

**The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ**  
**Sung Mass**  
**10:30 am**

**St. Martin's Episcopal Church**  
**Bridgewater, NJ**

*Please stand*

**Processional Hymn:** *Christ, When For Us You Were Baptized*

*Hymnal 1982, 121*

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

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.*

**Gloria in excelsis**

*Wonder Love and Praise, 900*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, —

— and peace to his peo - ple on earth. — Lord God,

heav'n - 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 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. —

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

Let us pray: Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

## **A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah** *(Please be seated)*

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.

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

## **Psalm 29**



**The Lord shall give strength to his peo — ple**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters, the God of glory/ thunders\*

The Lord is upon the/ mighty waters,

The voice of the Lord is a power/ful voice\*

The Voice of the Lord is a /voice of splendor. (Antiphon)

The voice of the Lord breaks the/cedar trees\* The Lord breaks the ce/dars of Lebanon.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the / wilderness\*

The Lord shakes the wilder/ness of Kadesh. (Antiphon)

The voice of the Lord makes the/ oak trees writhe\* And /strips the forests bare.

And in the Temple of the Lord,\* all are/ crying “Glory!” (Antiphon)

The Lord sits enthroned a/bove the flood\* The Lord sits enthroned as/ King for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his/people;\*

The Lord shall give his people the/ blessing of peace. (Antiphon)

## A Reading from the Epistle to the Acts of the Apostles

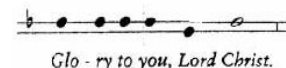
When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

## Gospel Acclamation



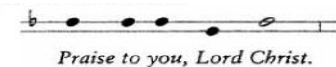
V: John said, "One mightier than I is coming. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." *(The Alleluia is repeated)*

## The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke



As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.



*(The Alleluia is repeated)*

## The Homily

## **The Renewal of Baptismal Promises (Please stand)**

**Priest:** In the waters of baptism we have died to sin and have been raised to newness of life in Jesus Christ our Redeemer. On this feast of our Lord's baptism, let us remember our own baptisms and renew the covenant we made with God and God's Church.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?  
*I do.*

Do you believe in God the Father?  
*I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? *I will, with God's help.*

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? *I will, with God's help.*

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
*I will, with God's help.*

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
*I will, with God's help.*

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? *I will, with God's help.*

*The priest sprinkles the people with holy water in remembrance of their baptisms.*

Let us pray for the grace to keep the promises which we have made, that Christ's love may continually renew our lives and the world.

## **The Prayers of the People**

Washed clean by the waters of baptism, let us pray that we may live the life to which God has called us.

Lord Jesus, eternal Word, proclaimed as the Christ by John the forerunner, hear us as we pray for all who proclaim your word, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, William our Bishop, all bishops, priests and deacons, and all of the people of God. Saving God, *hear our prayer.*

Lord Jesus, baptizing with the Spirit and with fire, strengthen us to withstand all the trials of our faith. Be near those who struggle with doubt and give them the solace of your love. Saving God, *hear our prayer.*

Lord Jesus, in whom and by whom God's promises are fulfilled, give hope to all who suffer, especially, Andrea, Stephanie, Alex, Kelsey, Sam, Linda, Marion, and all who have been infected with Covid. Saving God, *hear our prayer.*

Lord Jesus, bringer of hope, grant peace to all who have died, and grant that we may find our inheritance with all the Saints in your heavenly kingdom. Saving God, *hear our prayer.*

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, in you the Father makes us and all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory. *Amen.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 Announcements**

**Offertory Anthem** *You're Called by Name Forever Loved*

*Rosalind Brown*

You're called by name, for ever loved, adopted as a child of God.  
Now one with us, the family of those who know and love the Lord.  
Lord in your hands we place your own. Lord, in their lives make your love known.

Marked as Christ's own, signed by the cross where Jesus for our sins once died.  
With Jesus buried in his death, called to confess Christ crucified.  
Lord in your hands we place your own. Lord, in their lives make your love known.

Raised to new life, a life of grace, set free from sin, in Christ to grow;  
his resurrection to proclaim, his love in all of life to know.  
Lord in your hands we place your own. Lord, in their lives make your love known.

Sealed by the Spirit, Lord of life, sustained and strengthened by his might.  
Joined to the church to share, with us, the inheritance of saints in light.  
Lord in your hands we place your own. Lord, in their lives make your love known.

Presentation Hymn: *Shall We Gather at the River*

*LEVAS, 141*

The musical score is written for a four-part vocal choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The score consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with four parts and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines. The first system contains four verses of the hymn. The second system contains four verses. The third system contains the chorus. The fourth system contains the final line of the hymn. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the left hand and a more melodic line in the right hand.

1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod;\_\_\_\_  
2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray;\_\_\_\_  
3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;\_\_\_\_  
4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease;\_\_\_\_

1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of God?\_\_\_\_  
2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day.\_\_\_\_  
3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown.\_\_\_\_  
4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace.\_\_\_\_

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

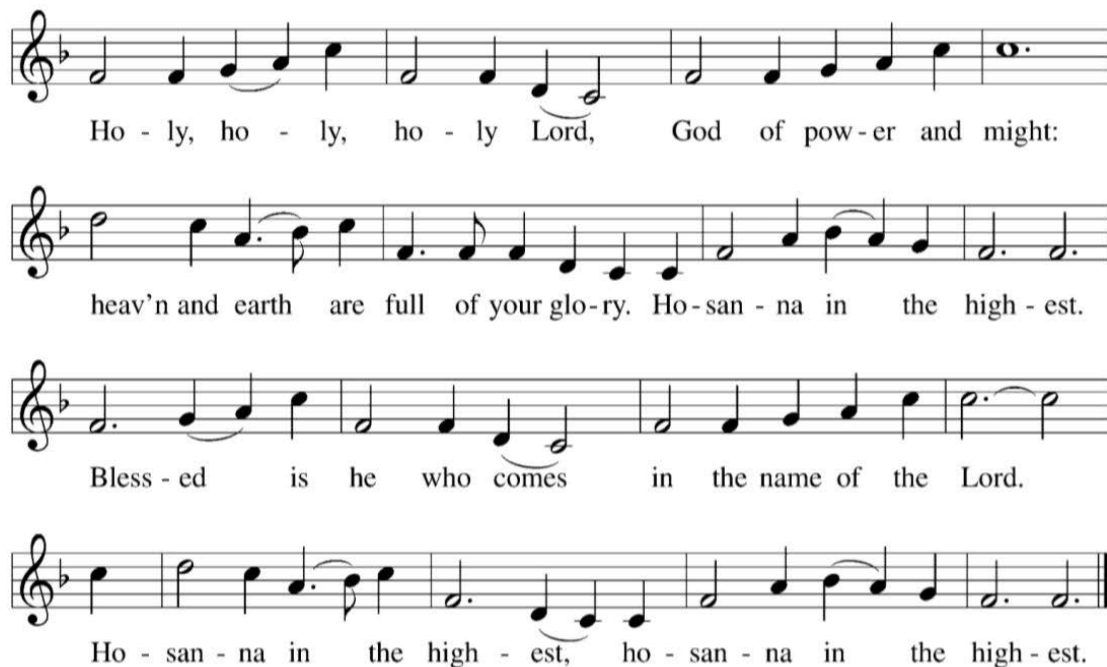
## The Liturgy of the Altar

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 Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord 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:



We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father, *We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph her Spouse, St. Martin of Tours, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 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**

## Lamb of God

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.

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.

## The Holy Communion

### Communion Hymns

*Descend O Spirit, Purging Flame*

*Like the Murmur of a Dove's Song*

*Hymnal 1982, 297*

*Hymnal 1982, 513*

**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 Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. ***Amen.***

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. ***Amen.***

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. ***Amen.***

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. ***Amen.***

**Dismissal**

**Closing Hymn:** *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* (vv. 1,4,5)

*Hymnal 1982, 616*

**Serving Today**

Thurifer: Zac Laws    Crucifer: Clare Francis

Lector: Omar Francis    Eucharistic Minister: Yvonne Comeau

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

Organist: Kathy Shanklin    Celebrant: Father Rob Laws+

