

St. Martin's Episcopal Church
Bridgewater, New Jersey



Service of the Word

Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost
October 31, 2021 + 10:30 am

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name
 2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;
 3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will;
 4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same,
 ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.
 in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.
 his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:
 Lo, he is Lord of all, Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,
 Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,
 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name

the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!
 and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.
 who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

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.*

In 2 *f*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. — Lord God, hea - ven-ly King, al -
- might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
poco rit.
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
a tempo *mp* *poco cresc.*
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
ff
hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our — prayer. 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 Spi - rit,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

Collect of the Day

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

The Lesson A Reading from Deuteronomy *Please be seated*

Moses said: Now this is the commandment--the statutes and the ordinances--that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children, may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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

PSALM 146:4-9



Come, O Lord, and save us.

Happy are they who have the God of Ja/cob for their help! *
whose hope / is in the Lord their God;
Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all / that is in them; *
who keeps his / promise for ever; [ANTIPHON]

Who gives justice to those / who are oppressed, *
and food / to those who hunger.
The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes / of the blind; *—
the Lord lifts up / those who are bowed down; [ANTIPHON]

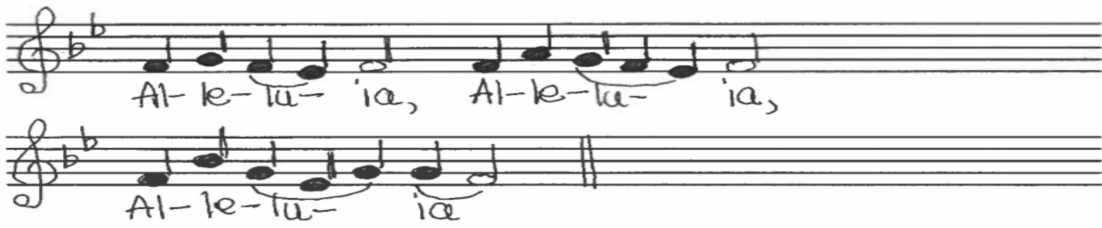
The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares / for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the / way of the wicked.
The Lord shall / reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all genera/tions. Hallelujah!
[ANTIPHON]

The Epistle: A Reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

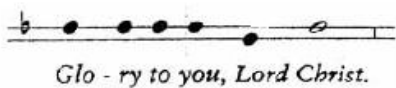
The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation *(Please stand)*

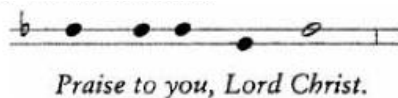


Verse: Whoever loves me will keep my Word, says the Lord. My Father will love them, and we will come to them.

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



One of the scribes came near and heard the Saducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.



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 Mary, Elsie, Jeff, Gloribel, Denise, Cathay, Sam, 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. 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. Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
 2. Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
 3. Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.

Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.
 Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.
 Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.

Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I
 Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I
 Stand by me Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I

don't want to run this race in vain.
 don't want to run this race in vain.
 don't want to run this race in vain.

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 power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the
Blessed is the
high - est. Bless ed is
one
he who comes in the name of the
Lord. 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.

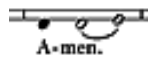
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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.



A-men.

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

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.*

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

*For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.*

The Fraction

The musical score for 'The Fraction' is presented in three systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us. — Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand, with some triplets and slurs. The vocal line is simple and clear, with some slurs and breath marks.

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.

Communion Hymns

1982 Hymnal, 382

1 King of glo - ry, King of peace, I will love thee;
 2 Where - fore with my ut - most art, I will sing thee;
 3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;

Tenor or soprano ad libitum
 3 Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee

and that love may nev - er cease, I will move thee.
 and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee.
 in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.

in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee

Thou hast grant - ed my re - quest, thou hast heard me;
 Though my sins a - gainst me cried, thou didst clear me;
 Small it is in this poor sort to en - roll thee;

Small it is in this poor sort to en - roll thee

thou didst note my work - ing breast, thou hast spared me.
 and a - lone, when they re - plied, thou didst hear me.
 e'en e - ter - ni - ty's too short to ex - tol thee.

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1 God is so good, God is so good,
 2 He cares for me, he cares for me,
 3 He's all I need, he's all I need,

God is so good, he's so good to me.
 he cares for me, he's so good to me.
 he's all I need, he's so good to me.

Words: Traditional
 Music: Negro Spiritual

For the Fruit of All Creation

Hymnal 1982, 424

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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

Hymnal 1982, Hymn 551

1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give
 2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long: Lord,
 3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and

heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings,
 bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong,
 quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

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SERVING TODAY

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

Organist: Kathy Shanklin Celebrant: Father Rob Laws