

Low Mass  
July 24, 2022, 10:00 am

St. Martin's Episcopal Church  
Bridgewater, NJ

*Please stand as the hymn begins*

**Opening Hymn: *Thy kingdom come, on bended knee* vv. 1, 4, 5 Hymnal 1982, 615**

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Please kneel. Silence)*

*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.*

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.*

*Please stand*

Glo - ry to God; Praise to the Son;  
Glo - ry to God; Praise to the  
Love to the Spi - rit; Three and yet One.  
Son; Love to the Three and yet One.

**Collect** O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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 Genesis**

*Please be seated.*

The Lord said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

## **Psalm 138 *Confitebor tibi***

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; \*  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, \*  
because of your love and faithfulness;

For you have glorified your Name \* and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me; \* you increased my strength within me.

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, \*  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the Lord, \* that great is the glory of the Lord.

Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; \* he perceives the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

The Lord will make good his purpose for me; \* O Lord, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.

## A Reading from Colossians

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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

### Alleluia

*Please stand*

*The cantor sings the Alleluia. The congregation sings with the cantor the second time.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! \_\_\_\_\_

*Verse: You have received a Spirit of adoption, through which we cry, Abba, Father*  
*Alleluia is repeated*

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who

asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## **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*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, especially Susan, Raymond, Audrey, Bill, Evelyn, Doug, Zhenya, Ahnya, Linda, Chris, Rachel, Mary, Carol, Michael, Patrick, and Bonnie's grandson. I ask your prayers for the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

I ask your prayers for parishioners who are away on vacation. Pray that they may be refreshed and strengthened in body, mind and spirit.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.  
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Peace** The peace of the Lord be always with you. *And also with you.*

*The people of God share a sign of peace with one another.*

*Please be seated*

## Welcome and Announcements

### The Holy Eucharist

*Please stand after the Altar is ready*

Priest: God our sustainer, receive the gifts we bring before you, and feed us continually with that bread which satisfies all hunger, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them 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, for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore 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.

*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 many 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 the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Martin of Tours, and 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 and Fraction Anthem** *Lamb of God*

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Happy are they who are called to his Supper.

## **The Holy Communion**

**Communion Hymn**    *God calls you good*

*(Cantor)*

*God calls you good, beloved child. You are a treasure deeply prized.  
And you can say to every doubting voice: "God calls you good, beloved child.  
God calls you good, beloved child."*

*For the bread which we have broken*

*Hymnal 1982, 341*

## **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.*

*Please stand, if able*

## **Blessing and Dismissal**

**Closing Hymn**    *O day of God draw nigh, vv. 1, 3, 5*

*Hymnal 1982, 601*

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## **Serving Today**

Reader: Omar Francis

Eucharistic Ministers: Yvonne Comeau

Cantor: Beth Hixenbaugh    Pianist: Kathy Shanklin    Celebrant: Father Rob Laws+

We are honored to have you worshipping with us this morning. If this is your first time with us, please do introduce yourself to the priest after Mass. We would love to get to know you better.

**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.

## **Guest Preacher**

Mr. Mark Hernandez, who is in training for the Diaconate, and a member of St. John's, Somerville, will be our guest preacher next Sunday. Please support him with your prayers.

**HOLY DAY** Tomorrow is the feast of St. James the Apostle. We will be transferring the celebration of his feast to Wednesday at 6 pm in the Lady Chapel.

## **Please remember in your prayers:**

- Susan Cacciatore, Len's former wife, has entered hospice.
- Raymond Okonsky, Denise's father.
- Audrey and Bill Valiant
- Evelyn.
- Kathy Picazio asks for prayers for Doug Newton, his wife, Zhenya, and her adult daughter.
- Bonnie Whalen requested prayers for her 28 yr old grandson.
- Linda Virtue
- Chris Semanchik
- Jane Linn's, granddaughter-in-law, Rachael.
- Mary Irwin
- Michael
- Patrick

## **COMING THIS FALL>>> WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS**

An opportunity to nurture holistic healing and wellness in community.  
Look for more information in the August newsletters and Mass leaflets!!