

**The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany: 30 January, 2022**

**Sung Mass + 10:30 am**

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

*Please stand to sing*

**Processional Hymn: Thanks to God, Whose Word Was Spoken vv.1,2,5**

*Hymnal 1982, 630*

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*

The musical score is written in treble clef with a 3/4 time signature. It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "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,". The score includes various musical notations such as rests, eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes. There is a key signature change to one sharp (F#) and a time signature change to 2/4 at the end of the fourth staff.

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: Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**A Reading from Jeremiah** *(Please be seated)*

The word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

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

**Psalm 71**



My tongue will pro-claim your righ-teous-ness, O Lord.

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; \* let me never be ashamed.
- 2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; \* incline your ear to me and save me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; \* you are my crag and my stronghold.
- 4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, \*  
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.
- 5 For you are my hope, O Lord God, \*my confidence since I was young.
- 6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;  
from my mother's womb you have been my strength; \* my praise shall be always of you.

**A Reading from the First Epistle to the Corinthians** *(Please be seated)*

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.

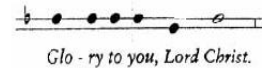
For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God*

**Gospel Acclamation** (Please stand)

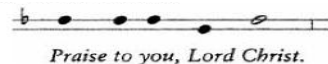


V: The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, and to proclaim liberty to captives.  
(Alleluia is repeated)

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



Jesus began to speak in the synagogue at Nazareth: "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way. The Gospel of the Lord.



*(The Alleluia is repeated)*

**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 Prayers of the People**

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom.

Liberating God, you sent your Son to bring good news to the poor, sight to the blind, freedom to the captives and salvation to all people: anoint us with your Spirit and rouse us to work for these same goals, in Jesus' name. Father, by your Spirit, **bring in your kingdom.**

Send us to bring help to the poor and freedom to the oppressed.

Father, by your Spirit, **bring in your kingdom.**

Send us to tell the world the good news of your healing love. Enfold the sick and lonely with your healing grace and give them your gift of peace, especially Margaret, Andrea, Stephanie, Alex, Kelsey, Sam, Linda, Marion, Mike, and all who have been contracted Covid.

Father, by your Spirit, **bring in your kingdom.**

Send us to those who mourn, to bring joy and gladness instead of grief.

Father, by your Spirit, **bring in your kingdom.**

Priest: Father, use us, unworthy as we are, to bring in your kingdom of mercy, justice, love and peace. Empower us by your Spirit and unite us in your Son, that all our joy and delight may be to serve you, now and forever. **Amen.**

Priest: 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:** *God's Endless Love*

*Robert Powell*

My God, how endless is your love: Your gifts are ever new;  
And morning mercies from above distill like early dew.  
You spread the curtains of the night, Great Guardian of my hours;  
Your sovereign word restores the light, and quickens all my powers.  
I yield my powers to your command; to you I give my days:  
Perpetual blessings from your hand demand my songs of praise.

**Hymn at the Presentation:** *God Is Love*

*Hymnal 1982, 576*

### **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 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might:  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

*While I'm Working Lord, in Your Vineyard Here (Choir)*

*Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart*

1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2. I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
 3. Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh;  
 4. Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love.

1. Draw it from earth; through all its puls - es move;  
 2. No sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
 3. Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,  
 4. One ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

1. Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,  
 2. No an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - p'ning skies;  
 3. To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh;  
 4. The kin - dling of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

1. And make me love thee as I ought to love.  
 2. But take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 3. Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.  
 4. My heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

**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 and Dismissal**

**Closing Hymn:** *Spread, O Spread Thou Mighty Word*

*Hymnal 1982, 530*

**Serving Today**

Thurifer: Michael Maloney Crucifer: Alex Kellam

Lector: Anne Marie Verdiramo Eucharistic Minister: Chris Bockus

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

Organist: Kathy Shanklin Celebrant: Father Rob Laws+