sing and the lame will dance with glad - ness.  
ground will be - come a pool and the dry land springs of wa - ter.

5. The desert shall rejoice  
and blossom as a rose:  
as the ransomed return to God  
and come singing back to Zion.

6. The desert shall rejoice  
and blossom as a rose:  
unto Zion we come with joy,  
for our God has come to save us.

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

*BCP, 365*

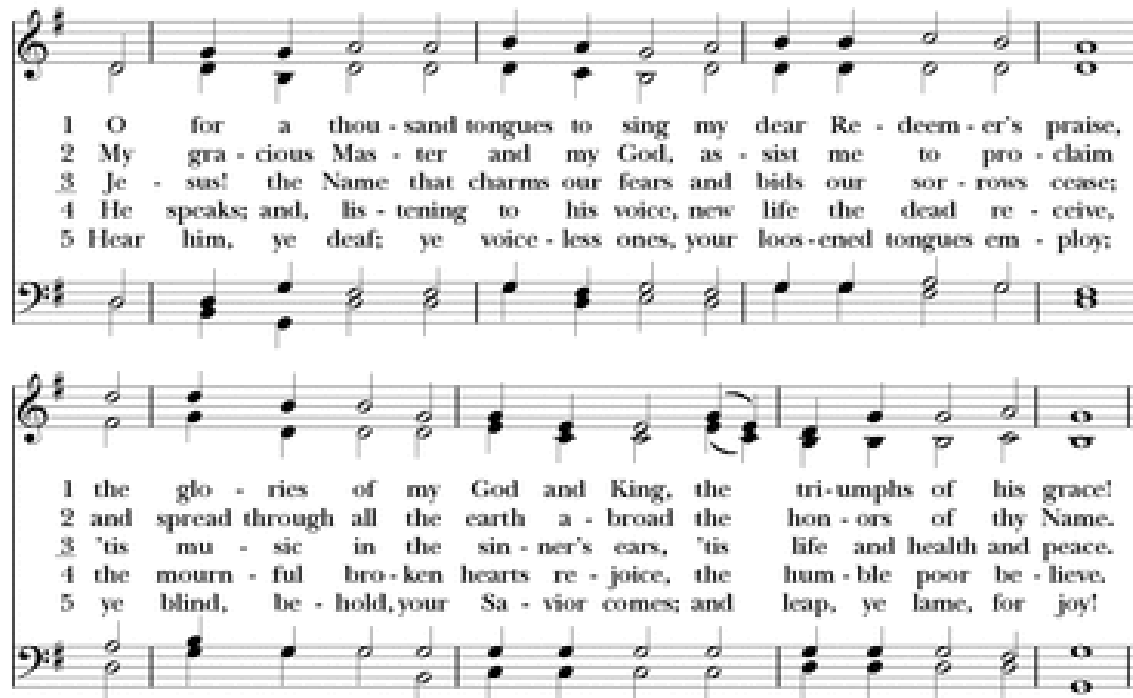
*Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness 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. 1,6 (*Please stand to sing*)



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve,  
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
be now and ever given  
by saints below and saints above,  
the Church in earth and heav'n.

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