



St. Martin's Episcopal Church + Bridgewater, NJ
Sunday May 12 , 2024

Sung Mass: Feast of the Ascension
Mother's Day



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

Crisafulli

In 2 *f*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo-ple on earth. — Lord God, hea - ven-ly King, al -

- might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

poco rit.

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

a tempo mp *poco cresc.*

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son — of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin _____ of the world; have

mer - cy on us; _____ you are seat - ed at the right

hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our _____ prayer. *ff* For

you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, _____

you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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*

BCP, 358

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

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops, Michael and Sally ; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. Silence.

I ask your prayers for peace, especially in Ukraine and the Middle East; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace. Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. I ask your prayers for those on the parish prayer list. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

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. Silence

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

Please be seated

Offertory Hymn *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise*

Blue Hymnal, 214

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from You:

People: And of Your own do we give You.

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 power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry; Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Blessed is the

one he who comes in the name of the

Lord. 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

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

*All 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

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.—

Draw Nigh and Take, the Body of the Lord

Blue Hymnal, 328

Post-Communion Prayer

Book of Common Prayer, 365

The Blessing and Dismissal

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

Blue Hymnal, 494

Devotions at the Mary Shrine

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.

Serving Today

Thurifer: Michael Maloney Crucifer: Delaney Swain

Reader: Jason Swain Euch. Min: Larry Ottenstroer

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

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday May 19	Pentecost and the Sacrament of Holy Baptism Sunday School concludes this Sunday until September.
Sunday May 26	Trinity Sunday
Sunday June 02	Corpus Christi: Feast of the Precious Body and Blood of Christ And Pride Sunday

Summer Mass schedule begins on Sunday June 02. One Sunday Mass only at 10 am.

Father Rob and Fausto will away on Sundays June 16 and 23

The Rev. Scott Russell will be supplying on June 16. 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.

The Rev. Bruce Montgomery will be supplying on June 23.