



St. Martin's Episcopal Church + Bridgewater, NJ
Sunday May 21, 2023

Sung Mass: Feast of the Ascension



YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

We are honored that you are worshiping with us this morning. Whether you have been attending Mass for 50 years, or whether this is your first Sunday- we are glad that you're here.

St. Martin's is a safe space for everyone and a place of prayer for all people.

Children are loved and welcome here. The sound of small voices is a joyful song of praise that reminds us of Christ's resurrection life. Your children are always welcome to sit with you during Mass. However, there is Sunday School for children ages 2- 5th grade (Sept.-May). Go through the door next to the crucifix and you will find the classrooms down the hall on the right. Your children will join you later for Holy Communion.

If you need a "cry room" please feel free to sit in the Lady Chapel. Go through the door next to the crucifix and you will see the Lady Chapel immediately on your left. You are able to hear the Mass there. But please know you and your child are always welcome to remain in the main church to celebrate Mass with all of us.

St. Martin's is also a safe space for the LGBTQ+ community. We love, welcome, support and affirm you and your family. You and your children are welcome to fully participate in parish life and to receive all of the Sacraments. Let us know your pronouns and we will strive to name you as you wish to be named. (Please be patient with us: many of us are still learning).

Restrooms

If you need to use the facilities during Mass, you may enter the door next to the crucifix and find the restroom down the end of the hall on the left hand side. It is a single restroom that anyone may use. Alternatively, you can go back to the narthex (the entrance area), go down the stairs near the red doors, enter the white door on the left, and through the undercroft. You will find restrooms down the hallway.

Holy Communion

You are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood if you desire it. Jesus Christ offers grace to you in Holy Communion and we will not turn anyone away from Christ's healing grace. To receive communion, place one hand over the other and the priest will place the precious body of Christ in your hand: you should consume it then. A Eucharistic Minister will follow with a chalice. If you wish to receive the precious blood of Christ, grasp the base and assist the chalice to your lips.

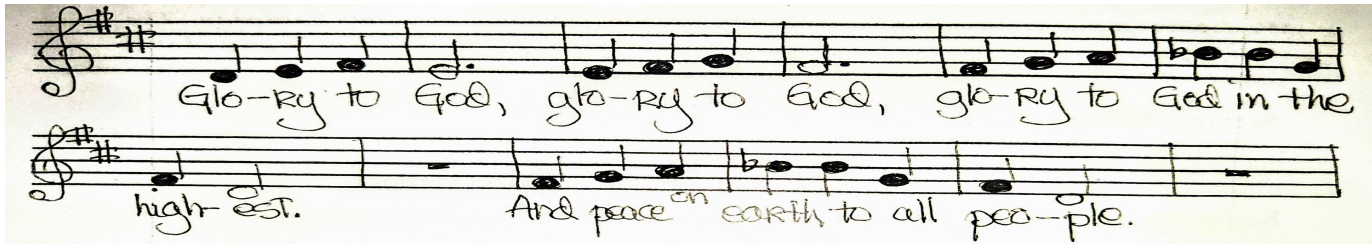
If you do not wish to receive from the chalice, cross your arms over your chest as the chalice approaches, or simply return to your seat after you consume the host. It is customary not to leave the altar until the person next to you has received communion.

If you prefer a blessing instead of communion, cross your arms over your chest and the priest will give you a blessing.

Opening Hymn and Asperges *See the Conqueror Rise in Triumph!* *Blue Hymnal, 215*

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

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



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

Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Please be seated.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." *The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 47 *Ant: God has gone up with a shout; the Lord with the sound of the ram's horn.*

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a cry of joy.

For the Lord Most High is to be feared; he is the great King over all the earth. **(Ant)**

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.. **(Ant)**

For God is King of all the earth; sing praises with all your skill.

God reigns over the nations; God sits upon his holy throne. **(Ant)**

A Reading from Ephesians

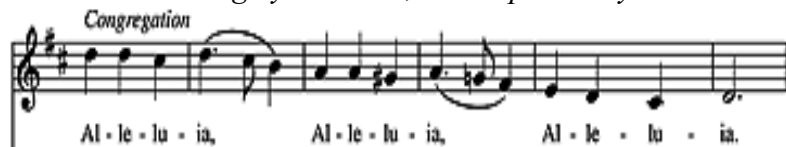
I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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: Go and teach all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always until the end of the world.

Alleluia...

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you--that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

The Homily

The Nicene Creed *Please stand*

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

The Peace and Welcome

Offertory Anthem *He Is King of Kings*

BCP, 358

BCP, 385

Please be seated

- Refrain** He is King of kings, he is Lord of lords,
 Jesus Christ, the first and last; no one works like him.
- Verse** He built his throne up in the air, no one works like him.
 And called his saints from everywhere, no one works like him.
- Verse** I was but young when I begun, no one works like him.
 But now my race is almost won, no one works like him.

Offertory Hymn *Go Preach My Gospel*

LEVAS II, 161

1. "Go___ preach my gos - pel," saith the Lord, "Bid___
 2. "I'll___ make my great___ com - mis - sion known, And___
 3. "Go___ heal the sick,___ go raise the dead, Go___
 4. "While___ thus ye fol - low my com - mands, I'm___
 5. He___ spake and light___ shone round His head, On___

1. the whole earth___ my grace re - ceive, Ex - plain to them my
 2. ye shall prove___ my gos - pel true By all the works that
 3. cast out dev - ils in my name. Nor let my proph - ets
 4. with you till___ the world shall end. All pow'r is trust - ed
 5. a bright cloud___ to heav'n He rode. They to the far - thest

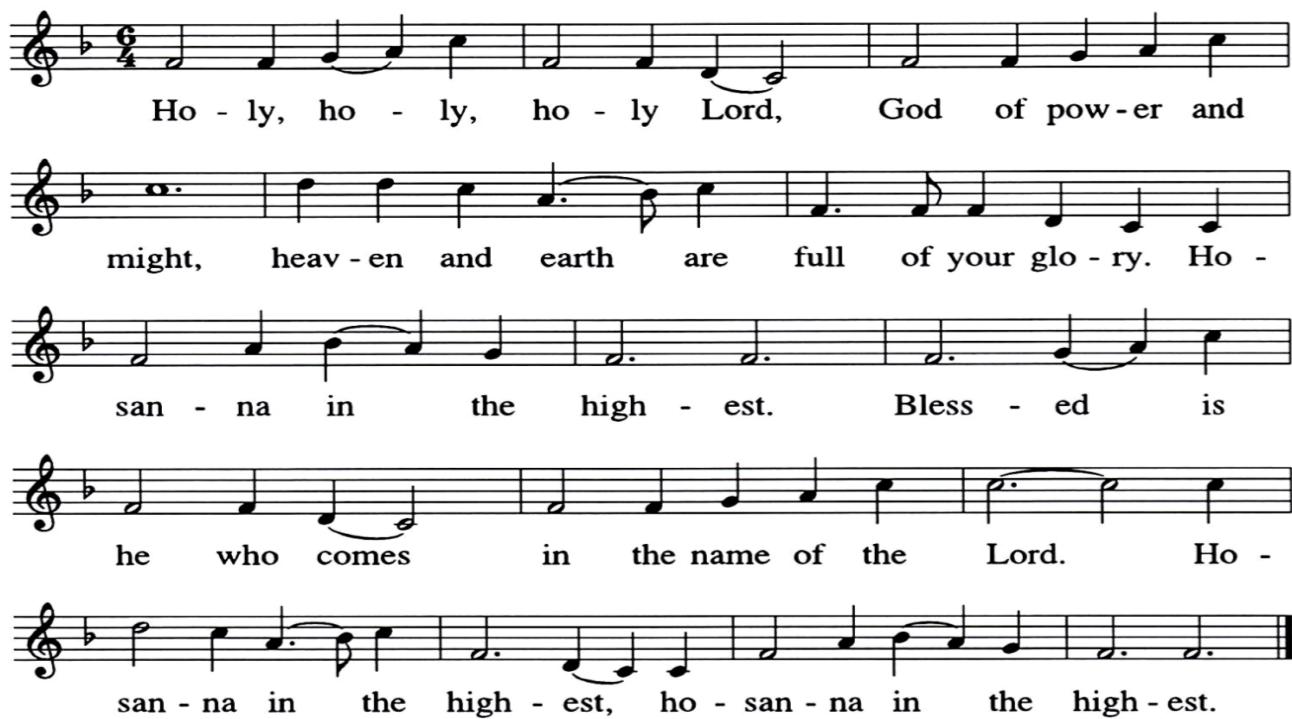
1. sa - cred word, Bid___ them be - lieve,___ o - bey, and live."___
 2. I have done, And___ all the won - ders ye shall do."___
 3. be a - fraid, Though___ man re - proach, - and will blas - pheme."___
 4. in my hands; I___ can de - stroy,___ and can de - fend."___
 5. na - tion spread The___ grace of their___ as - cend - ed God. ___

The Great Thanksgiving:

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, through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. 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. The Eucharistic Prayer continues on page 362

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

The Fraction and Fraction Anthem

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 4/4 time. It is divided into three parts. The first part is labeled 'Cantor' and contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is'. The second part is labeled 'All' and contains the lyrics 'sa - cri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the'. The third part contains the lyrics 'feast. Al - le - lu - ia.' and ends with a double bar line. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a fermata over the final 'Al - le - lu - ia.'.

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

The people may silently pray: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Holy Communion

*Are are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of Christ in this most Blessed Sacrament.
Many of us kneel to receive Communion, but you may stand if you desire.*

Communion Hymns

***Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor
O, Mary, Don't You Weep***

***Blue Hymnal, 307
Voices Found, 122***

Refrain

O Ma-ry, don't you weep, don't you mourn, O Ma-ry, don't you

weep, don't you mourn; Pha - raoh's ar - my got drown - ded,

Fine

O Ma - ry, don't you weep.

- 1 Some of these morn - ings
- 2 When I get to hea - ven goin' to
- 3 When I get to hea - ven goin' to

bright and fair, take my wings and cleave the air.
sing and shout, no - bod - y there for turn me out.
put on my shoes, run a - bout glo - ry and tell all the news.

Pha - raoh's ar - my got drown - ded, O Ma - ry, don't you weep.

**Post-Communion Prayer
The Blessing and Dismissal**

Book of Common Prayer, 365

Closing Hymn *Crown Him with Many Crowns vv. 1, 3, 5*

Blue Hymnal, 494

Serving Today

Thurifer: Fausto Beleno Crucifer: Delaney Swain Reader: Jason Swain
Euch. Min: Yvonne Comeau Choir: Alison Jandek, Beth Hixenbaugh, Jane Maloney, Rob Vernon
Ushers: Larry Ottenstroer Organist: Kathy Shanklin Celebrant: Father Rob Laws+

The Altar Flowers have been given by Juanita Hawkins to the glory of God in memory of Bill Hawkins.

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.

The Flower ring around the Paschal Candle has been given by Jennifer Persson to the glory of God in memory of Carol Speiser.

The Flowers in the narthex are in memory of Sadie Diliddo, in whose memory a Requiem Mass was offered on Thursday.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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. Please note last night was the last Saturday Mass until the Saturday after Labor Day.

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. Deacon Petrone will have been ordained to the priesthood by June 18, and prefers to be called "Reverend Ayden"

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.