

# Sung Mass Sixth Sunday of Easter + Rogation Sunday May 22, 2022, 10:30 am

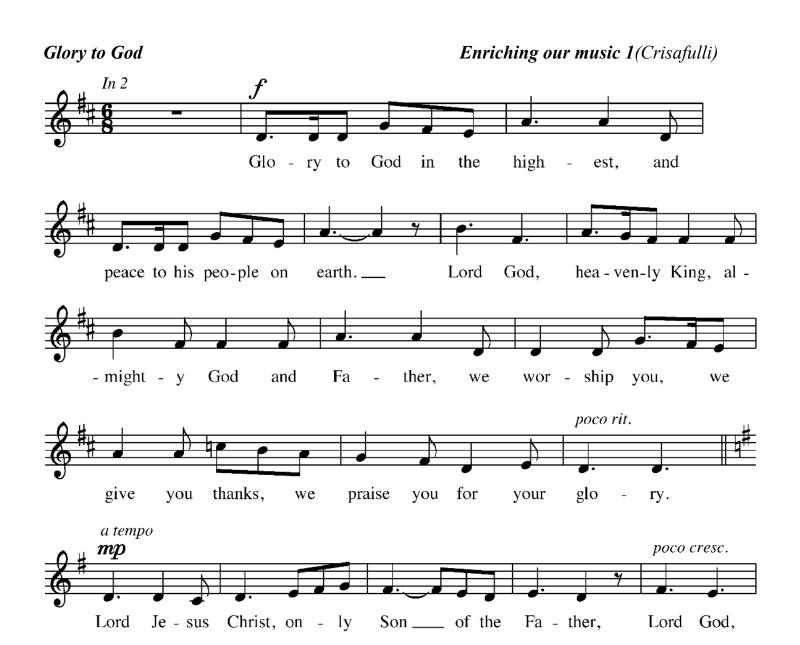
St. Martin's Episcopal Church Bridgewater, NJ

Please stand to sing

## Opening Hymn and Asperges: O Jesus, crowned with all renown

Hymnal 1982, 292

Alleluia, Christ is Risen. The Lord is Risen indeed, Alleluia.





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#### The Collect of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 the Acts of the Apostles

Please be seated.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.* 

#### Psalm 148 Laudate Dominum

The cantor sings the antiphon, and then the people repeat it. The cantor sings the verses. Ant: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations. (Ant.) Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth. (Ant.)

The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us his blessing. May God give us his blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him. (Ant.)

#### A Reading from Revelation

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever. The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

The Alleluia is sung by a Cantor, then repeated by all.



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

Alleluia is repeated

#### The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe. The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ. Alleluia is repeated* 

#### The Homily

The Nicene Creed

Please stand

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.

Let us ask the God of creation to send a blessing upon the rich earth, and upon us.

Let the earth be fruitful and its resources be hallowed. We ask in faith:

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon human labor send a blessing, O Lord. Prosper the work of our hands; may all people find dignity and just reward in their work; free the exploited and oppressed, and bless those who are unemployed and seek employment. We ask in faith:

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon the produce of the earth send a blessing, O Lord. Guide us into a sustainable future, and give us the will to share the fruits of the earth with the poor. We ask in faith:

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon the seas and waters send a blessing, O Lord. Teach us to cherish the water of the earth, and to conserve the seas, lakes and rivers. We ask in faith:

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon aid agencies send a blessing, O Lord. Where the earth is parched and the well has run dry; where war brings want, and children go hungry; where the poor cry out for bread and for justice, give hands to care and heal, and compel us to be generous. We ask in faith:

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Priest: We ask you to hear us, good Lord, for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.** 

**The Peace** The peace of the Lord be always with you. *And also with you. The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.* 

**Welcome**Please be seated.

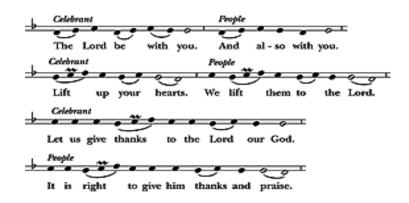
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Offertory Hymn All things bright and beautiful

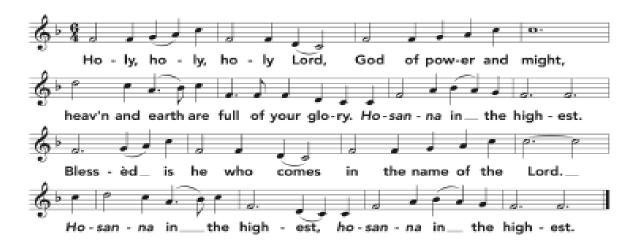
Hymnal 1982, 405

This Holy Eucharist is offered to the Glory of God, with special intentions for the Rt. Rev. Juan Carlos Quinonez, who was consecrated bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Ecuador Central on Tuesday, May 17. The diocese of Ecuador Central is a partner diocese of the diocese of New Jersey.

The Great Thanksgiving BCP, 362, Prayer A



It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us 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:



Please continue standing or kneel as you are able.

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 all 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 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. AMEN.

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

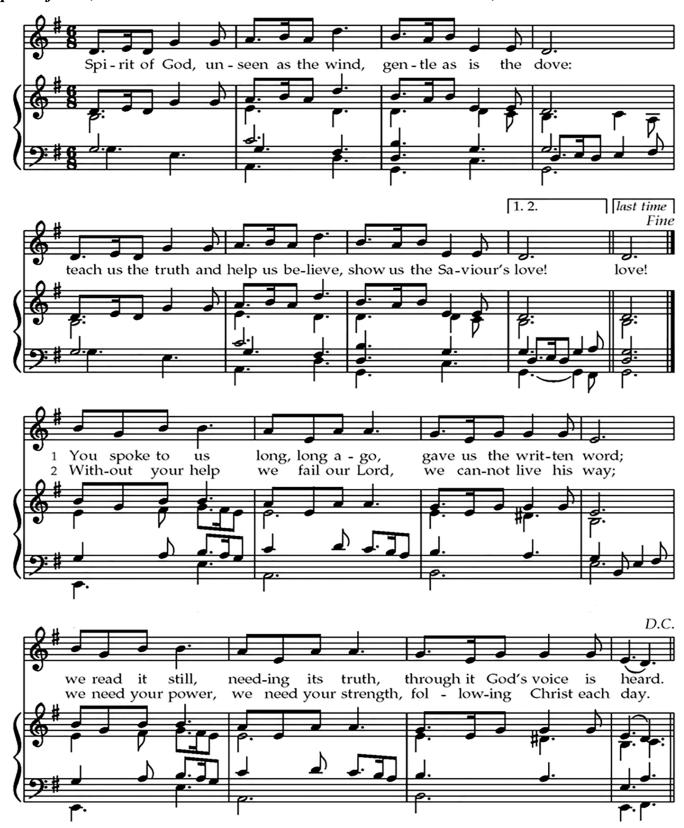
## Fraction Anthem *Christ Our Passover* Invitation to Communion

Hymnal 1982, S 155

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

All are welcome to receive the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ. If you are not baptized and feel drawn to a relationship with Jesus Christ, you will not be turned away, but you are encouraged to speak to the priest about how the Sacrament of Baptism can help you begin and/or deepen a relationship with Christ and the Church. If you prefer not to receive Communion, you may come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate your preference for a blessing.

#### **Communion Hymns**





#### **Post-Communion Prayer**

All Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

#### **Rogation Procession**

Let us go forth in peace. *In the name of Christ. Amen.* 

Please follow the altar procession and the priest through the red doors to the lawn by the bell tower.

Closing Hymn I sing the almighty power of God vv. 2,3

Hymnal 1982, 398



Priest: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God. Glory to God for ever and ever.

Priest: Bountiful God of heaven and earth: By your gracious providence give and preserve the harvests of the land and sea for the good of all creatures, that those who receive good things from your hand may always give you thanks and praise; 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 the Gospel according to Matthew

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who also was himself a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. The Word of the Lord.

Priest: Let us pray. God of the living and of the dead, renew the face of the ground by your life-giving Spirit; grant that all who rest here may be renewed in the joy of your eternal presence, through Jesus Christ, who is resurrection and life. *Amen*.

Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth: We pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labor to gather them, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### **Blessing (from Meister Eckhart)**

Apprehend God in all things, for God is in all things. Every single creature is full of God, and is a book about God. Every creature is a word of God. If I spent enough time with the tiniest creature— even a caterpillar— I would never have to prepare a sermon, so full of God is every creature. Now, may the God known in all of creation, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who loves and sustains all life, bless you and keep you, now and forever. Amen.

#### Dismissal

#### **Serving Today**

Thurifer: Fausto Beleno Crucifer: Delaney Swain

Reader: Jason Swain Eucharistic Minister: Chris Bockus

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

Organist: Kathy Shanklin Celebrant: Father Rob Laws+

We are honored to have you worshiping with us this morning. Please feel free to join us after Mass for refreshments in the narthex (the entrance to the church) so that we can get to know you better.

Children are always welcome to worship with their families during the Mass, but Sunday School is also offered from September-June during the Mass. We use Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for the spiritual formation of children. Children join their families for Communion.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Today, after Mass: Parish Clean Up Day

Sunday May 29: Ascension Sunday (Celebration of Christ's Presence in all things)

Saturday June 4: A Night of Mystery (6 pm-Undercroft)

Sunday June 5: Pentecost, and Celebration of Solemn Communion Sunday

Sunday June 12: Trinity Sunday (Celebration of the Mystery of the Being of God)
Sunday June 19: Corpus Christi (Thanksgiving for the Body and Blood of Christ)
Sunday June 26: Pride Sunday (Thanksgiving for the Diversity in the Body of Christ)

**Summer Mass Schedule:** One Weekend Mass from July 3- September 11, Sundays @10:00 am

#### Confirmation, Reception and Renewal of Vows:

Information regarding Confirmation for Youth and Adults is in the Narthex (church entrance). The brochure for Adult Confirmation includes information for those who would like to join St. Martin's Episcopal Church who have already been confirmed in a church with apostolic succession. Please register by August 7. Please see Father Rob if you have any questions.