

St. Martin's Episcopal Church + Bridgewater, NJ Sunday October 16, 2022 Sung Mass: Rite 2

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

Please stand to sing as the hymn begins. O God of Bethel, by Whose Hand

Hymnal 1982, 709

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.







Collect Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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 same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God*.

Psalm 121 Levavi oculos

Please remain seated.

The cantor sings the antiphon, and then the people repeat it: Antiphon: My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. **(Ant.)** He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep. Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep; **(Ant.)** The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand, So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. **(Ant.)** The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,

from this time forth for evermore. (Ant.)

A Reading from Second Timothy

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

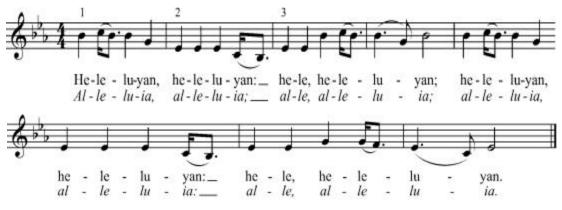
In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage,

with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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.



Verse: The Word of God is living and effective, discerning reflections and thoughts of the heart. *Alleluia is repeated*

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

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, `Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, `Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily

The Nicene Creed

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 pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord in your mercy. *Hear our prayer*.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord in your mercy. *Hear our prayer*.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We especially pray for Joy, Reece, Vincent, Katelyn, Ian, Mary, Pat, Karen, Raymond, Audrey, Bill, Doug, Zhenya, Ahnya, Linda, Chris, Rachel, Mary, Carol, and Bonnie's grandson Lord in your mercy. *Hear our prayer*.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord in your mercy. *Hear our prayer*.

Priest: Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

Invitation to the Sacrament of Healing

Priest: Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us. People: Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.

Priest: The ministry of Jesus invites us to new life in God and with each other. In the laving on of hands, we proclaim the Good News that God desires us to be healthy and one in the body of Christ. You are invited to offer yourself, whatever your sickness of spirit, mind, or body, and ask for healing and wholeness in the Name of the holy and undivided Trinity.

The people may be seated. Those who desire to receive the Sacrament of healing with anointing of oil and laying on of hands, are asked to come kneel at the altar rail. You do not need to say why you desire healing prayer.

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 *Psalm 121* **The Offertory Hymn**

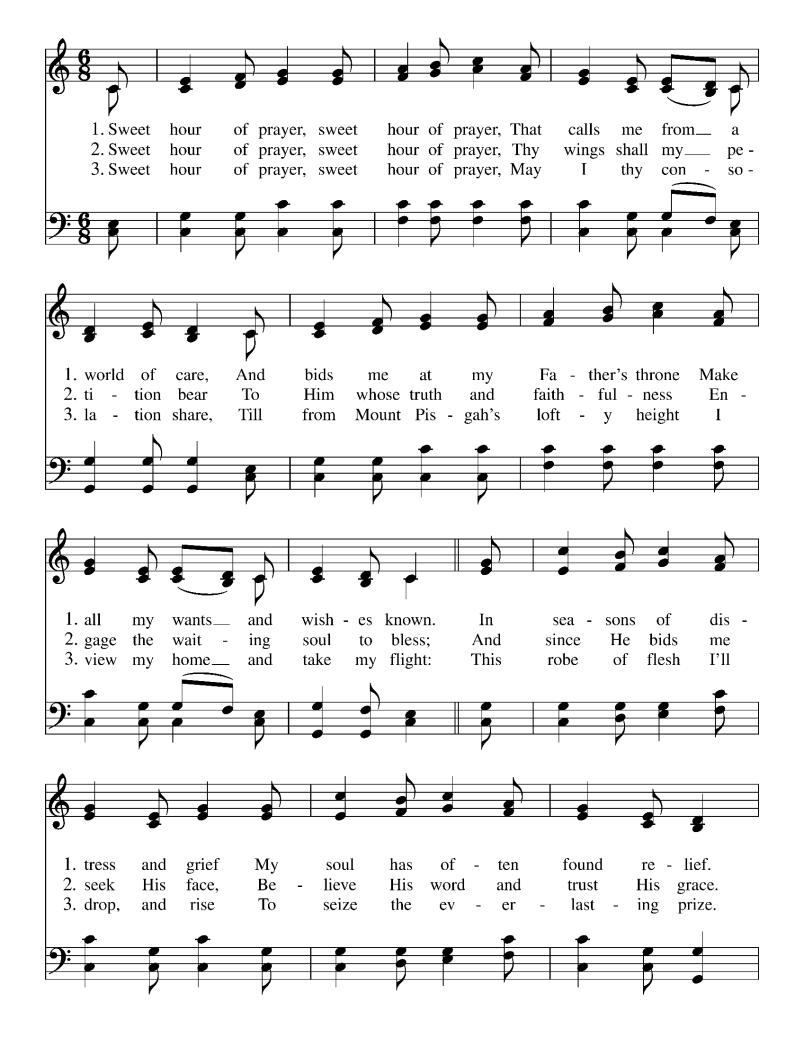
Sweet Hour of Prayer

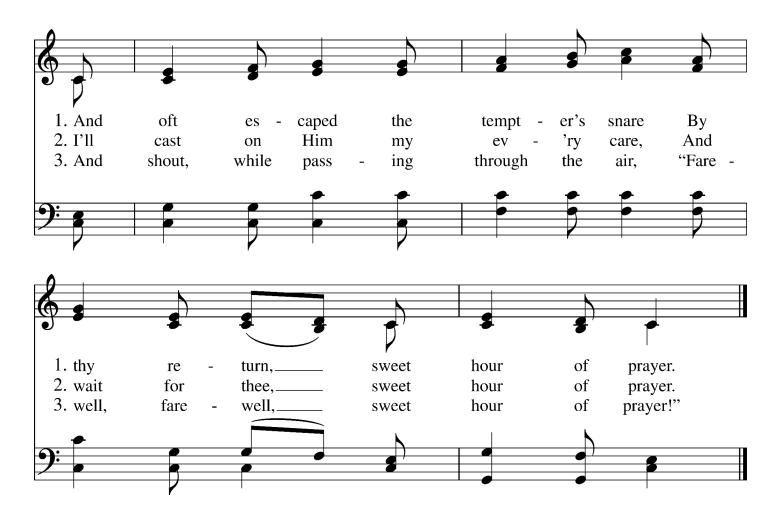
Robert Powell *Please stand to sing*

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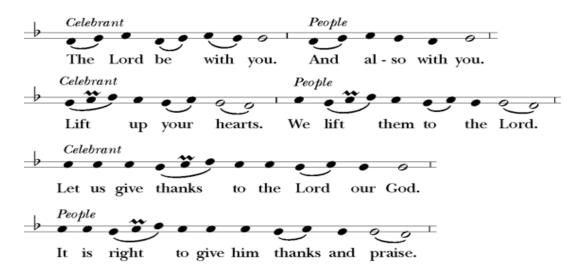
Please stand

Please kneel

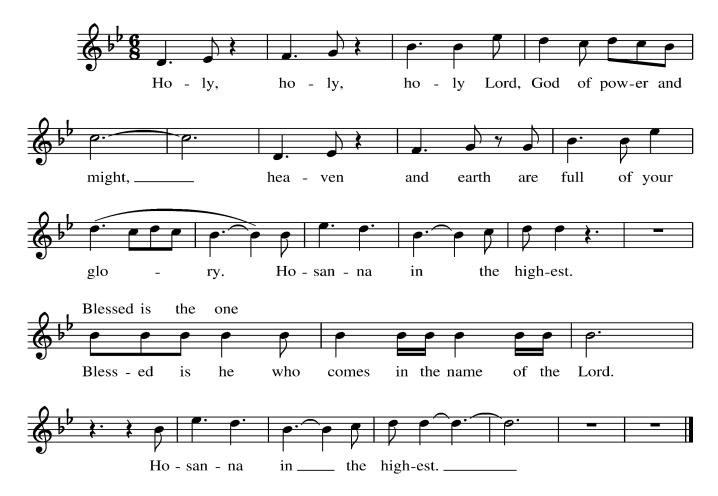




Priest: God our sustainer, receive the gifts we bring before you, and feed us continually with that bread which satisfies all hunger, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.



It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being. From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation. But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Savior. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace. Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



Please continue standing or kneel as you are able.

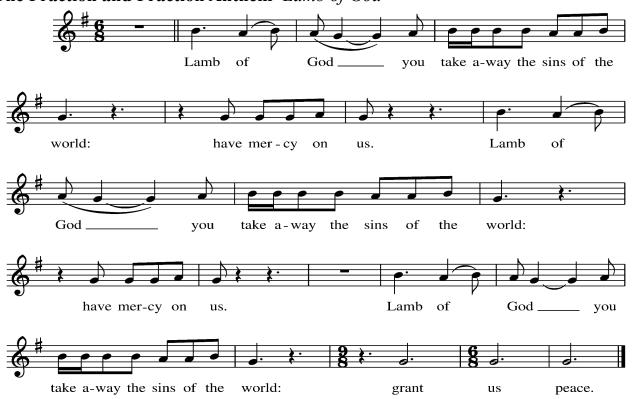
Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, 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.

Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord. Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, creator of all. 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 people may silently pray:

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

Communion Hymns

Come Thou, O Traveler Unknown Jesus Describes a Forceful Woman

Hymnal 1982, 638



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 Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word, vv 1, 4,5

Please stand Hymnal 1982, 530

Serving Today

Ushers: Victor Haddad, Carl Picazzio Thurifer: Michael Maloney Cruficer: Claire Francis Reader: Omar Francis Eucharistic Ministers: Larry Ottenstroer 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.

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

Today's Eucharistic Prayer is a revised version of Prayer C in the BCP. This prayer is especially appropriate for Stewardship Season, as we reflect on how to be faithful stewards of all that God has entrusted to us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Healing Mass- Wednesday, October 19, 6 pm in the Lady Chapel

Story Cafe- Wednesday, October 19, 7 pm (following the Mass), in the Lady Chapel

Rector's Forum- Sunday, October 23, 9:30 am, in the Lady Chapel

Youth Group Hike- Sunday, October 23. Noon-4 pm. Drop off at St. John's Episcopal. Pick up at Gabriel's Fountain.

Healing Mass- Wednesday, October 26, 6 pm in the Lady Chapel

Spirit Lab: Healing Energy with Reiki- Wednesday, October 26, 7 pm

Consecration Sunday- Sunday, October 30. Please return your pledge cards by this Sunday and join us for a special time of fellowship after Mass in the undercroft.

Trunk or Treat- Sunday, October 30. Want to help? See Alison Jandek.

Church Clean-Up Day- Sunday, November 6 after coffee hour. Come help spruce up the nave and the sacristy in anticipation of Confirmation and the Bishop's Visit.

Bishop's Visitation and Confirmation: Feast of St. Martin- Sunday, November 13-The Bishop will be with us at the 10:30 am Mass. Reception to follow in the undercroft to celebrate this special day.

First Sunday of Advent- Sunday, November 27