

Please stand as the hymn begins

Opening Hymn: *Ye who claim the faith of Jesus*

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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.*

The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all. Let us come to him, in sorrow for our sins, seeking healing and salvation.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit, torn and divided. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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 musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: "Re - joice in the Lord al - ways; And a - gain I say, re - joice. Re - joice in the Lord al - ways; And a - gain I say, re - joice. (C) Re - joice, re - joice, And a - gain I say, re - joice. Re - joice, re - joice, And a - gain I say, re - joice." The score includes a "Chorus" section starting at measure 8. Chords are indicated above the notes: F, Dm, Gm, C, C7, and F.

Collect O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

A Reading from Isaiah

Please be seated.

I will greatly rejoice in our Saving God, my whole being shall exult in the God of my salvation; for God has clothed me with the garments of salvation, and covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Sovereign God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 34:1-5; 8-9 *Benedicam Dominum*

- 1 I will bless the Holy One at all times; *
 God's praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the God of my salvation; *
 let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of God; *
 let us exalt God's Name together.
- 4 I sought the Holy One, who answered me *
 and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon the Eternal God and be radiant, *
 and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 8 Taste and see the goodness of God; *
 happy are they who trust God!
- 9 Fear the Holy One, you saints of God, *
 And you will lack nothing.

A Reading from Galatians

When the fullness of time had come, God sent the Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children... So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

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

Verse: Mary, the Blessed Mother, is taken up to Heaven,
while the angels sing a hymn of praise to God.

Alleluia is repeated

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

Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Holy One, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
For God has looked with favor on the lowliness of God's own servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is God's name.
God's mercy is for those who fear God from generation to generation.
God has shown strength with God's own arm;
God has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
God has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;
God has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.
God has helped God's own servant Israel, in remembrance of God's mercy,
according to the promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and Sarah and to their descendants forever."

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

In union with Mary, the Mother of God, let us offer our prayers to God, in the power of the Spirit, through Christ our Mediator:

For God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Lord in your mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

For peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Lord in your mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

For the sick, especially Katelyn, Ian, Mary, Pat, Karen, Susan, Raymond, Audrey, Bill, Evelyn, Doug, Zhenya, Ahnya, Linda, Chris, Rachel, Mary, Carol, Patrick, and Bonnie's grandson. For the poor, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Lord in your mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

For those who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone. Lord in your mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

For parishioners who are away on vacation, that they may be refreshed and strengthened in body, mind and spirit. Lord in your mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored, especially the Blessed Virgin Mary, whom we honor today. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Celebrant: Almighty God, who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son: grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

The Peace The peace of Christ 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, your servant Mary fed your Son at her virgin breast.
Nourish us at this table with the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation,
through Christ our Lord. 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, because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made a perfect human being, of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Leader
(piano) Ho - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow'r_ and might, heav - en 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. —

Please continue standing or kneel as you are able.

Holy and gracious Creator: 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 Redeemer 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 God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 *Salamu Maria*

1 Sa - la - mu Ma - ri - a, ee ma - ma,
2 U - me - ja - a nee - ma, ee ma - ma.

Sa - la - mu, sa - la - mu Ma - ri - a, Ma - ri - a; ri - a.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Salamu Maria'. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/4 time signature. Below the staff are two lines of lyrics. The second system also has a treble clef staff with the same key signature and time signature. It includes first and second endings, indicated by '1.' and '2.' above the staff. Below the staff are two lines of lyrics. The bass line is present in both systems but does not have lyrics.

Translation: 1. *Hail Mary, oh, Mother; Hail, hail, Mary, Mary*
2. *Full of grace, oh, Mother, Hail, hail, Mary.*

Sing we of the Blessed Mother

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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 *Jerusalem, my happy home* vv.1,4,5

Hymnal 1982, 620

Serving Today

Reader: Carl Picazio

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Picazio

Cantor: Alison Jandak Pianist: Kathy Shanklin Celebrant: Father Rob Laws+

We are honored to have you worshiping 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..

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
- Patrick
- Ian
- Mary
- Karen
- Katelyn
- Pat
- Carol
- Patrick

Summer Series on Women in the Bible

Today we are celebrating the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, (transferred from August 15), sometimes referred to as the Dormition, or the Assumption of Mary. There are several feasts of the Virgin Mary which are celebrated throughout the year, but this is her principal feast, and commemorates her death and entrance into heaven- a foretaste of the blessed hope for which we all await. On August 28, we will honor “The Forgotten Women.”

Our hymns during this series also highlight the gifts of women.

The Opening Hymn, *Ye who claim the faith of Jesus*, written by an Anglican priest in the 19th century, praises God for the Mother of God’s place in salvation history. The text raises Mary up as a model of discipleship for all Christians- and although not present in the Hymnal 1982, the original hymn (7 verses long) implores Mary’s intercessions for the sick, the poor, and the Church.

The hymn of praise, *Rejoice in the Lord always*, was written by Evelyn Fern Turner.

The Gospel Alleluia was composed by our very own Kathy Shanklin.

The *Sanctus* was composed by Betty Carr Pulkingham, who was a member of Holy Comforter Episcopal Church in Burlington, NC before founding *The Community of Celebration*, an Episcopal intentional religious community, with her husband. She served on the Episcopal Church’s Standing Committee on Church Music until 1984. She died in 2019.

The first Communion hymn, an African hymn to Mary, is an interpretation of the Hail Mary prayer. The Hail Mary prayer is composed from two passages from the Gospels: the annunciation of the Angel Gabriel to Mary, where she is acclaimed as full of grace, and the prophetic words of Saint Elizabeth, who upon learning that Mary was pregnant with Jesus proclaimed that she was most blessed among women.

The second Communion hymn praises God for the life, humility and obedience of Mary. It extols the patience of Mary who suffered at the cross, and rejoices with Mary in her elevation to those heavenly places with her Son.

The text of the Closing hymn, *Jerusalem, my happy home*, is based on the writings of St. Augustine. The text is reminiscent of the psalms, wherein the psalmist laments being absent from the city of God, and prays to be in God’s presence. The hymn reminds us of the saints who await us in Glory, principally the Mother of God. The hymn tune was composed by Annabel Morris Buchanan, a folklorist who promoted the music of the Appalachian Mountains. The tune, *Land of rest*, is an adaptation of a traditional Appalachian folk melody.