

Sung Mass + 10:30 am
January 29, 2023

St. Martin's Episcopal Church
Bridgewater, NJ

Please stand

Hymn: *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

Hymnal 1982, 616

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

S

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.*

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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 the Prophet Micah *(Please be seated)*

Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the

land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.

“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 15

The cantor sings the antiphon and then the people repeat it

Ant: The righteous shall abide upon God’s holy hill

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? who may abide upon your holy hill? Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, who speaks the truth from his heart. **Ant**

There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

In his sight the wicked is rejected, but he honors those who fear the Lord. **Ant** He has sworn to do no wrong and does not take back his word.

He does not give his money in hope of gain, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent. **Ant**

Whoever does these things shall never be overthrown. **Ant**

A Reading from Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those

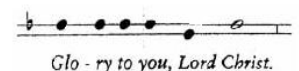
who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord." The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation



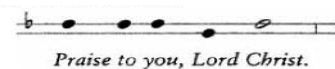
V: Rejoice and be glad, your reward will be great in heaven.
(*The Alleluia is repeated*)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew



When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you." The Gospel of the Lord.



The Homily
The Nicene Creed

BCP, 358

The Prayers of the People *Please stand or kneel*

BCP, 388

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Please kneel*

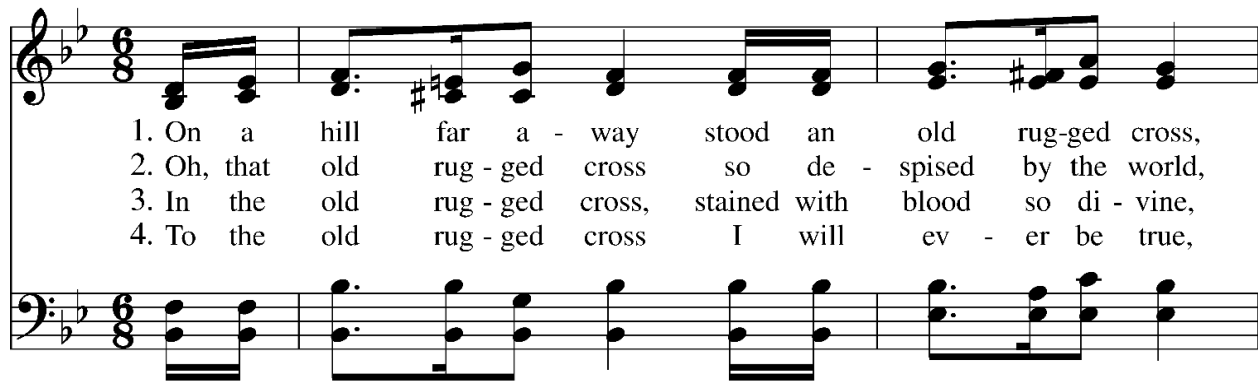
All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your 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.*

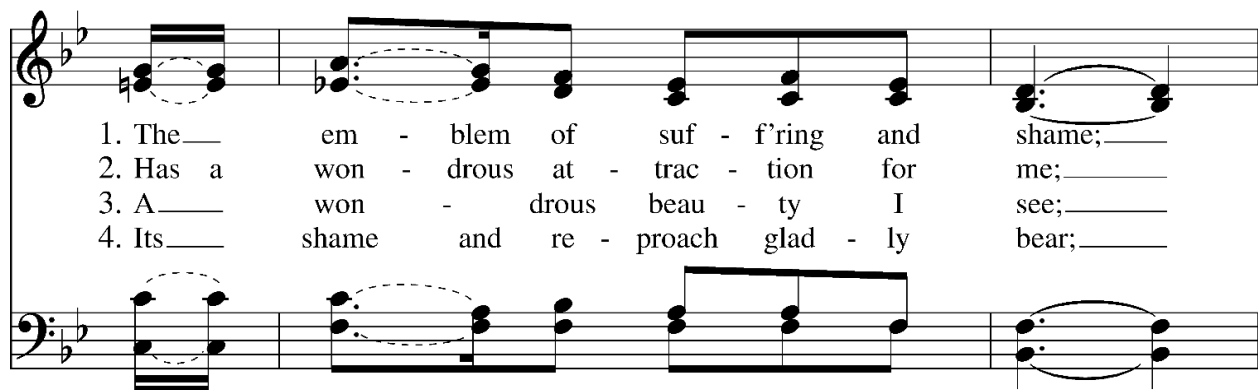
The Peace and Announcements

Please stand to sing

Offertory Hymn



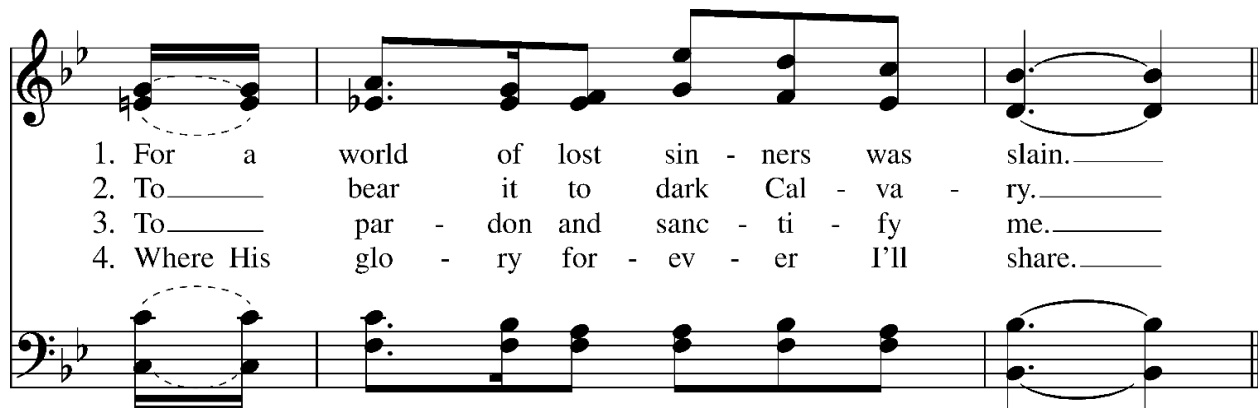
1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug-ged cross,
 2. Oh, that old rug - ged cross so de - spised by the world,
 3. In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine,
 4. To the old rug - ged cross I will ev - er be true,



1. The em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;
 2. Has a won - drous at - trac - tion for me;
 3. A won - drous beau - ty I see;
 4. Its shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;



1. And I love that old cross where the dear - est and best
 2. For the dear Lamb of God left His glo - ry a - bove,
 3. For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus suf - fered and died,
 4. Then He'll call me some day to my home far a - way,



1. For a world of lost sin - ners was slain.
 2. To bear it to dark Cal - va - ry.
 3. To par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.
 4. Where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

old rug - ged cross_____

So I'll cher - ish the cross, the old rug - ged cross,

Till my tro - phies at last I lay down;_____

old rug - ged cross,_____

I will cling to the cross, the old rug - ged cross,

And ex - change it some day for a crown._____

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 *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, 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.

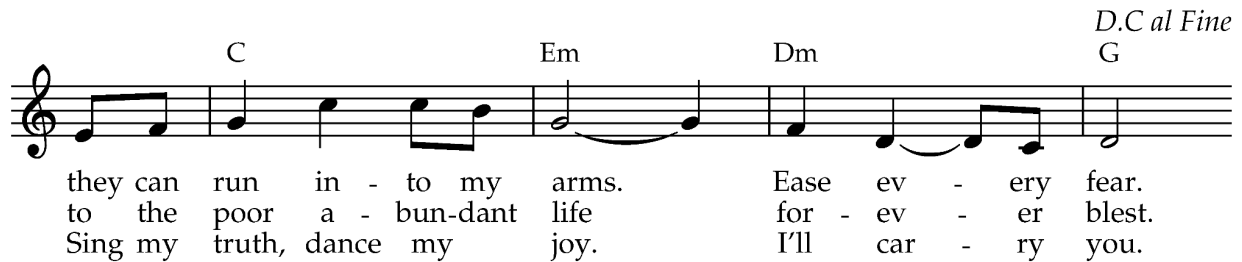
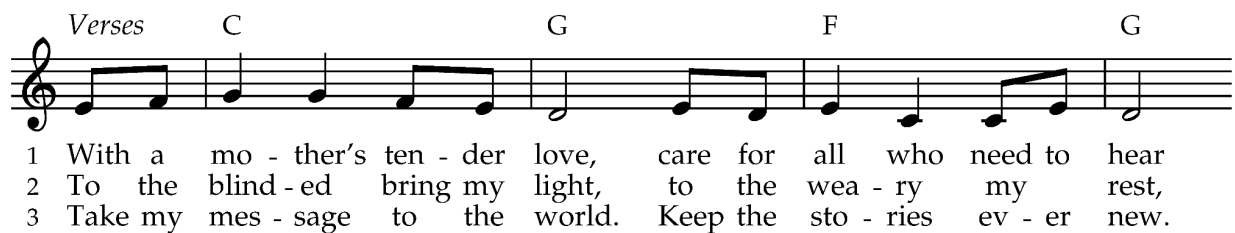
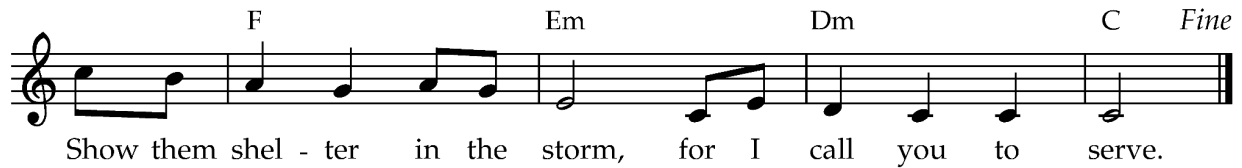
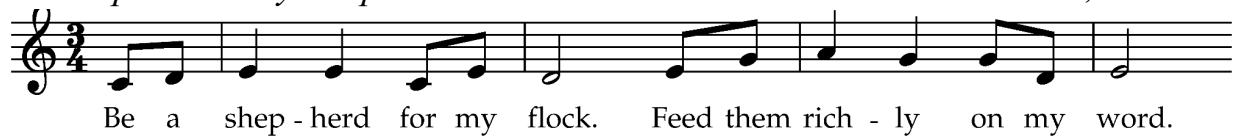
Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are they who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

The Holy Communion

Communion Hymns

Be a Shepherd to My People

Voices Found, 100



Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

Hymnal 1982, 593

Post Communion Prayer (Please kneel or stand)

BCP, 365

Blessing and Dismissal

Hymn: *Christ Is the World's True Light*

Hymnal 1982, 429

Serving Today

Thurifer: Michael Maloney Crucifer: Clay Kellam

Lector: Marilyn O'Regan Eucharistic Minister: Yvonne Comeau

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

Sunday, February 5- Candlemas

Sunday, February 19- Mardi Gras Party

Wednesday, February 22- Ash Wednesday Services

Noon- A simple service of repentance with imposition of ashes and communion

7 pm- Liturgy of the Day

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. Those who desire may gather at 6:30 pm to pray the Anglican Rosary. Information on purchasing the book and where to purchase an Anglican Rosary will be forthcoming.

New Votive Shrine

Please feel free to stop by the icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Christ Child, light a candle, and offer a prayer. This is an especially meaningful spiritual practice if you have a special prayer intention, or if you simply desire to unite yourself to Jesus in silent prayer. There is no charge to light a candle and pray.