

St. Martin of Tours Episcopal Church  
Bridgewater NJ



## The First Sunday of Advent

The Litany in Procession and  
Sung Eucharist + 10:30 AM

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**THE GREAT LITANY (Contemporary)** *Please stand or kneel as the litany begins*

<i>Officiant</i>	<i>People</i>
	

Holy God, Creator of Heaven and  
Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the

Earth  
World

Have mercy upon us  
Have mercy upon us

<i>Officiant</i>	<i>People</i>
	

Holy and Immortal One, Sanctifier of the Faith-ful,

Have mercy upon us

<i>Officiant</i>	<i>People</i>
	

Holy, Blessed and Glorious Trinity, one

God

Have mercy upon us



Holy Mary, Mother of	God,	Pr-ay for us
Saint Michael and All	An-gels	Pr-ay for us
Saint John the	Bap-tist	Pr-ay for us
Saint	Jos-eph	Pr-ay for us
Saint Mary	Mag-dalene	Pr-ay for us
All you Holy Ap-----	ost-les	Pr-ay for us
Saint	Mar-tin	Pr-ay for us
All you holy men and	wo-men	Pr-ay for us

*Officiant*



From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred



and malice; and from all ev-il in- tent

*People*



Sa- vior De-liver us

*Officiant*



From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt



for your word and your laws,

*People*



Sa- vior De-liver us

*Officiant*




From sins of body and mind; from deceits off the flesh,



the world and the dev-il

*People*



Sa- vior De-liver us

*Officiant*




From famine and disaster; from violence, murder,



and dying un- pre- pared,

*People*



Sa- vior De-liver us

*Officiant*



In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death



and at the day of jud-gment,

*People*



Sa- vior De-liver us

*Officiant*



By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience;



by your baptism, fasting and tempta- tion,

*People*



Sa- vior De-liver us

*Officiant*



By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion;



by your precious death and burial,

*People*



Sa- vior De-liver us

*Officiant*



By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension;



and by your sending of the Ho- ly Spi-rit,

*People*



Sa- vior De-liver us

*Officiant*  
|b ██████████

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit and provide for the homeless,

|b ██████████ ● ● ● 0

the hungry and the destitute.

*People*  
|b ● ● ● ●

Hear us, O Christ

*Officiant*  
|b ██████████

Have compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees,

|b ██████████ ● ● ● 0

And all who are in trouble

*People*  
|b ● ● ● ●

Hear us, O Christ

*Officiant*  
|b ██████████

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers,

|b ██████████ ● ● ● 0

And turn their heart

*People*  
|b ● ● ● ●

Hear us, O Christ

*Officiant*

Give rest to those who have died and grant them a share in

*People*

Your e-----ter- nal glo-ry Hear us, O Christ

Lord, have mer- cy up- on us

*People*

Christ, have mer- cy up- on us

Lord, have mer- cy up- on us

Priest: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Amen.*

### **A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah**

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called, The Lord is our righteousness. The Word of the Lord/ *Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 25: 1-9** (*Simplified Anglican Chant. Remain seated*)

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my/soul; my God, I put my trust in/you;  
let me not be hu/miliated, nor let my enemies triumph over/me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to/shame;  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their/schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O/Lord, and teach me your/paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and/teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day/long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and/love, for they are from ever/lasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my trans/gressions;  
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O/Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the/Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his/way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing/right, and teaches his way to the/lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faith/fulness  
to those who keep his covenant and his/testimonies

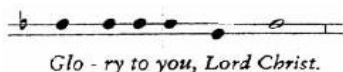
**A Reading from the First Epistle to the Thessalonians**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. The Word of the Lord/ *Thanks be to God.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia (repeated) Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and give us your salvation.

**The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke**



Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man. The Gospel of the Lord.



*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## **The Homily**

### **The Nicene Creed**

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 Peace and Announcements**

#### **Offertory Choir Anthem**

(Remain seated. Please rise when the Thurifer approaches the crossing to cense the people).

#### ***On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry*** Harm. by J.S. Bach/ arranged by Andrews

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin; Make straight the way for God within,  
And let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.

We hail you as our Savior, Lord, Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without your grace, we waste away, like flow'rs that wither and decay.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee, whose advent sets thy people free;  
Whom with the Father we adore and Holy Spirit evermore!

#### **The Liturgy of the Altar** *(Remain standing if able)*

The Lord be with you/ *And also with you.*

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give God 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, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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:

(Sanctus, WLP, 853)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of pow-er and might, Heav-en and earth are

full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Glory and praise to you, Lord God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You created us in your image and invited us to dwell in your love; but we rejected your love, abused your creation and brought death to the world. Yet, you would not abandon us to sin and death. You sent Jesus Christ, your only Son, to become one of us, to show us the way of life. In obedience to your will, he offered himself upon the cross in love, to free us from the power of sin and death, and to reconcile us to you and to one another.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now the suffering and death and proclaiming the resurrection and ascension of Jesus our Redeemer, we bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of Christ.

Gather us by this Holy Communion into one body in the Risen One, and make us a living sacrifice of praise. 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 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**

**Agnus Dei** (Sung by choir)

**WLP, 868**

Priest: 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**

All who are drawn to the grace of God offered in this Blessed Sacrament are welcome to receive Communion. We will be offering communion with both Christ's Body and Blood. The consensus of public health studies to date show that there is no documentable risk of COVID transmission through the common cup. We understand individuals may have different comfort levels as to how they receive communion. Following ancient Christian teaching, all persons may, but no person must, receive communion in both kinds to receive the fullness of Christ's Body and Blood. You may choose to receive only the host at this time. Should you choose to receive the wine, one vessel will be offered for those who want to sip the wine from the common cup. Please do not dip the host into the chalice at this time.

## **Communion Hymns**

*Once He Came in Blessing*

*My Lord, What a Morning (Choir)*

**Hymn 53, Hymnal 1982**

Negro Spiritual

R: My Lord, what a morning, my Lord, what a morning, my Lord, what a morning,  
when the stars begin to fall

You'll hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations underground.

Looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

You'll hear the sinners mourn, to wake the nations underground.

Looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

You'll hear the Christians shout, to wake the nations underground.

Looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

## **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 Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## **Dismissal**

**Closing Hymn** *Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending* **Hymn 57, Hymnal 1982**