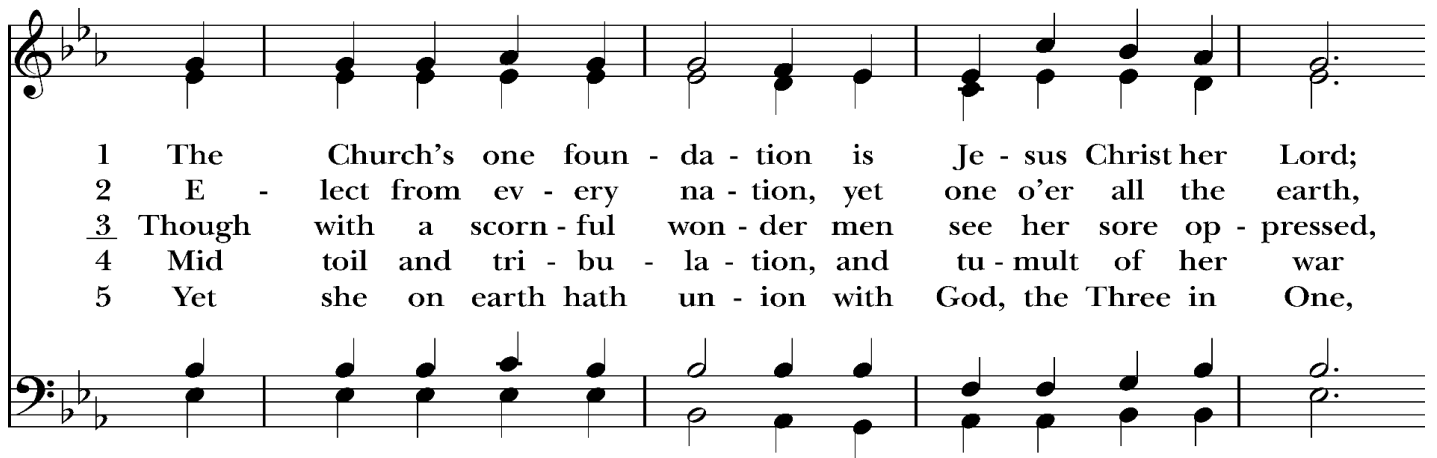


St. Martin's Episcopal Church + Bridgewater, NJ
Sunday November 13, 2022

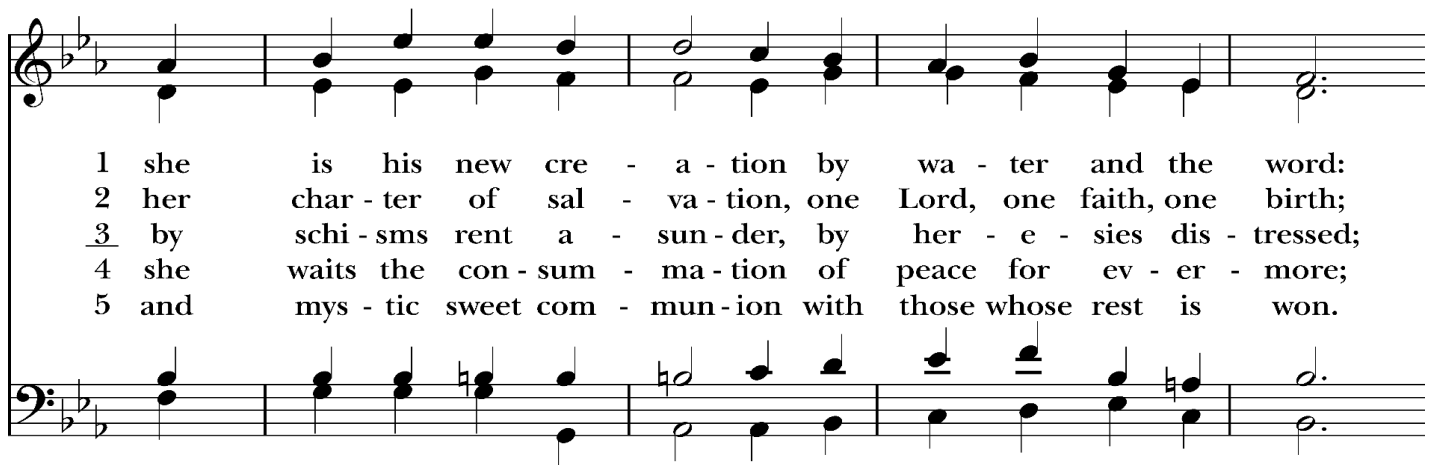
Sung Mass: Patronal Feast of St. Martin of Tours
with Confirmation and Reception and the Celebration of New Ministry



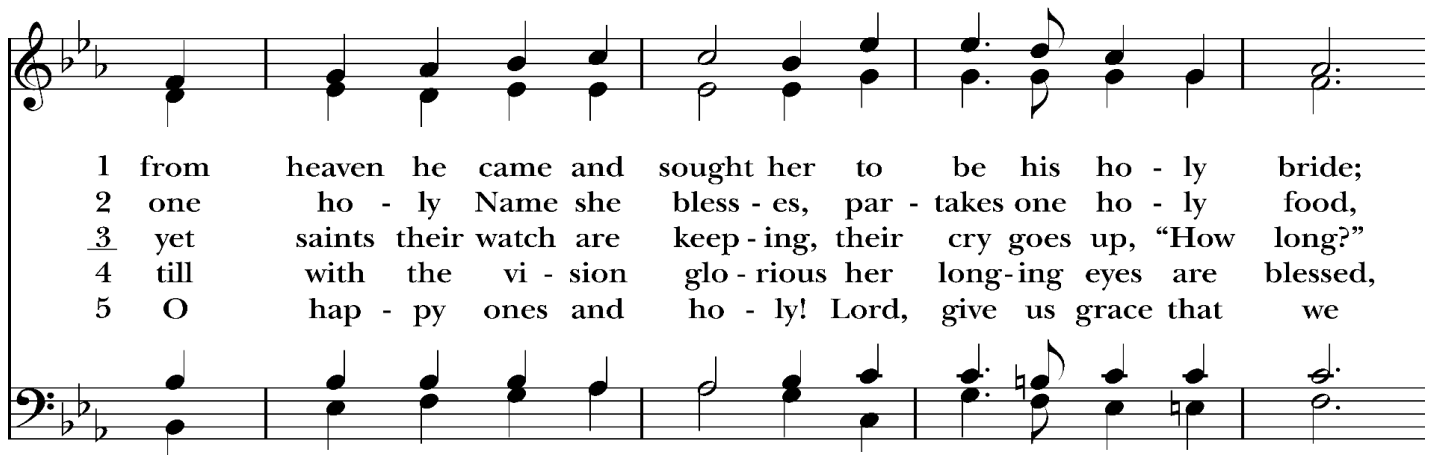
Please stand to sing as the hymn begins. We will sing verses 1,4, and 5



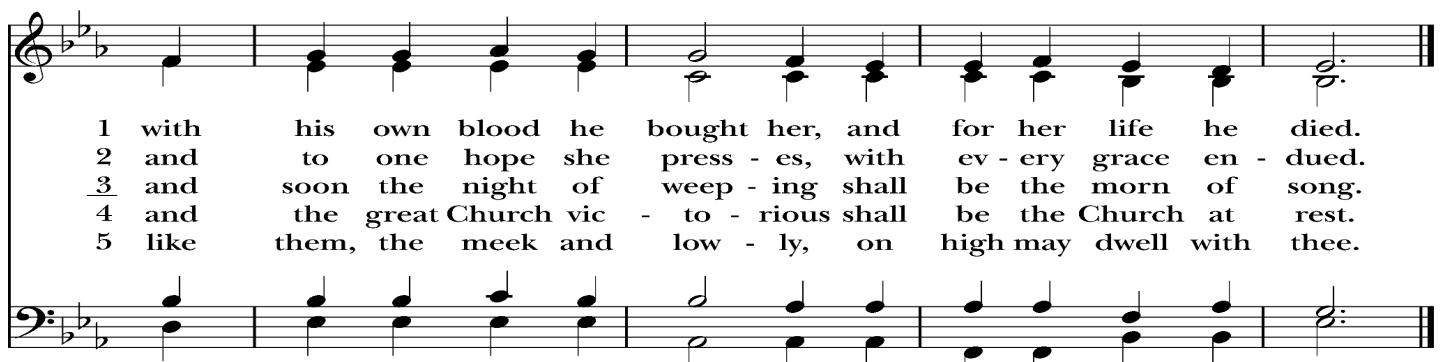
1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,



1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.



1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we



1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Blessed be God, + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.

The Bishop then continues

There is one Body and one Spirit;
People There is one hope in God's call to us;
Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People One God and Father of all.

The Collect



The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

Lord God of hosts, you clothed your servant Martin the soldier with the spirit of sacrifice, and set him as a bishop in your Church to be a defender of the catholic faith: Give us grace to follow in his holy steps, that at the last we may be found clothed with righteousness in the dwellings of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Institution of a New Rector

The people are seated. The Wardens and rector stand near the Bishop. The Bishop states the purpose of the gathering and concludes:

People of St. Martin's, you have reflected on your ministry and discerned your choice for a new Rector.

Wardens: We have chosen and called Father Robert Laws to be our Rector and he has accepted.

Bishop: I commend your choice and affirm this call.

The Letter of Institution is read by the Bishop.

Bishop: Are you, the people of St. Martin's, ready to continue in your ministry with Robert as your priest?

People: We are.

The Lector comes forward and presents the lectern Bible to Father Rob and says:

Father Rob, with this Bible we proclaim and hear God's living Word. Join us in the ministry of telling the Good News to the World.

Priest: Amen. Let us hear again the Good News of salvation.

A Reading from Isaiah

Please be seated

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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

Psalm 98 Cantate Domine

Please remain seated

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

Antiphon: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory. **(Ant)**

The Lord has made known his victory;

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,

and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. **(Ant)**

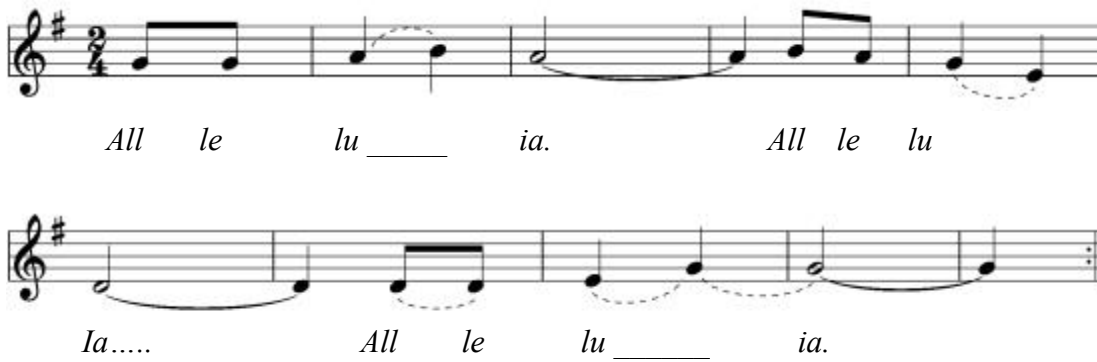
Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein.

In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity. **(Ant)**

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand

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



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 Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’”

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

The Homily

The Rt. Rev. William Stokes

The Rite of Confirmation

The Presentation of the Candidates

Prsntr: I present Aiden, Andrew, Charlotte, Clay, Delaney, and Grant for Confirmation.
I present Marlene to be received into this Communion.

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

Candidates: *I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.*

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

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

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

The Baptismal Covenant

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 in Jesus 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.

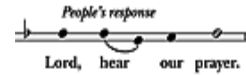
Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

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 these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

The People respond after each petition singing



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

Open their heart to your grace and truth...

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit...

Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church...

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit...

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory...

The bishop chants: Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

The Confirmation

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *him/her* for your service; and sustain *her/him* all the days of *her/his* life. *Amen.*

For Reception

Marlene, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. *Amen.*

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over *these* your *servants*; let your Holy Spirit ever be with *them*; and so lead *them* in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that *they* may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Induction of the New Rector

Please be seated

Bishop: Holy Scripture records that when God and God's people enter into a covenant with each other, God establishes a sign to mark the new relationship. When a priest and people enter into a new covenant with one another, the exchange of symbolic gifts is an appropriate way to mark the occasion.

The Bishop presents a vessel of chrism saying

Robert, take this chrism and help me baptize in obedience to our Lord. *People Amen.*

Representatives of the discernment committee present a stole, saying

Father Robert, receive this stole, and be among us as a pastor and priest. *People Amen.*

Representatives of the altar guild and ushers present bread and wine, saying

Father Rob, take this bread and wine, and be among us to break the Bread and bless the Cup. People Amen.

The Bishop then says

Robert, let all these be signs of the ministry which is mine and yours in this place.

People Amen.

Bishop: Please greet your new Rector.

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

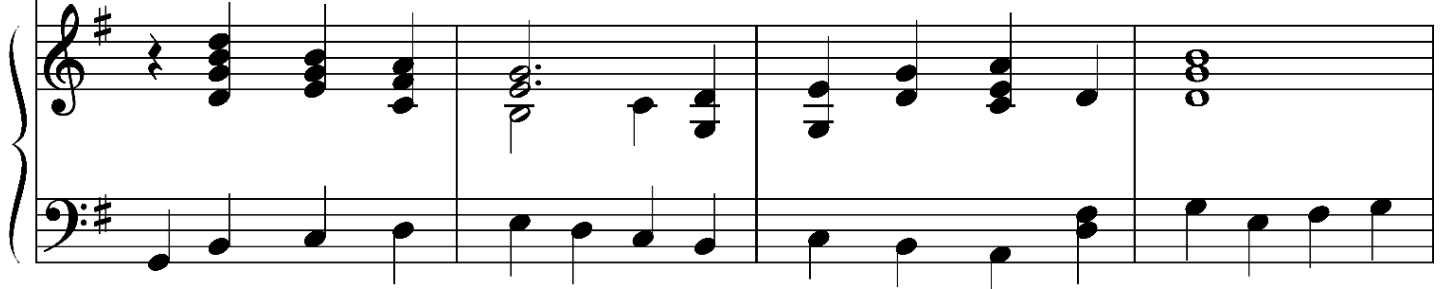
Please stand to sing

Give Thanks for Life

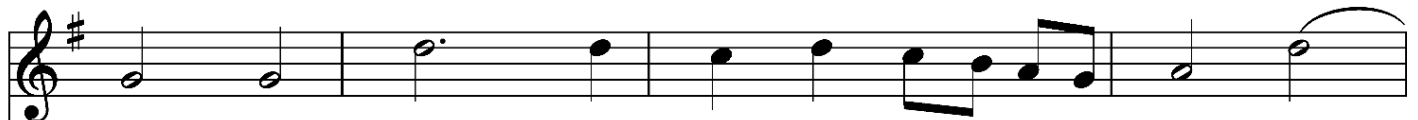
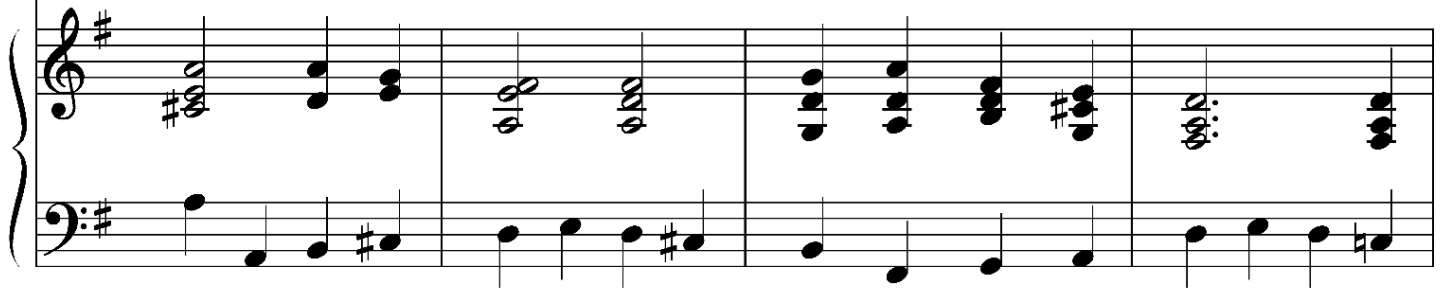
Wonder, Love, and Praise, 775



1. Give thanks for life, the meas - ure of our days,
 2. Give thanks for those who made their life a light
 3. And for our own, our liv - ing and our dead,
 4. Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain



mor - tal, we pass through beau - ty that de - cays, yet
 caught from the Christ flame burst - ing through the night, who
 thanks for the love by which our life is fed, a
 ly - ing in dark - ness does its life re - tain, in



sing to God our hope, our love, our - praise,)
 touched the truth, who burned for what is right,) Al -
 love not changed by time or death or dread,)
 res - ur - rec - tion to grow green a - gain.)



le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

The Liturgy of the Altar

After the Holy Table has been prepared, the Bishop says:

Bishop: 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 Lord; Because in the obedience of your saints you have given us an example of righteousness, and in their eternal joy a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling. 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 God: 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 maker of all. Jesus 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior: By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, 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 the Supper of the Lamb.

The Gifts of God, for the people of God.

The people may silently pray:

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

All are welcome to receive the most precious Body and Blood of Christ in this Sacrament of Love. Communion will be received by two standing stations. We ask that you receive the wine by sipping only. Please do not dip the host into the chalice.

Communion Hymn

We All Are One in Mission

Wonder, Love, and Praise 778

1. We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.

2. We all are called for service to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are diff'rent, our purpose is the same:
to touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,
so people of all nations may feel God's warm embrace.

3. We all behold one vision, a stark reality;
the steward of salvation was nailed upon a tree.
Yet resurrected Justice gives rise that we may share
free reconciliation and hope amid despair.

4. Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

Choir Anthem: *St. Martin of Tours*

Kathy Shanklin

St. Martin of Tours was his name, in France he gained much fame;
Of a soldier was born in the fourth century known, Soldier, monk, bishop when he was grown.

St. Martin, converted when young, many people converted he won.
Third bishop of Tours, he shared with the poor; he asked for pris'ners to go free.

Now let all on earth come to God; show love while here or abroad.
Black and white, gay and straight, woman, man, show no hate, to be known by all as a saint.

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

Pontifical Blessing

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People The maker of heaven and earth.

Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

People From this time forth for evermore.

The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you forever. Amen.

Dismissal

Closing Hymn

Please stand

Ye Holy Angels Bright, vv. 1,3,4

Hymnal 1982, 625

Serving Today

Ushers: Paul Todderoff, Carl Picazio

Thurifer: Mike Maloney Cruficer: Claire Francis Banner Bearer: Fausto Beleno

Reader: Omar Francis Eucharistic Minister: Larry Ottenstoer

Bishop's Chaplain: Yvonne Comeau

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rt. Rev. William Stokes

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

Organist: Kathy Shanklin

The loose offering on today's collection will go to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

Thank you for your generosity.

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 after Mass.

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.

A Family Service will be celebrated on Christmas Eve at 4 pm. If your children would like to participate either as a character in the Nativity Scene or a Reader, please let Heather Agosto or Father Rob know by November 30.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

No Healing Mass this week. Father Rob will be at the diocesan clergy conference.

No Story Cafe- this week.

Rector's Forum- Sunday, November 20, 9:30 am, in the Lady Chapel

Next Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King

Sunday November 27, First Sunday of Advent

Wednesday, November 30- Feast of St. Andrew, 6 pm, in the Lady Chapel