

# **The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ** **Sung Mass** **10:30 am**

**St. Martin's Episcopal Church**  
**Bridgewater, NJ**

*Please stand*

**Processional Hymn:** *When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known*

*Hymnal 1982, 132*

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.*

**Gloria in excelsis**

*Kathy Shanklin*

**Soprano**

Glo-ry to God in the high-est Glo-ry to

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God, in the high-est, Glo-ry to God, in the

**S**

high-est And peace on earth to all.

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Let us pray: Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

## **A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah** *(Please be seated)*

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.      The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God*

## **Psalm 29**



**The Lord shall give strength to his peo — ple**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters, the God of glory/ thunders\*

The Lord is upon the/ mighty waters,

The voice of the Lord is a power/ful voice\*

The Voice of the Lord is a /voice of splendor. (Antiphon)

The voice of the Lord breaks the/cedar trees\* The Lord breaks the ce/dars of Lebanon.

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the / wilderness\*

The Lord shakes the wilder/ness of Kadesh. (Antiphon)

The voice of the Lord makes the/ oak trees writhe\* And /strips the forests bare.

And in the Temple of the Lord,\* all are/ crying “Glory!” (Antiphon)

The Lord sits enthroned a/bove the flood\* The Lord sits enthroned as/ King for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his/people;\*

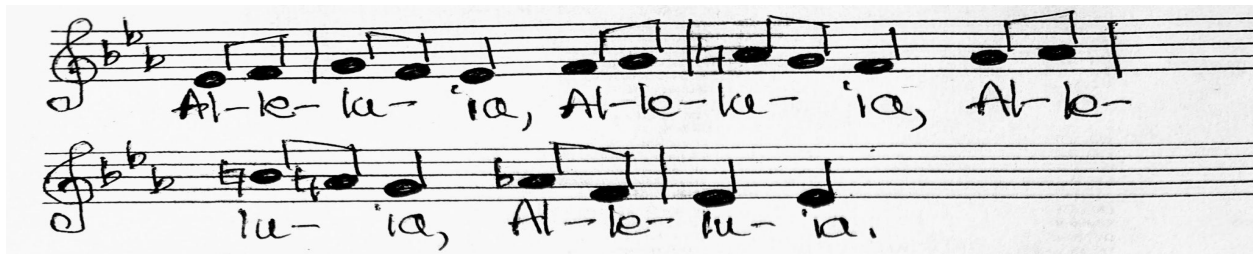
The Lord shall give his people the/ blessing of peace. (Antiphon)

## A Reading from the Epistle to the Acts of the Apostles

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

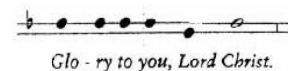
### Gospel Acclamation

Kathy Shanklin



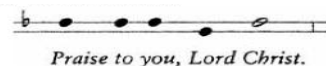
V: John said, "One mightier than I is coming. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (*The Alleluia is repeated*)

### The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew



Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.



## **The Homily**

### **The Renewal of Baptismal Promises (Please stand)**

**Priest:** In the waters of baptism we have died to sin and have been raised to newness of life in Jesus Christ our Redeemer. On this feast of our Lord's baptism, let us remember our own baptisms and renew the covenant we made with God and God's Church.

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 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.*

*The priest sprinkles the people with holy water in remembrance of their baptisms.*

Let us pray for the grace to keep the promises which we have made, that Christ's love may continually renew our lives and the world

## **The Prayers of the People**

Washed clean by the waters of baptism, let us pray that we may live the life to which God has called us.

Lord Jesus, eternal Word, proclaimed as the Christ by John the forerunner, hear us as we pray for all who proclaim your word, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, William our Bishop, all bishops, priests and deacons, and all of the people of God. We especially pray for our diocese as we discern and elect a new bishop. Saving God, *hear our prayer.*

Lord Jesus, baptizing with the Spirit and with fire, strengthen us to withstand all the trials of our faith. Be near those who struggle with doubt and give them the solace of your love. Saving God, *hear our prayer.*

Lord Jesus, in whom and by whom God's promises are fulfilled, give hope to all who suffer, especially, Jane, Jennifer, Patrick, Clara, Jeff, David, Christine, Christina, Katelyn, Ian, Mary, Pat, Karen, Linda, Mary and Bonnie's grandson. Saving God, *hear our prayer.*

Lord Jesus, bringer of hope, grant peace to all who have died, and grant that we may find our inheritance with all the Saints in your heavenly kingdom. Saving God, *hear our prayer.*

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, in you the Father makes us and all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory. *Amen.*

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.*

## **The Peace and Announcements**

1. I be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all  
 2. I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and  
 3. I be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the

things that be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens,  
 cru - ci - fied; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied—  
 saints with - in one church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly,

Keep - er of the sky and sea. I be - lieve in  
 True Life there had tru - ly died. I be - lieve that  
 where for - give - ness frees from sin; in the bod - y's

God's son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ, of the Spir - it  
 on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave, then as - cend - ed  
 res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's



and of Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.  
to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.  
ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that I have claimed.

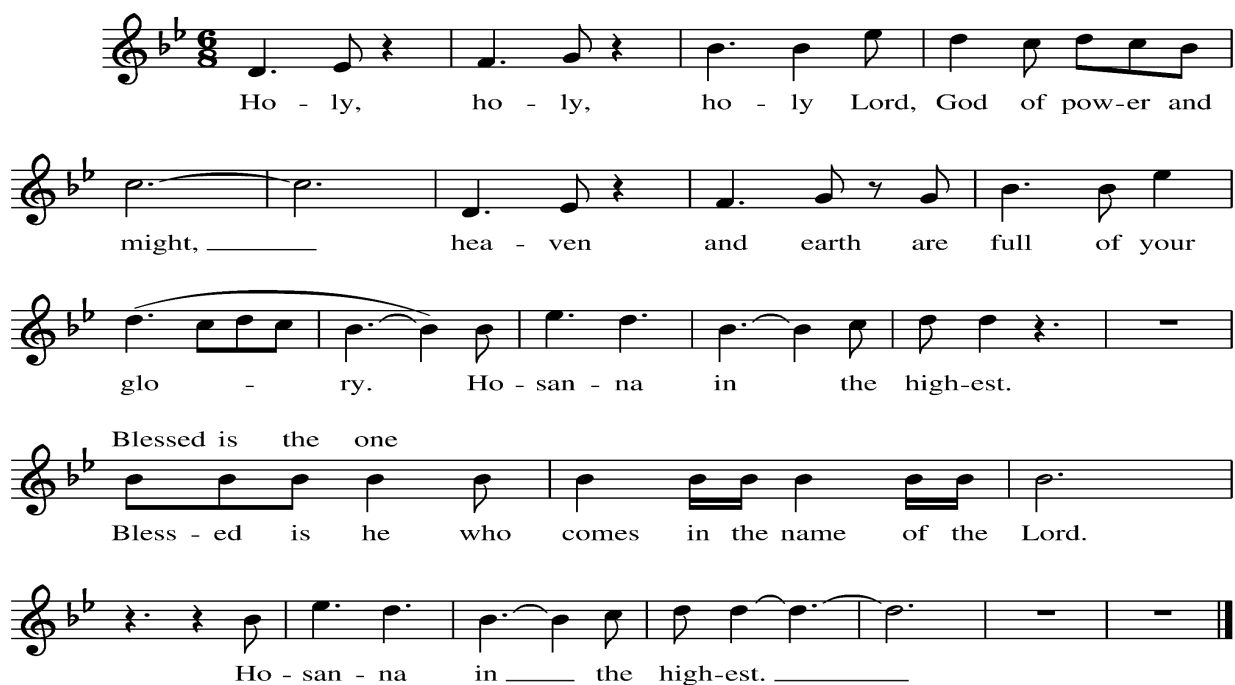
## The Liturgy of the Altar

**Priest:** Open the heavens, Lord our God, and send your transforming Spirit on us and on these gifts. May we who are baptized into Christ be ready to take up our cross and follow him, and be strengthened to serve him for ever.



*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* 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, because Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord 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:



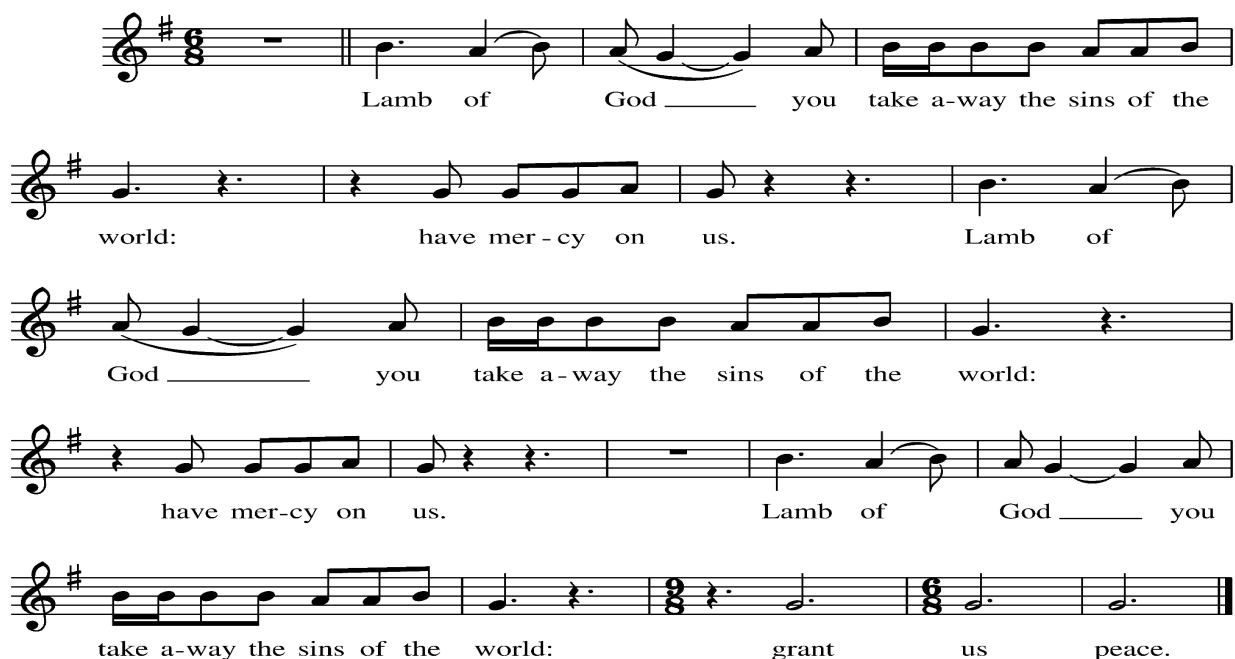
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.  
Blessed is the one  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high-est.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues in the *Book of Common Prayer*, page 368

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, 364

The Fraction and 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.

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 Holy Communion

## Communion Hymns

*Crashing Waters of Creation*

*Voices Found, 67*

1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered  
 2 (Part - ing) wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the  
 3 (Cleans-ing) wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a -

by the Spir - it's breath, first to wit - ness day's be -  
 cap - tives passed on through, wash-ing off the chains of  
 round the one fore - told, o - pened to re - veal the

gin - ning from the bright - ness of night's death. 2 Part - ing  
 bond - age chan-nel to a life made new. 3 Cleans-ing  
 glo - ry ev - er new and ev - er old. 4 Liv - ing

wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and flood the

soul. Well-spring, source of life e - ter - nal, drench our

dry - ness, make us whole, drench our dry - ness, make us

whole.

*Shall We Gather at the River*

*LEVAS II, 141*

1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod; —  
 2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray, —  
 3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down; —  
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease, —

1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of God?  
 2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day.  
 3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown.  
 4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace.

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

**Post Communion Prayer** (*Please kneel or stand*)  
**Blessing and Dismissal**

*BCP, 365*

**Closing Hymn:** *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*

*Hymnal 1982, 121*

## **Serving Today**

Thurifer: Mike Maloney Crucifer: Delaney Swain

Lector: Jason Swain Eucharistic Minister: Larry Ottenstroer

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

Organist: Kathy Shanklin Celebrant: Father Rob Laws+

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Mass: Wednesday, 6 pm in the Lady Chapel**

**Annual Meeting: Sunday January 22**

**There will be only one Mass next weekend to encourage all parishioners to attend the meeting. Meeting materials will be forthcoming. A brunch will follow the meeting.**

**Part of the business will be to elect new vestry members: The following have been nominated:**

**Deb Mock- School Board President, Anne Marie Verdiramo- Outreach**

**Chris Bockus resigned as Clerk of the Vestry in November, and in accordance with the Canons of the Church, they Vestry appointed Kathy Picazio to complete his term.**

**The vestry will not meet on the Third Sunday in January. Instead, the new vestry will meet following the Annual Meeting on January 22.**

**The Electing Convention for New Bishop- Saturday, January 28 at Trinity Cathedral.**

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

**Sunday, February 5- Candlemas**

**Sunday, February 19- Mardi Gras Party**

**Wednesday, February 22- Ash Wednesday**

**Lenten Book Study: *Thank God for Evolution*, by Michael Dowd**

**We will meet Mondays in Lent at 7 pm at Juanita Hawkins' home, beginning Feb. 27**

