



**St. Martin's Episcopal Church + Bridgewater, NJ**  
**Sunday October 015, 2023**

**Low Mass 8:15 am**  
**Sung Mass 10:30 am**



## **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. Sunday School is held during Mass. Please enter through the door near the crucifix and you will find the class to the right. Your children are always welcome to sit with you during Mass if you prefer, and 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: some 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. Most of us receive communion kneeling at the altar rail, but you may stand if you wish. 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.

Children may receive communion if the parents feel comfortable with that. If you would prefer that your child waits for "First Communion" that is fine as well.

***The 8:15 Low Mass will use the following liturgy, however the sung parts will be said.***

## Opening Hymn *Christ Whose Glory Fills The Skies*

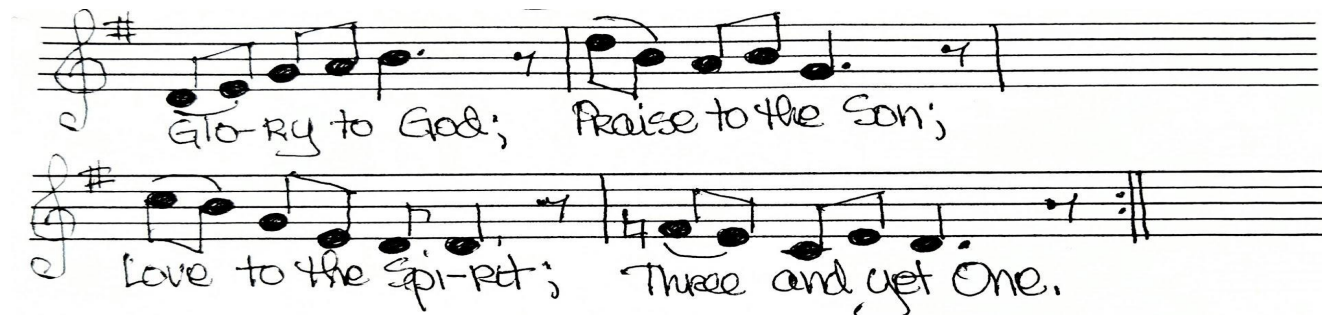
*Blue Hymnal, 07*

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 (10:30 Mass only)



## The Collect of the Day

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## A Reading from Exodus

*Please be seated.*

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

*(The psalm is read in unison at 8:15 and sung by a cantor at 10:30)*

**Psalm 23** *(The Cantor sings the antiphon, and the people repeat it)*

**Antiphon:** *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.*

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.  
He revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake. **(Antiphon)**

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **(Antiphon)**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.  
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. **(Antiphon)**

### **A Reading from Philippians**

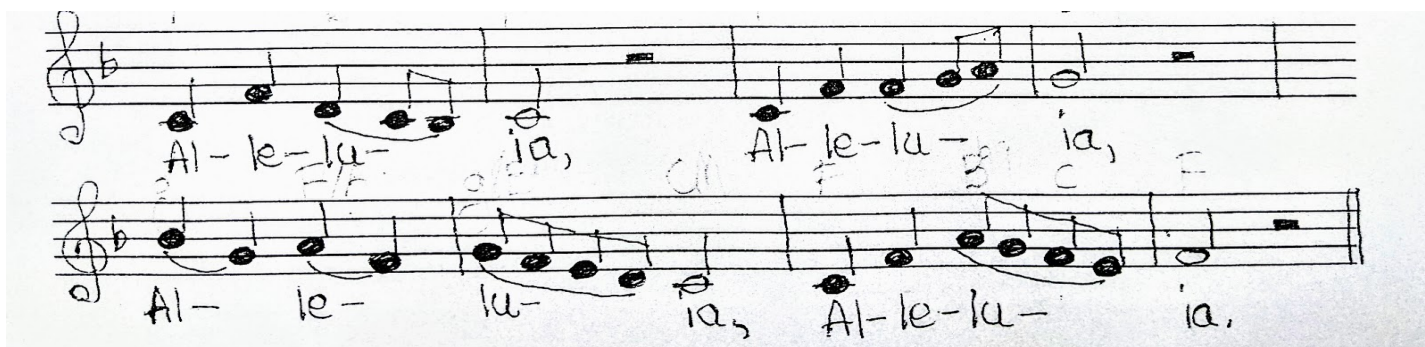
My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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: May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call. Alleluia...

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.” 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*

**BCP, 385**

**Confession and Absolution**

**BCP, 360**

**The Peace and Welcome**

*Please be seated*

**Offertory Hymn The Church of Christ in Every Age** *(please stand)*

**WLP, 779**



1. The church of Christ in ev - ery age, be - set by  
 2. A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3. Then let the ser - vant church a - rise. A car - ing  
 4. For Christ a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
 5. We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change but spir - it led, must claim and test its her - i -  
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for bread to  
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's sac - ri -  
 fe - ver in our blood. And teach us how to share our  
 be - dience to our Lord: to care for all with - out re -

tage and keep on ri - sing from the dead.  
eat and nev - er live un - til they die.  
fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man i - ty.  
bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
serve. And spread Christ's lib - er - a - ting word.

# The Holy Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving

*Please stand*

*Sursum Corda*

**Blue Hymnal S 120**

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 Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The Eucharistic Prayer continues in the *Book of Common Prayer*, page 362

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

## 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.

**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 (10:30 Mass only)

*Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness*

*Break Thou the Bread of Life*

*Blue Hymnal, 515*

*LEVAS II, 146*



1. Break thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,  
 2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, To me, to me,  
 3. Teach me to live, dear Lord, On - ly for thee,

1. As thou didst break the loaves Be - side the sea;  
 2. As thou didst bless the bread By Gal - i - lee;  
 3. As thy dis - ci - ples lived in Gal - i - lee;

1. Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord;  
 2. Then shall all bond - age cease, All fet - ters fall,  
 3. Then, all my strug - gles o'er, Then, vic - t'ry won,

1. My spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing word!  
 2. And I shall find my peace, My all in all.  
 3. I shall be - hold thee, Lord, The liv - ing one.

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

**Closing Hymn** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart vv. 1, 2, 5*

*Book of Common Prayer, 365*

*Blue Hymnal, 557*

## **Serving Today**

Thurifer: Fausto Beleno Crucifer: Br Philip Muniz Reader: Marilyn O'Regan  
Euch. Min: Yvonne Comeau Choir: Alison Jandek, Beth Hixenbaugh, Jane Maloney, Rob Vernon  
Ushers: Larry Ottenstroer, Ed Farmer Organist: Kathy Shanklin Celebrant: Fr. Rob Laws

*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.*

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **A Book Study *God Breathed: What It Really Means for the Bible to Be Divinely Inspired* by Zack Hunt**

We will meet on Mondays from **October 2-November 20 at 7 pm.**

We will meet at the home of Juanita Hawkins in October,  
and in the home of Laura Vernon in November.

### ***800th Anniversary of the Nativity Creche***

St Francis of Assisi created and erected the first nativity scene on December 15, 1223. This year marks the 800th anniversary of this special remembrance of our Lord's birth. In celebration, we will be filling the nave with nativity scenes from the Second Sunday of Advent until the Sunday after the Epiphany. If you have a small nativity scene that you would be willing to display in one of the window sills, please let Father Rob know. Alternatively, you may wish to create your own nativity scene to display. Small nativity scenes will be displayed in the windows: larger nativity scenes will be displayed on tables along the west wall. Both the Sunday School children and the St Martin's School children will be creating nativity scenes to display. I hope you all will participate in this special celebration.

During Advent there will be an Open House so that we can view and appreciate all of the nativity scenes on display. Information will be forthcoming.

### **TRUNK-R-TREAT HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL: October 28- mark your calendars**

Martin's Church and School will be hosting a Fall Festival on October 28.

This will be our first joint event! Trunk-r-treat, games, food and costumes.

Alison Jandak will be giving more details and we hope many of you will volunteer to help make this a fun event for our community.

### **Prayer Intentions for this Mass**

**For healing:** Jim, Bozeno, Helios, Sonia, Bob, Julia, Nicole, Dusty, Nory, Anthony, Jeff, Debbie, Ian, Pat, Dillon, Mary, Olivia, Evelyn, Paige, Maureen, Luis, Celeste, Joe