



Sung Mass

Sixth Sunday of Easter + Ascension Sunday

May 29, 2022, 10:30 am



St. Martin's Episcopal Church
Bridgewater, NJ

Please stand to sing

Opening Hymn and Asperges:

Hail the day that sees Him rise

Hymnal 1982, 214

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

Glory to God

Enriching our music 1 (Crisafulli)

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
hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our ____ prayer. For *ff*
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.

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The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Please be seated.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 148 *Omnes gentes, plaudite* *The cantor sings the antiphon, and then the people repeat it. The cantor sings the verses.*

Ant: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn..

Clap your hands, all you peoples; * shout to God with a cry of joy.

For the Lord Most High is to be feared; * he is the great King over all the earth. **(Ant.)**

God has gone up with a shout, * the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; * sing praises to our King, sing praises. **(Ant.)**

For God is King of all the earth; * sing praises with all your skill.

God reigns over the nations; * God sits upon his holy throne. **(Ant.)**

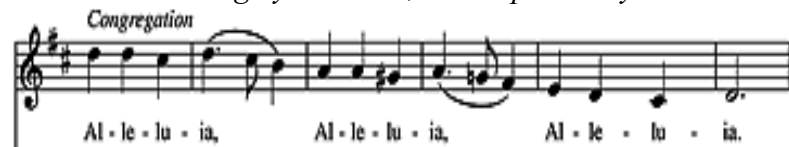
A Reading from Ephesians

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

The Gospel Acclamation

Please stand as able

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 Luke. *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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.

The Prayers of the People

Remain standing, or kneel

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; *That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially Dwight, Audrey, Evelyn, Doug, Zhenya, Anya, Linda, Chris, Rachel, Mary, and Olivia.
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Comfort grieving families, and give to those who died in the Texas school shooting, and all the departed eternal rest. *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. (Silence)

Priest: Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Confession and Absolution

Please kneel if able

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

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.*

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.

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Fraction Anthem *Christ Our Passover*

Hymnal 1982, S 155

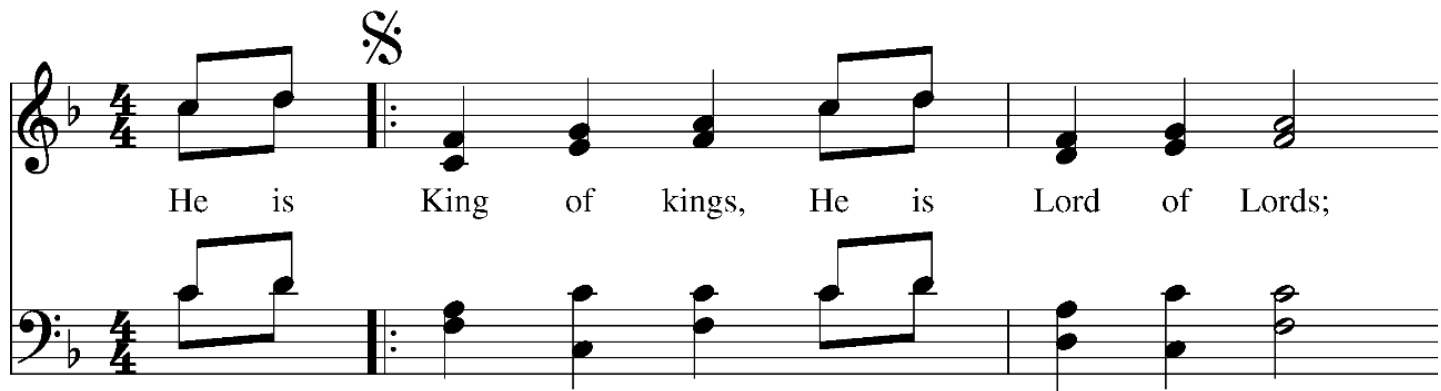
Invitation to Communion

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.

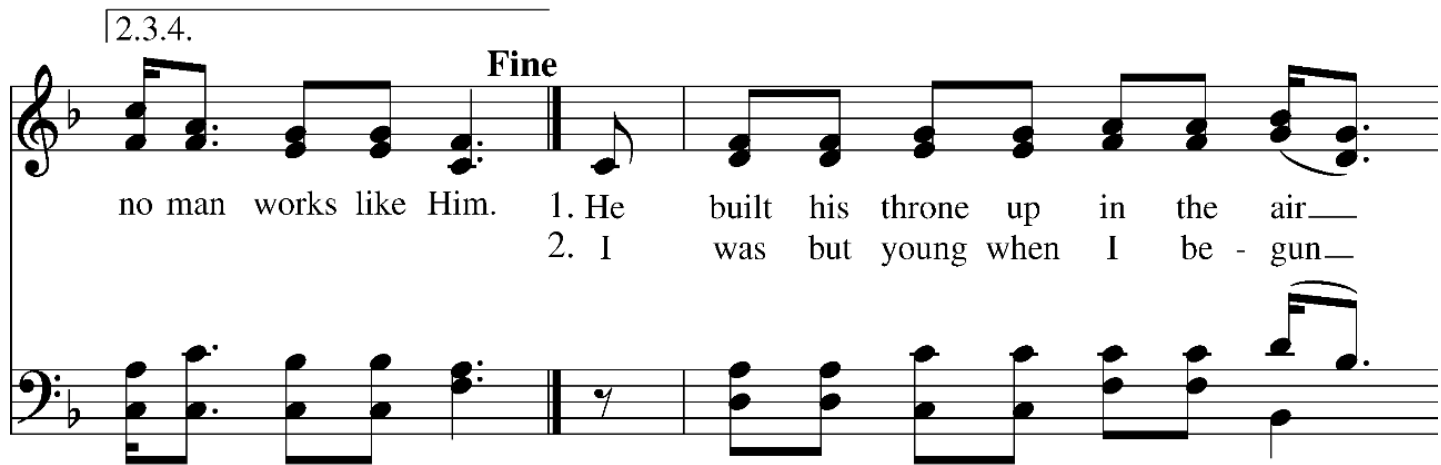
Communion Hymns



He is King of kings, He is Lord of Lords;



Je - sus Christ, the first and last_ no man works like Him. He is



no man works like Him. **Fine**
1. He built his throne up in the air_
2. I was but young when I be - gun_

no man works like Him; 1. And called the saints from
2. But now my race is

1. ev - 'er where no man works like Him. He is
2. al - most won

D.S.

Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord

Hymnal 1982, 328

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.

Jesus said, "I will not leave you comfortless. I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever - the Spirit of truth... On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you."

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.

And kindle in us the fire of your love.

Come, Holy Spirit, be with us as we pray

And leave us not as orphans.

Come, Holy Spirit, renew us in body, mind and spirit

And send us out to be your presence in your world.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people

And kindle in us the fire of your love.

Blessing and Dismissal

Closing Hymn *See the conqueror mounts in triumph*

Hymnal 1982, 215

Serving Today

Thurifer: Randy Jandak Crucifer: Fausto Beleno

Reader: Carl Picazio Eucharistic Minister: Larry Ottenstroer

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 should you desire for your child to attend Sunday School. We use Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for the spiritual formation of children. Children join their families for Communion. Please ask an usher to help you find the Sunday School Room if you have any questions.

Upcoming Events:

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

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

 Please see the newsletter for a link to sign up for this potluck event.

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)

 Community picnic to follow Mass on the 26th

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.

Liturgical Note: The Paschal Candle has been removed from next to the altar, where it has been burning since the Easter Vigil, to the back of the nave, next to the baptismal font. While it still burns with the Light of Christ, its removal from its place near the altar is a symbolic reminder of Christ's ascension to Glory. Its location "out of sight" during our worship offers us an awareness of the disciples' experience of the Risen Lord in his absence. He would no longer be seen and touched. But now he would be closer than ever to us, and he comes to dwell in us, and we in him. The Paschal candle will return to its place near the altar next Sunday as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, who makes the Risen Christ ever present with us and is us.