

St. Martin's Episcopal Church + Bridgewater, NJ

Sunday October 02, 2022

## Sung Mass: Rite 2

*Please stand to sing as the hymn begins.*

1. We praise thee, O God, For the son of thy  
2. We praise thee, O God, For thy spir - it of  
3. All glo - ry and praise To the lamb that was  
4. Re - vive us a - gain, Fill each heart with thy

1. love, For — Je - sus who died And is now gone a - bove.  
2. light, Who has shown us our Sav - ior, And scat - tered our night.  
3. slain, Who has borne all our sins And has cleansed ev - 'ry stain.  
4. love, May each soul be re - kin - dled With fire from a - bove.

Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, Hal - le - lu - jah! A -

men, Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, Re - vive us a - gain.

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.



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



give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



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



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.

**Collect** Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**A Reading from Habakkuk**

*Please be seated.*

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous— therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

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

**Psalm 103: 19-22** *Benedic, anima mea*

*Please remain seated.*

*The cantor sings the antiphon, and then the people repeat it:*

**Antiphon: Put your trust in the Lord, and do good.**

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and feed on its riches. **(Ant)**

Take delight in the Lord, and he shall give you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, and he will bring it to pass. **(Ant)**

He will make your righteousness as clear as the light and your just dealing as the noonday.

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him. **(Ant)**

Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers,

the one who succeeds in evil schemes. For evildoers shall be cut off,

but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land. **(Ant)**

## A Reading from 2 Timothy

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God-- whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did-- when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

### Gospel Acclamation *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:* The Word of the Lord remains forever;

This is the Word that has been proclaimed to you.

*Alleluia is repeated*

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

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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*

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 Joy, Reece, Ed, Vincent, Katelyn, Ian, Mary, Karen, Raymond, Audrey, Bill, Doug, Zhenya, Ahnya, Linda, Chris, Rachel, Mary, 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 our Jewish brothers and sisters as they observe the High Holy Days and turn to you in repentance. Lord in your mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

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 God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

### **The Confession of Sin and Absolution**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Please kneel*

*All: 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

**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 Liturgy of the Altar**

**The Offertory Choir Anthem** *Unidos*

*Please remain seated*

**The Offertory Hymn**

*Please stand to sing*

*Amazing Grace*

*Hymnal 1982, 671*

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.



*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 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*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sins of the world: \_\_\_ have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sins of the world: \_\_\_ grant us peace.

### The Invitation to Holy Communion

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

*The people may silently pray:*

*Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only speak the word, and my soul shall be healed.*

### Communion Hymn

*Strengthen for Service*

*Hymnal 1982, 312*

*Be Thou My Vision*

*Hymnal 1982, 488*

### 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 or kneel*

### Blessing and Dismissal

### Closing Hymn

*Please stand*

*Rise Up! Ye Saints of God*

*Hymnal 1982, 551*

## **Serving Today**

Ushers: David Persson, Paul Todoroff

Thurifer: Fausto Beleno Cruficer: Nick Persson

Reader: Carl Picazio Eucharistic Ministers: Jennifer Persson

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

Organist: Kathy Shanklin Celebrant: Fr 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. Please join us downstairs in the undercroft for coffee and refreshments.

Sunday School for children is available during Mass. Children will join their families for Holy Communion. Please ask an usher for directions if you do not know where the classroom is. If you prefer, your children are always welcome to be present for all of the Mass.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Youth Sunday School- TODAY, following Mass** in the Lady Chapel

**Youth Confirmation Class- TODAY, following Mass** in the Conference Room

**Canticles of Life- TODAY, at 4 pm**, an AIDS benefit concert.  
Refreshments to follow in the undercroft.

**Grace For All-** A prayer and support group for LGBTQ+ Christians:  
**Tuesday at 7 pm** in the Lady Chapel

**Healing Mass- Wednesday, October 5, 6 pm** in the Lady Chapel

**Rosary Group- Wednesday, October 5, 7 pm** (following the Mass), in the Lady Chapel

**Rector's Forum- Sunday, October 9, 9:30 am**, in the Lady Chapel

**Youth Confirmation Class- Sunday, October 9, following Mass**

**Blessing of the Animals for St. Francis Day- Sunday, October 9, at 4 pm (On the Lawn)**

**St. Martin's/St. John's Youth Group- Sunday, October 9, 5 pm (here at St. Martin's)**

**The Sacrament of Unction for Healing with Laying on of Hands** will be offered on **Sunday October 16** in observance of the **Feast of St. Luke**.



# MORE THAN ENOUGH

Our Annual Fall Stewardship Campaign will begin on October 9, and end with Consecration Sunday, on October 30. The theme for this year is “More than Enough.”

As we emerge from a period of disruption and isolation in our congregations across the Episcopal Church, we have felt the pain and frustration of distance, of diminished resources, and of our ability to connect in the ways to which we are accustomed. However, as we take inventory of our spiritual resources, the strength of our community, and our capacity for generosity, we realize that there is now, and always has been, More Than Enough.

Jesus fed the multitude with five loaves and two fish – “And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.” (Luke 9:17). During the next few weeks, you will be hearing from members of the St. Martin’s community as we consider this theme more deeply, and begin to recognize the blessings of abundance that we have, and share in, here at St. Martin’s.

You will be receiving a letter and a pledge card from the Stewardship Committee soon. Please prayerfully consider how you can share your resources of time, treasure and talent in order to support the ministries and mission of our parish. You may place your pledge card in the offering plate or mail it to the parish office anytime during October- or you may bring it in on Consecration Sunday (October 30). You may also pledge online. Please visit our website for information on how to pledge online. ([www.stmartinsnj.org](http://www.stmartinsnj.org))

If you would like to contribute to relief aid for the victims of Hurricane Ian, please consider making a donation to Episcopal Relief and Development.

You can make an online donation by visiting <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/>

A popup screen for Hurricane relief will appear as soon as the website loads.