St. Martin's Episcopal Church + Bridgewater, NJ Sunday October 23, 2022

Sung Mass: Rite 2 with Holy Baptism

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

Please stand to sing as the hymn begins.

How Firm a Foundation vv. 1,2,5

Hymnal 1982, 636

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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford. For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold. Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality. He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God*.

Psalm 65 Te decet hymnus

Please remain seated.

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

Antiphon: You crown the year with your goodness, O Lord.

You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous;

The river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth. (Ant)

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;

with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

You crown the year with your goodness, your paths overflow with plenty. (Ant)

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,

and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing. (Ant)

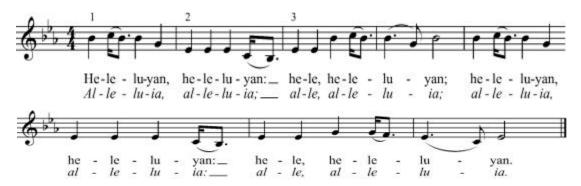
A Reading from Second Timothy

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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: God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation

Alleluia is repeated

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

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted." The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ*.

The Homily The Rite of Holy Baptism

Priest: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents: We present Liam to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Priest: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life? *Parents: We will with God's help*

Priest: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ? *Parents: We will with God's help*

Priest: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? *Parents: I renounce them*

Priest: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God? *Parents: I renounce them*

Priest: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents: I renounce them

Priest: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior? Parents: I do

Priest: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? *Parents: I do*

Priest: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord? Parents: I do

Priest: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these persons* in *their* life in Christ? *People: We will*

Priest: Let us join with *those* who *are* committing *themselves* to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ? *I do*.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe inJesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? *I will, with God's help.*

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? *I will, with God's help.*

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? *I will, with God's help*

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? *I will, with God's help.*

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? *I will, with God's help.*

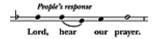
Let us now pray for *Liam* who *is* to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

The parents follow the Crucifer in procession to the font as all sing the Litany of Saints.

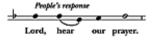


The priest continues

Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

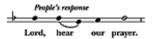


Open his heart to your grace and truth.

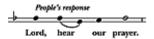


Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

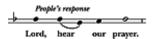
Keep *him* in the faith and communion of your holy Church.



Teach *him* to love others in the power of the Spirit.

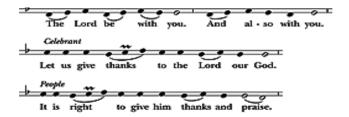


Bring *him* to the fullness of your peace and glory.



Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen*

The Thanksgiving over the Water



We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin

and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen*.

Liam, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Liam, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever. *Amen*.

Receive the Light of Christ. May it ever shine brightly in your faith and good deeds, that when He shall come again, you may greet Him with all the Saints in His heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *this* your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *him* to the new life of grace. Sustain *him*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *him* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen*.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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

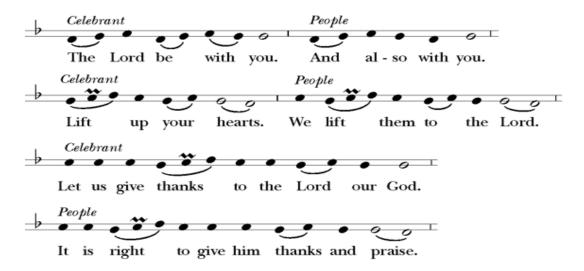
Welcome and Announcements

The Offertory Hymn Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

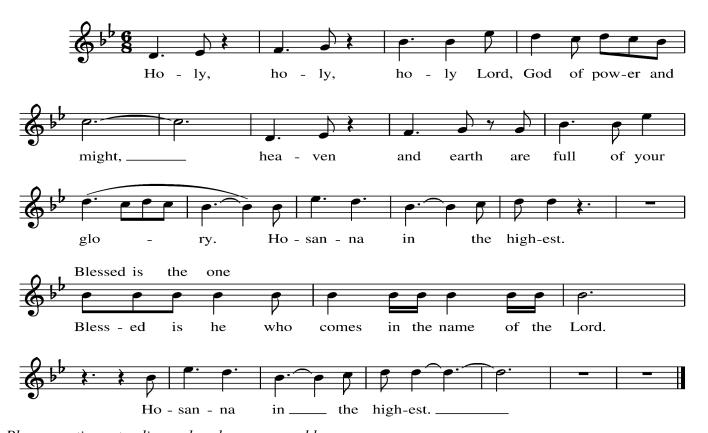
Please stand to sing

Hymnal 1982, 686

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.

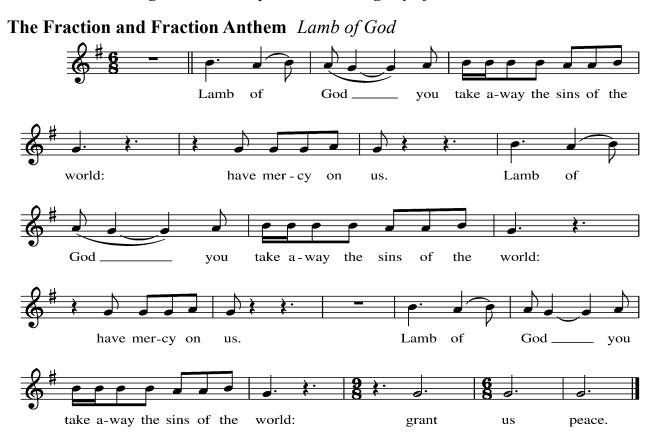
Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of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



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.





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
Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor, vv 1, 2

Please stand Hymnal 1982, 596

Serving Today

Ushers: Todd Henderson

Thurifer: Fausto Beleno Crucifer: Clay Kellam

Reader: Carl Picazio 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 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 26, 6 pm in the Lady Chapel

Spirit Lab- Wednesday, October 26, 7 pm (following the Mass), in the Lady Chapel Jennifer Persson shares about Reiki.

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

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