



St. Martin's Episcopal Church + Bridgewater, NJ
Sunday September 25, 2022

Sung Mass: Rite 2
Feast of St. Michael and All Angels

Prelude *Please take this time to offer silent prayer and prepare yourself for worship.*

Please stand to sing as the hymn begins.

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

Hymnal 1982, 618

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.

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Voice 2
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Collect Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; 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.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!” And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven. 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: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah.

The Lord has set his throne in heaven, and his kingship has dominion over all. **(Ant)**

Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding,
and hearken to the voice of his word. **(Ant)**

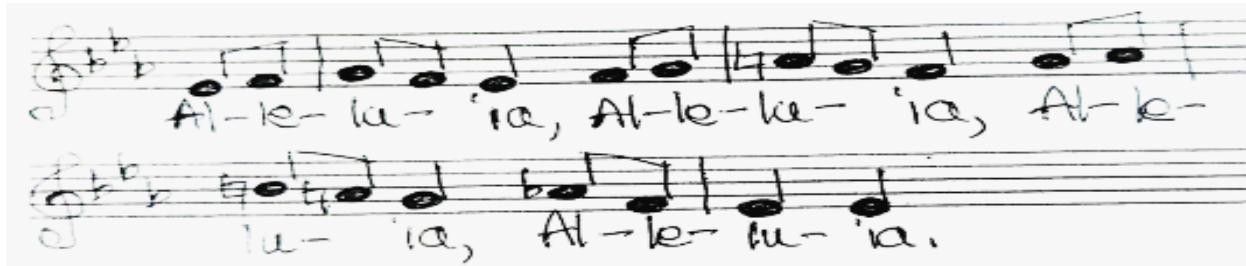
Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, you ministers of his who do his will. **(Ant)**

Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion;
bless the Lord, O my soul. **(Ant)**

A Reading from Revelation

War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!” The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

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



Verse: Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, you ministers of his who do his will.

Alleluia is repeated

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

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

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 Vincent, Katelyn, Ian, Mary, Pat, Karen, Raymond, Audrey, Bill, Doug, Zhenya, Ahnya, Linda, Chris, Rachel, Mary, Carol, 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 Hymn

Please stand to sing

As Jacob with Travel was Weary

Hymnal 1982, 453

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.

Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
 It is right to give him 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, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices 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, _____ hea - ven and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na _____ in the high - est.
 Blessed is the one
 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:

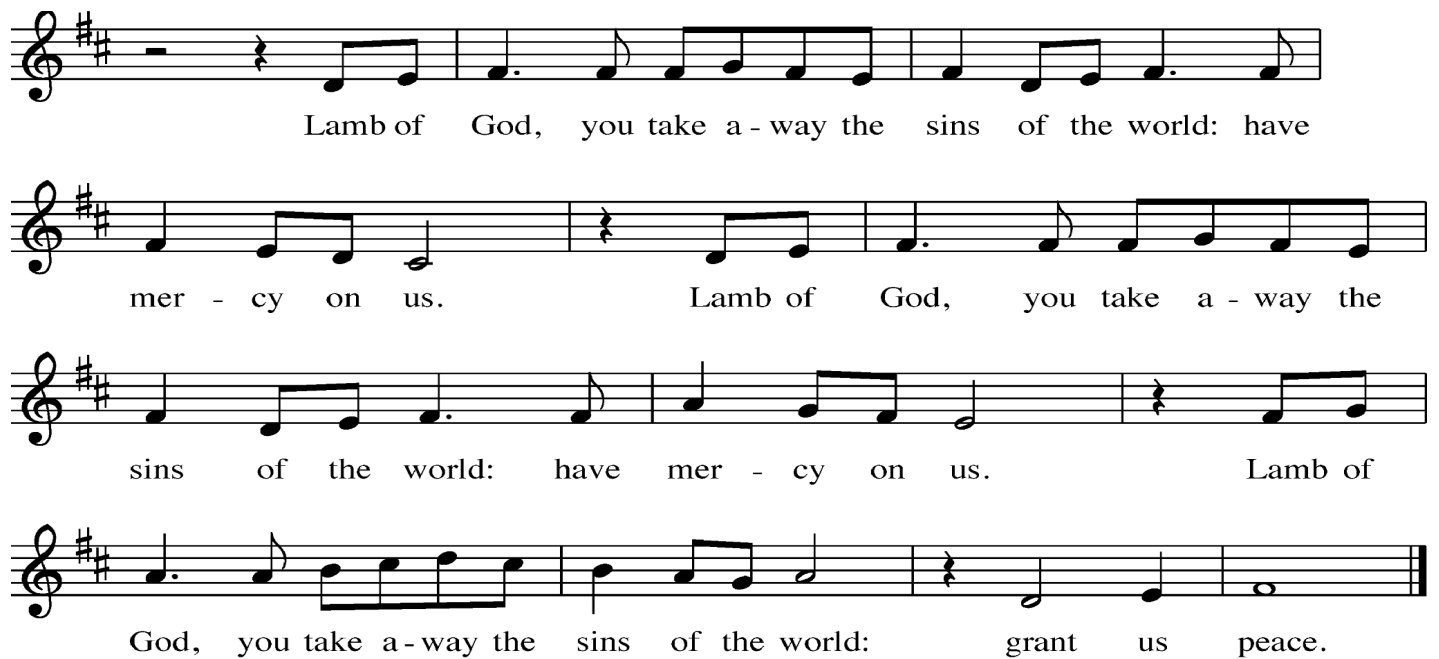
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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*



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: 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

O Ye, Immortal Throng

Hymnal 1982, 284

O Bread of Life, for Sinners Broken

Hymnal 1982, 342

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

Ye Holy Angels Bright, vv 1, 3

Please stand

Hymnal 1982, 625

Serving Today

Ushers: Victor Haddad, Paul Todoroff

Thurifer: Michael Maloney Cruficer: Alex Kellam

Reader: Marilyn O'Regan Eucharistic Ministers: Yvonne Comeau

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

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

Fall Mass Schedule begins this weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass- 5:30 pm

Sunday Low Mass (No incense) 8:15 am, Sunday High Mass (Sung, with incense) 10:30 am

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today: St. Martin's Women's Group- after the 10:30 am Mass. See Alison Jandak for information.

Grace For All- A prayer and support group for LGBTQ+ Christians:

Tuesday at 7 pm in the Lady Chapel

Spirit Lab- Wednesday, September 28 at 7 pm. Prayer in a labyrinth. We will gather at the labyrinth, and after walking it, gather in the upstairs classroom to learn more about our labyrinth.

Rector's Forum- Sunday, October 2 at 9:30 am, in the Lady Chapel.

Topic: *Spiritual Practices and Sacramentals*

Canticles of Life- Sunday, October 2, at 4 pm, an AIDS benefit concert.

Refreshments to follow in the undercroft.

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

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