

St. Martin's Episcopal Church
Bridgewater, New Jersey



Holy Eucharist Rite 2

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 19, 2021 + 10:30 am



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre-a-tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign-ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de-fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a-dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal-va-tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea-gle, up-lift-ing, sus-tain-ing.
 sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy shall dai-ly at-tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais-es be-fore him!

Let all who hear now to his tem-ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need-ful has been
 Pon-der a-new what the Al-might-y can do
 Let the a-men sound from his peo-ple a-gain.

join-ing in glad ad-o-ra-tion!
 sent by his gra-cious or-dain-ing?
 if with his love he be-friend you.
 Glad-ly for-ev-er a-dore him!

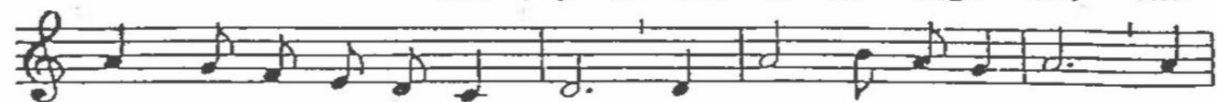
Priest: + Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al -



migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we



praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly



Son of the Fa - ther, — Lord God, — Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on



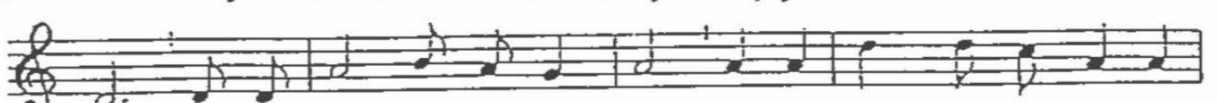
us; you are — seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: —



re - ceive our pray'r — re - ceive, — re - ceive — our pray'r.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone — are the



Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



A - - - men. A - - - men. —

Collect of the Day

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated

The Lesson A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah (Jeremiah 11:18-20)

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

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

PSALM 1:1-6



Hap-py are they whose de-light is in the law of the Lord.

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the /wicked,*
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats /of the scornful!
Their delight is in the law of the Lord,*
and they meditate on /his law day and night. [ANTIPHON]

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not /wither;*
everything they /do shall prosper.
It is not so with the /wicked:*
they are like chaff which /the wind blows away. [ANTIPHON]

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judg/ment comes,*
nor the sinner in the council /of the righteous.
For the Lord knows the way of the /righteous,
but the /wicked is doomed. [ANTIPHON]



Tone 1. 12

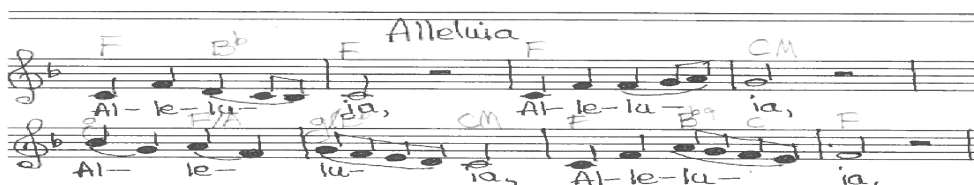
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The Epistle: A Reading from the Epistle of James (James 3:13-4:3,7)

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

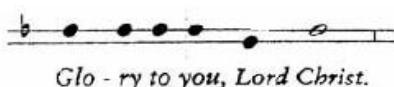
Gospel Acclamation (Please stand)

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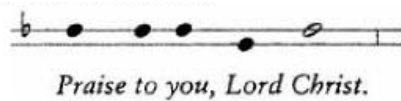


Verse: God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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



Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”



The Gospel of the Lord.

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 your prayers for the departed, especially those who died on 9/11, who we remember this weekend. Pray for those who have died.

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

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 and Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn *(please stand to sing)*

1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,

be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day,
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day,
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day,
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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The Liturgy of the Altar

BCP, 361

Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

Celebrant
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
 It is right to give him 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.



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

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have

Manual I

Manual II

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the

Descant (Soprano/Tenor)

Lamb of God, you take a -

world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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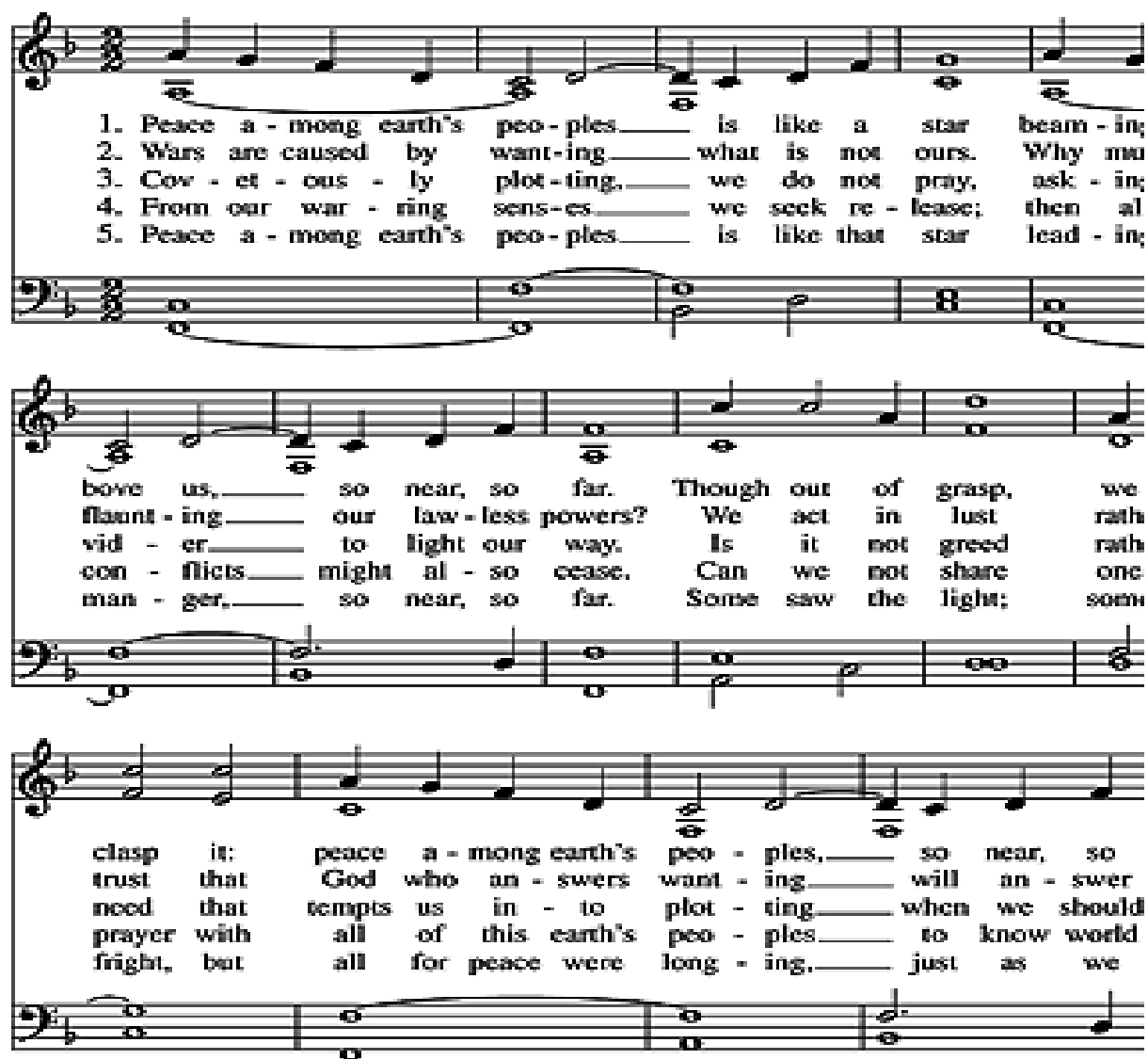
Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are they who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

Holy Communion

In order to maintain the safety of our Sunday School Children who still require social distancing, Holy Communion will be taken to them during the singing of the first communion hymn. Once the priest returns, the people are invited to come forward to a standing station in front of the altar rail. Thank you for your patience as we strive to keep each other safe.

Communion Hymn

WLP, 789



1. Peace a - mong earth's peo - ples, is like a star beam - in;
2. Wars are caused by want - ing, what is not ours. Why mu
3. Cov - et - ous - ly plot - ting, we do not pray, ask - in;
4. From our war - ring sens - es, we seek re - lease; then al
5. Peace a - mong earth's peo - ples, is like that star lead - in;

bove us, so near, so far. Though out of grasp, we
flaunt - ing, our law - less powers? We act in lust rath
vid - er, to light our way. Is it not greed rath
con - flicts, might al - so cease. Can we not share one
man - ger, so near, so far. Some saw the light; some

clasp it; peace a - mong earth's peo - ples, so near, so
trust that God who an - swers want - ing, will an - swer
need that tempts us in - to plot - ting, when we should
prayer with all of this earth's peo - ples, to know world
fright, but all for peace were long - ing, just as we

1 One small child Je - sus called, set in the mid-dle of
 2 Up - side down, down-side up, go our per-cep-tions of
 3 "Take my hand, un - der - stand - this is the mod-el for

grown-ups' cir - cle: "Wel - come him, Wel - come her,
 who's the great - est: "Take my word, trust my word
 king - dom peo - ple. Blessed are you, all of you

then read - you are wel - com - ing me,"
 come i - ly as this small child,"
 to me like this small child."

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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
Dismissal

Closing Hymn vv. 1,5,6 (Please stand to sing)

Descent

6 All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee; thee shall all thy

1 God, my King, thy might con - fess - ing, ev - er will I
 2 Hon - or great our God be - fit - teth; who his ma - jes -
 3 They shall talk of all thy glo - ry, on thy might and
 4 Nor shall fail from mem - ory's trea - sure works by love and
 5 Full of kind - ness and com - pas - sion, slow to an - ger,

saints a - dore: King su - preme shall they con - fess thee,

1 bless thy Name; day by day thy throne ad - dress - ing,
 2 ty can reach? Age to age his works trans - mit - teth,
 3 great - ness dwell, speak of thy dread acts the sto - ry,
 4 mer - cy wrought, works of love sur - pass - ing mea - sure,
 5 vast in love, God is good to all cre - a - tion;

and pro - claim thy sov - erign power,

1 still will I thy praise pro - claim,
 2 age to age his power shall teach,
 3 and thy deeds of won - der tell,
 4 works of mer - cy pass - ing thought,
 5 all his works his good - ness prove.

6 All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee;
 thee shall all thy saints adore;
 King supreme shall they confess thee,
 and proclaim thy sovereign power.

SERVING TODAY

Thurifer: Fausto Beleno Crucifer: Zac Laws

Lay Reader: Anne Marie Verdiramo

Eucharistic Minister: Chris Bockus

Choir: Beth Hixenbaugh, Alison Jandak, Jane Maloney, Rob Vernon

Organist: Kathy Shanklin

Celebrant: Father Rob Laws

Our Financial Snapshot

As you may recall from the Annual Meeting, we started the year with a \$78,000 deficit budget. Part of this deficit was due to the loss of pledges from parishioners who had moved away. Part of it was due to the uncertainty of life in a pandemic. Early on, the vestry made some difficult choices in order to reduce the budget shortfall, including eliminating the Parish Administrator Position (for the time being). The vestry continues to work towards financial responsibility, and a major part of that is your continued generous support of the parish, both with your financial contributions and your gifts of time and service. The rector, wardens and vestry are grateful for your support.

The last few months, however, have been especially challenging. ***Overall giving for July was down by \$10,000-*** likely due to lower summer attendance and the summer vacation season. We understand that life sometimes throws us curveballs, and one is not always able to meet the pledge that was made during the Annual Stewardship Drive. It's also true that amid the busy rush of our lives, one sometimes forgets to send in a pledge- and with the craziness of pandemic life, how easy it is to forget.

As we begin the new year, with Sunday School, Youth Groups and other parish ministries resuming, please remember that your generosity is what makes all of these vital ministries possible. Your support enables us to shine the light of God's love and hope into our community. May God continue to bless you all.

