



**Last Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**Sung Mass + 10:30 am**  
**St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Bridgewater, NJ**

*Please stand*

*Alleluia, Sing to Jesus! Vv 1, 3, 4*

*Blue Hymnal, 460*

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *Blessed be God, now and forever, Amen*

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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 Exodus** *(Please be seated)*

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God*

## Psalm 2

*The cantor sings the antiphon and then the people repeat it*

**Ant: You are my Son, this day have I begotten you.**

Let me announce the decree of the Lord:

he said to me, You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance \*

and the ends of the earth for your possession. **Ant**

You shall crush them with an iron rod, and shatter them like a piece of pottery.

And now, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. **Ant**

Submit to the Lord with fear, and with trembling bow before him;

Happy are they all who take refuge in him! **Ant**

## A Reading from Peter's First Epistle

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

## Gospel Acclamation



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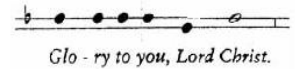
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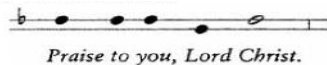
V: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: Listen to him.  
(*The Alleluia is repeated*)

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



Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

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**

**Offertory Choir Anthem** *Sent by the Lord, Am I*

**Sent by the Lord am I;  
my hands are ready now  
to make the earth the place  
in which the kingdom comes.**

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my hands are ready now  
to make the earth the place  
in which the kingdom comes.**

**The angels cannot change  
a world of hurt and pain  
into a world of love,  
of justice and of peace.**

**The task is mine to do,  
to set it really free.  
Oh, help me to obey;  
help me to do your will.**

**Offertory Hymn** *I Love to Tell the Story*  
*(Please stand to sing)*

*LEVAS II, 64*

1. I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,  
2. I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best

1. Of Je - sus and His glo - ry, Of Je - sus and His love.  
2. Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it, like the rest.

1. I love to tell the sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true;  
2. And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

1. It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.  
2. 'Twill be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'Twill be my theme in glo - ry.

To tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and His love.



Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all 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.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with [ \_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

**The Lord's Prayer**  
**The Fraction and Lamb of God**

*BCP, 364*

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**

*LEVAS II, 75*

*Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord*

*Blue Hymnal, 328*

**Post Communion Prayer (*Please kneel or stand*)**

***BCP, 365***

**Farewell to the Alleluia, and Burial of the Alleluia**

We sing verses 1-3



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while  
 4 There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed

can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them  
 lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er,  
 here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions  
 Trin - i - ty, At the last to keep Thine Eas - ter

Ev - er raised by choirs on high; In the house of  
 All thy chil - dren sing with thee, But by Bab - y -  
 Make us for a while for - go; For the sol - emn  
 With Thy faith - ful saints on high; There to Thee for -

God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly,  
 lon's sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we,  
 time is com - ing When our tears for sin must flow,  
 ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Priest: Alleluia, enclose and seal up this word, alleluia;  
 let it remain in the secret of your heart, alleluia,  
 until the appointed time: you shall say it with great joy when that day comes,  
 All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Priest: 'Alleluia' is a heavenly song. The Apostle John wrote that he heard great voices in heaven, like the music of trumpets, and they sang 'Alleluia'.

Now we leave the heavenly songs of praise as we enter our season of repentance, and we pray with true humility to our Merciful Savior, that we may see his heavenly Eastertide, where we will sing 'Alleluia' to the most holy and triune God, eternally without ceasing. Amen.

Let us pray: Loving God, as Lent nears we bury the Alleluia, our song of joy. In the forty days of Lent to come, we will sing quieter songs and think about what we can do to follow you more closely. Bless our Lenten days and, when they are done, bring us here again to sing our song of Easter joy. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Processional Crucifix is veiled.*

*After which we sing the final verse of Alleluia, Song of Gladness*

## **Serving Today**

Thurifer: Michael Maloney Crucifer: Nick Persson

Lector: Jennifer Persson Eucharistic Minister: Yvonne Comeau

Ushers: Larry Ottenstroer

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

Organist: Kathy Shanklin Celebrant: Father Rob Laws+

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

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

**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.

As we hold the people of Turkiye and Syria in our prayers, consider a gift to Episcopal Relief and Development. All donations are sent to assist those in disasters.

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