

Please stand as the hymn begins

Opening Hymn: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Hymnal 1982, 68

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 for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of C major (one sharp), and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chords are indicated by letters (F, Dm, Gm, C, C7) above the staff. A box labeled 'Chorus' is placed above the third staff. The score ends with a double bar line.

Re - joice in the Lord al - ways; And a - gain I say, re -
4 joice. Re - joice in the Lord al - ways; And a - gain I say, re -
8 joice. (C) Re - joice, re - joice, And a - gain I say, re -
12 joice. Re - joice, re - joice, And a - gain I say, re - joice.

Collect Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 word of God came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Faithful One, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of God came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." God brought Abram outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them... So shall your descendants be."...

"As for Sarai, your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her and also give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her." Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, "Can a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Can Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" And Abraham said to God, "O that Ishmael might live in your sight!" God said, "No, but your wife Sarah shall bear you a son, and you shall name him Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. As for Ishmael, I have heard you; I will bless him and make him fruitful and exceedingly numerous; he shall be the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this season next year." And when he had finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalms 33:13,14; 18-22 (Said in Unison)

From the heavens the Most High looks down, and sees all flesh born of women.
From the Eternal Throne, God gazes upon all who dwell upon the Earth.
Look, God's eye is on those who revere the Faithful One,
On those who hope in God's faithful Love,
To deliver their souls from death, and to keep them alive in famine.
Our soul waits for the God who saves, the God who is our help and shield.
In God is our heart glad, because we trust in God's holy Name.
Let your faithful love be upon us, for it is you in whom we trust.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham and Sarah obeyed when they were called to set out for a place that they were to receive as an inheritance; and they set out, not knowing where they were going. By faith they stayed for a time in the land they had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob, Rachel and Leah, who were heirs with them of the same promise. For they looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith Abraham and Sarah received power of procreation, even though they were too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because they considered God faithful who had promised. Therefore from one couple, and they as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

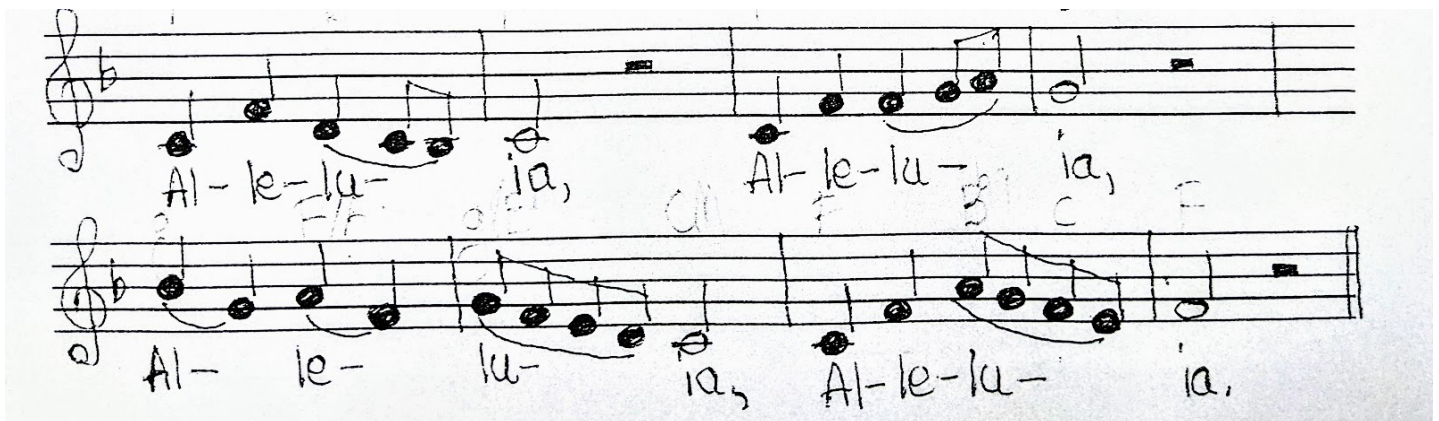
All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, God has prepared a city for them.

Alleluia

Please stand

Kathy Shanklin

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



Verse: I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord. I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice *Alleluia is repeated*

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

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 all Anglican bishops as they gather at the Lambeth Conference; 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, 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 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 Redeemer. ***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, 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:

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, the Holy Matriarch Sarah, 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 *Bless now*

(Cantor)

*Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make,
the path through noise and silence, the way of give and take.
The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.*

*Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding way,
whose hope burns through the terrors, whose love sustains the day.
We yearn for holy freedom, while often we are bound.
Together we are seeking the road where faith is found.*

*Divine Eternal Lover, You meet us on the road.
We wait for land of promise where milk and honey flow.
But waiting not for places, You meet us all around.
Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found.*

Sylvia G. Dustan (1955-1993), Ana Hernandez

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 *Go now in peace*

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Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of

3

God sur-round you ev-ery-where, ev-ery-where you may go.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has two staves: a vocal staff in treble clef and a piano staff in bass clef. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The vocal line begins with a whole rest, followed by a repeat sign. The first measure of the vocal line is marked with a '1' and contains the notes G4, A4, Bb4, and A4. The second measure is marked with a '2' and contains the notes G4, F4, E4, and D4. The piano accompaniment consists of a steady eighth-note pattern in the right hand and a steady eighth-note pattern in the left hand. The second system also has two staves: a vocal staff in treble clef and a piano staff in bass clef. The vocal line begins with a whole rest, followed by a repeat sign. The first measure of the vocal line is marked with a '3' and contains the notes G4, A4, Bb4, and A4. The second measure contains the notes G4, F4, E4, and D4. The piano accompaniment continues with the same steady eighth-note pattern. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Serving Today

Reader: Anne Marie Verdiramo

Eucharistic Ministers: Larry Ottenstroer

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

Summer Series on Women in the Bible

The focus of today's homily was on the holy matriarch Sarah. Next week it will be on the Woman who lost and found a coin. We will celebrate the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Sunday August 21, and on August 28, we will honor "The Forgotten Women."

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

The Opening Hymn, *Rejoice, rejoice believer*, is a German hymn often sung during the season of Advent. Originally written in 1700 by Laurentius Laurenti, who served at Bremen Cathedral, it was later translated into English in 1859 by Sarah Laurie Findlater, a Scottish author and wife of a Presbyterian pastor.

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 Communion hymn was written by the Rev. Sylvia Dunstan, who served as a minister in the United Church of Canada until she died from cancer at the age of 38 in 1993. The tune was composed by Ana Hernandez, a latina Episcopalian, composer and member of the Episcopal Church's Standing Committee on Liturgy and Worship.

The Closing hymn was written and composed by Natalie Sleeth, a Methodist organist, hymn writer and composer of many choral anthems. She died in 1992.