

Low Mass
September 04, 2022, 10:00 am

St. Martin's Episcopal Church
Bridgewater, NJ

Please stand to sing

1 Come and seek the ways of Wis - dom, she who
2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis - dom, cry - ing
3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture

Sa - - pi - en - ti - a O

danced when earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she
in the mark - et - place. Hear the Word made flesh a -
all who seek re - birth. Spi - rit - guide and close com -

teach - es, for her words are right and true. Wis - dom
 mong us, full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the
 pan - ion, bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us

O _____ Sa - pi - en - ti - a
 clears the path of jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.
 word takes root and rip - ens, peace and right - eous - ness em - brace.
 to be - come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

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

Voice 1
 Glo - ri - a. (clap) Glo - ri - a (clap)

Voice 2
 Glo - ri - a. Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - ri - a. (clap) Glo - ri - a (clap)

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Collect Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from Deuteronomy

Please be seated.

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

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

Psalm 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; * they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, * but the way of the wicked is doomed.

A Reading from Philemon

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced.

Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

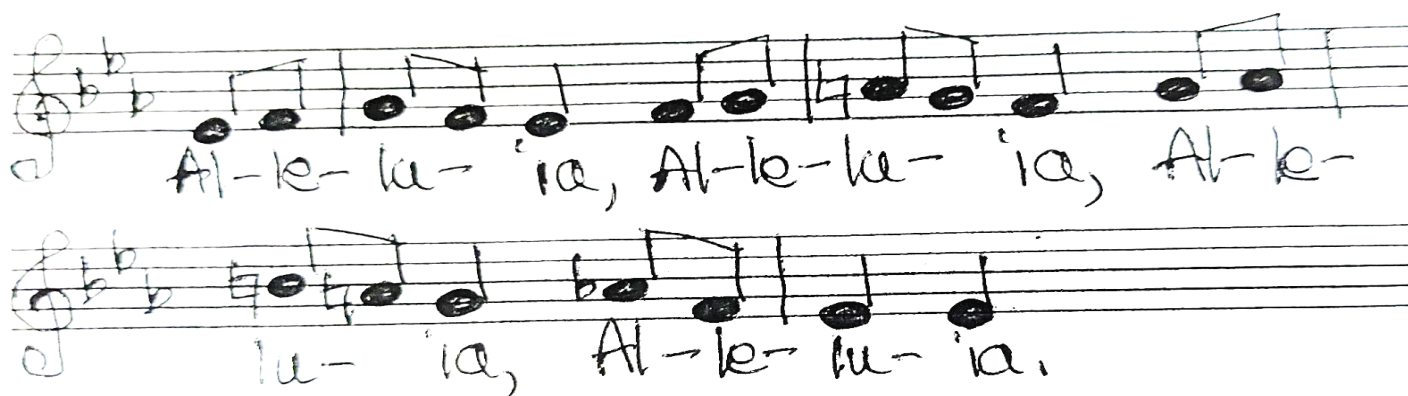
So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Alleluia

Please stand

Kathy Shanklin

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



Verse: Let your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your laws. *Alleluia is repeated*

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

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it?

Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

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

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, Raymond, Audrey, Bill, Evelyn, 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 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. 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 Savior. *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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Redeemer, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever 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*

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

Happy are they who are called to his Supper.

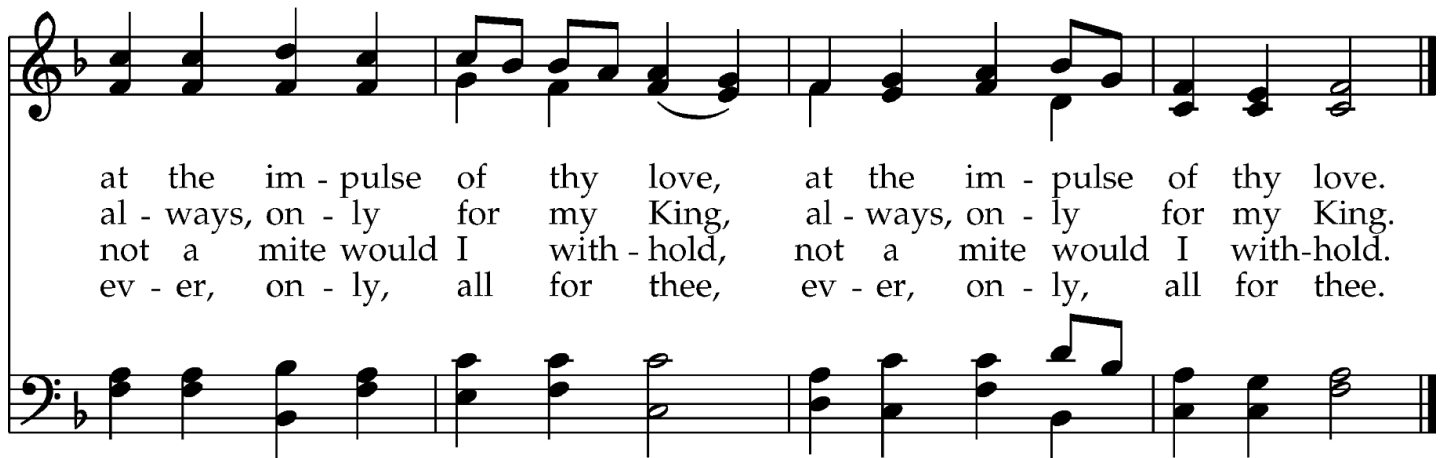
Communion Hymn



1 Take my life and let it be con - se - cra - ted,
2 Take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
3 Take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
4 Take my love, my God, I pour at thy feet its



Lord, to thee; take my hands and let them move
ful for thee; take my voice and let me sing
ges for thee; take my sil - ver and my gold,
treas - ure store; take my - self and I will be



at the im - pulse of thy love, at the im - pulse of thy love.
al - ways, on - ly for my King, al - ways, on - ly for my King.
not a mite would I with - hold, not a mite would I with - hold.
ev - er, on - ly, all for thee, ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

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, or continue kneeling

Blessing and Dismissal

Closing Hymn

Please stand

1 2

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 in 3/4 time. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with a rest, followed by a first ending (marked '1') and a second ending (marked '2'). The piano accompaniment consists of a treble and bass clef. The lyrics are: 'Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God sur-round you ev-ery-where, ev-ery-where you may go.' The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Serving Today

Reader: Carl Picazio Eucharistic Ministers: Br. Philip Muniz

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*
Fall Mass Schedule begins on Sunday September 18

Saturday Vigil Mass- 5:30 pm

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

Kick off Sunday is September 18

Please plan to stay after Mass for a time of fun and fellowship at our “Back to Church Sunday Picnic.” Look for more information in the newsletter.

Students and teachers are invited to bring their school backpacks and/or briefcases for a special blessing at the conclusion of the Mass.