

**SAINT MARTIN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, BRIDGEWATER**  
**The Sixth Sunday of Easter and Rogation Sunday**  
**SUNG MASS, 10:30 am**



**Opening Hymn and Asperges:**

1 At break of day three wo - men came to find where Christ was laid.  
 2 O Ma - ry, see your son a - gain, in re - sur - rec - tion joy.  
 3 Come ce - le - brate the death of death! Come share e - ter - nal life!

With myrrh pre - pared to a - noint his corpse, they wept and mourned the dead.  
 Shine, shine Je - ru - sa - lem, for Christ is risen in ma - jes - ty.  
 Come leap and praise the liv - ing God who o - pens par - a - dise!

But now the stone is rolled a - way, they wor - ship in full day,  
 Lift up your eyes, look round and see, re - joic - ing, strong and free,  
 For dawn is come all shin - ing bright, to show sal - va - tion's might

then run to take the good news back and share their ho - ly joy.  
 your child - ren come to find their home for all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 to break the tomb, burst through the gloom, and flood the world with light.

Alleluia! Christ Is Risen! *The Lord Is Risen Indeed. Aleluia!*

*Gloria The congregation sings the refrain, the choir sings the verses* *Kathy Shanklin*

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the  
 high - est. And peace on earth to all peo - ple.

Verse: Holy God, Almighty God, Source of Life, we worship you, we give you thanks,  
 We praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Eternal, Holy God,  
 Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Sovereign, receive our prayer. **(Refrain)**

Verse: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
 Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God Eternal. **(Refrain)**

## The Collect of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, on this day when we honor all mothers, we turn to you: Never has it been known that anyone who sought your help was left unaided by grace. Through your intercessions, may all mothers be filled with God's blessing and favor. May they find strength, following your example, to say yes to the call to love. May our mothers inspire all of us to follow your Son. Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you.

## A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*Please be seated.*

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.

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

## Psalm 31 *Ant: Be joyful in God, all you lands.*

Be joyful in God, all you lands; sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you. **(Ant)**

All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your Name.

Come now and see the works of God, how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people. **(Ant)**

He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot,

and there we rejoiced in him.

In his might he rules forever; his eyes keep watch over the nations;

let no rebel rise up against him. **(Ant)**

Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Who holds our souls in life, and will not allow our feet to slip. **(Ant)**

## A Reading from First Peter

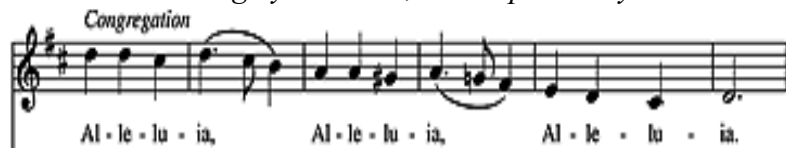
Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

## The Gospel Acclamation

*Please stand as able*

*The Alleluia is sung by a Cantor, then repeated by all.*



V:Whoever loves me will keep my word says the Lord, and my Father will love them and we will come to them  
*Alleluia...*

## The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you." "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

## The Homily

### The Nicene Creed

*Please stand*

***BCP, 358***

**The Prayers of the People** *Remain standing, or kneel*

Let us ask the God of creation to send a blessing upon the rich earth, that it may be fruitful and its resources hallowed. **We ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

We ask your blessing upon human labor, O God. Prosper the work of our hands; may all find dignity and reward in their work; free the exploited and oppressed, and create a just society among us. **We ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

We ask your blessing upon the produce of the earth, O God. Guide us into a sustainable future, and give us the will to share the fruits of the world with the poor and hungry. **We ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

We ask your blessing upon aid agencies, O God: where war brings want, and children go hungry; where the poor cry out for bread and for justice, give hands to care and heal, and compel us to be generous. **We ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

We ask your blessings on all mothers, O God. Give them the grace to love as you love, and to be examples of your heart of compassion. Heal the wounds of children who have been hurt by their mothers. Comfort those who grieve the loss of their mothers. May all mothers who have died, with all of the faithful departed, rest in peace.

**Priest:** O God our Creator and Sustainer: Accept our prayers and petitions, through Jesus Christ, your Son, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit. Amen.

**The Peace and Welcome**  
**Offertory Hymn** *All Things Bright and Beautiful*  
**The Great Thanksgiving:**

*Please be seated*  
**Blue Hymnal, 405**

Sursum Corda

**Blue Hymnal, S120**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is  
 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Please continue standing or kneel as you are able.*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, martyrs, prophets, St. Martin of Tours and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. 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.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, (Our Father... BCP, 364)

### The Fraction and Fraction Anthem

*Cantor*

Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

*All*

sa - cri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the

feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Communion Hymns

*Sing of Mary, Pure and Holy*

*Blue Hymnal, 277*

*Mothering God*

*Voices Found, 72*

1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth  
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form,  
3 Moth - er - ing Spi - rit, nur - tur - ing one,

in the bright morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of  
of - fer - ing me your food of light, grain of life, and  
in arms of pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I

ev - 'ry breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.  
grape of love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.  
root and grow un - til I flow - er, un - til I know.

Post-Communion Prayer

*Book of Common Prayer, 365*

The Blessing and Dismissal

## **Hymn in Procession to the Mary Shrine**

*Ye Who Claim the Faith of Jesus vv. 1-2*

*Blue Hymnal, 269*

V. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

R. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.

R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia.

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Ye Who Claim the Faith of Jesus v. 3**

*Blue Hymnal, 269*

### **Serving Today**

Thurifer: Fausto Beleno    Crucifer: Natalie Kellam    Reader: Carl Picazio

Euch. Min: Kathy Picazio    Choir: Alison Jandek, Beth Hixenbaugh, Jane Maloney, Rob Vernon

Ushers: Carl Picazio    Organist: Kathy Shanklin    Celebrant: Father Rob Laws+

**The Altar Flowers have been given by Len Cacciatore to the glory of God in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all Mothers.**

**The Sanctuary Light burns this week in honor of all mothers, and with special intentions for the repose of the souls of our departed mothers and grandmothers.**

*If you would like to offer flowers on the altar in honor of someone or in memory of someone, please fill out the flower form (which may be found in the narthex) and place it in the offering plate. The cost is \$50. You may write a check with altar flowers in the memo line, or pay online.*

*You may also offer the Sanctuary Light with a special intention. The suggested offering is \$15.*

**Please join us in the undercroft for coffee and refreshments following Mass.**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Wednesday May 17**    **Low Mass, Feast of the Ascension    6 pm, Lady Chapel**  
**Thursday May 18**    **Memorial Service: Sadie DeLiddo, Noon**  
**Sunday May 21**        **Ascension Sunday**  
**Sunday May 28**        **Pentecost**  
                                 **Sunday School concludes this Sunday until September.**  
**Sunday June 04**        **Trinity Sunday**  
**Sunday June 11**        **Corpus Christi: Feast of the Precious Body and Blood of Christ**

**Summer Mass schedule begins on Sunday June 04. One weekend Mass only at 10 am.**

**Father Rob and Fausto will be on vacation from June 13- 27**

**The Rev. Ayden Petrone will be supplying on June 18. Deacon Petrone serves as a Transitional Deacon at St. Matthew's, Pennington, and will be ordained to the priesthood in early June. They live in Ewing with their wife and six year old son.**

**The Rev. Scott Russell will be supplying on June 25. Father Russell is the Canterbury Chaplain at Rutgers, and serves as the Chair of the Diocesan LGBTQ+ Commission. He is also the Ecumenical Officer for the Diocese.**