

The Feast of Pentecost Low Mass 8:15 am Sung Mass with Holy Baptism 10:30 am

Saint Martin's Episcopal Church Bridgewater, NJ

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're 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 (they may especially enjoy seeing the baptisms today). However, there is Sunday School for children ages 2- 5th grade (Sept.-May 19). 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 as God's beloved child. You 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.

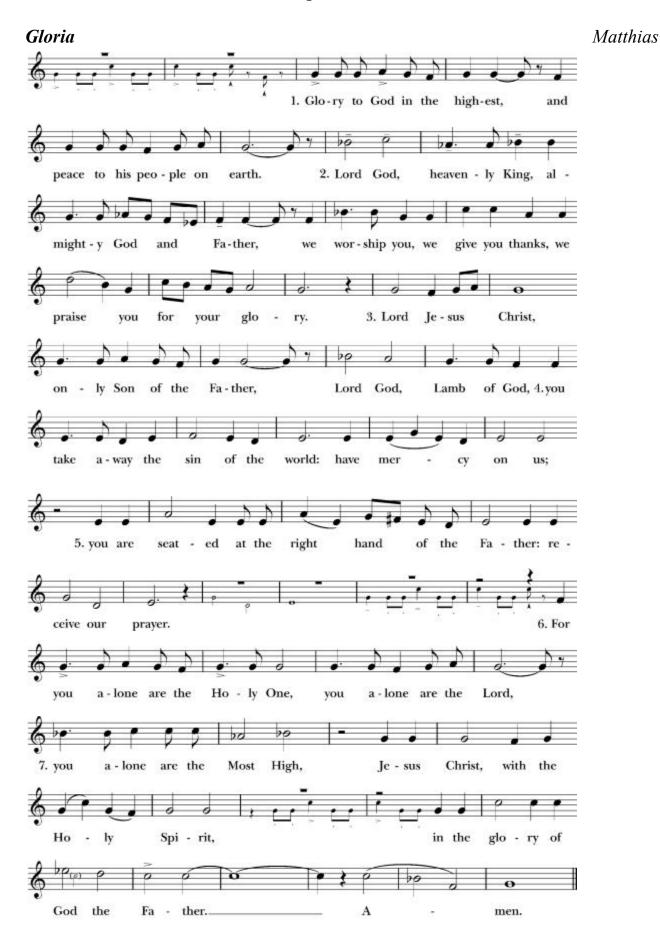
Holy Communion

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.

Priest: Alleluia, Christ is Risen. People: The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia.



Collect of the Day

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

A Reading from the Book of Acts

Please be seated

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea

and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall drea dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women,

in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

The Word of the Lord/ Thanks be to God

Psalm 104: 25-35, 37 *The Cantor sings the antiphon and then the people repeat it.*

Antiphon: Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

O LORD, how manifold are your works! in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, creatures both small and great. (Ant)

All of them look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled with good things. (Ant)

You hide your face, and they are terrified; you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust. You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; and so you renew the face of the earth. (Ant)

May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; may the LORD rejoice in all his works. May these words of mine please him; I will rejoice in the LORD. (Ant)

A Reading from the Epistle to the Romans

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God*.

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand



V: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. (Alleluia)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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

The Homily (Please be seated) The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Father Robert Laws

Priest: The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented. *The parents and godparents stand Parents: We present NN to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.*

Priest: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life? *Parents: We will with God's help*

Priest: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ? *Parents: We will with God's help*

Priest: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? *Parents: I renounce them*

Priest: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God? *Parents: I renounce them*

Priest: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents: I renounce them

Priest: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior? Parents: I do

Priest: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? Parents: I do

Priest: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord? Parents: I do

Priest: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support *these* persons in their life in Christ? People: We will

Priest: Let us join with *those* who *are* committing *themselves* to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

All stand

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ? *I do*. Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe inJesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? *I will, with God's help.*

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? *I will, with God's help.*

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? *I will, with God's help.*

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? *I will, with God's help.*

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? *I will, with God's help.*

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.



The lector continues

Deliver them O Lord, from the way of sin and death. Lord, hear our prayer.

Open their hearts to your grace and truth. Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit. Lord, hear our prayer.

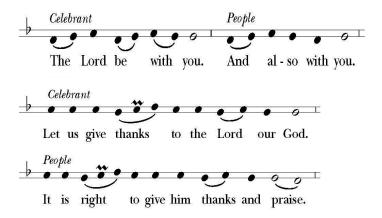
Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church. Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit. Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory. Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen*

The Thanksgiving over the Water



We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen*.

N, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. N, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

Receive the Light of Christ. May it ever shine brightly in your faith and good deeds, that when He shall come again, you may greet Him with all the Saints in His heavenly kingdom. *Amen*.

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *these* your servants the forgiveness of sins, and have raised *them* to the new life of grace. Sustain *them*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *them* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen*.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

All: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Peace and Announcements Offertory Anthem Christ sends the Spirit

Richard Proulx

The Christ is throned as Lord of all the worlds, the name above all names, at God's right hand, his praise the pulse that shakes the universe: the gale of God, the singing fire of life.

He led his brethren to the mountaintop and, blessing them with lifted, nail-scarred hands, commanded them to wait his promised gift: the gale of God, the singing fire of life.

"Go out to all the world and tell my news. You are my witnesses, for you have seen; my heralds, for Yahweh will breathe on you!" The gale of God, the singing fire of life.

Above, around the hurricane unleashed bore down upon the roof, a storm of sound, vast beating wings of wind that rocked the house: the gale of God, the singing fire of life.

A wind that swelled and burst in trumpet call, a vocal flame that flowered on the air, and hung in garlands over every head: the gale of God, the singing fire of life.

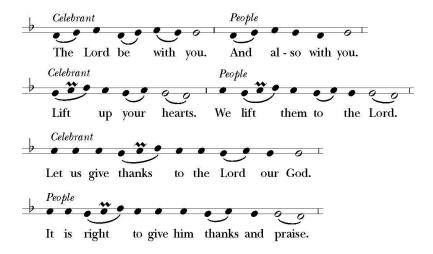
Please stand as you are able.

Offertory Hymn Praise the Spirit in Creation

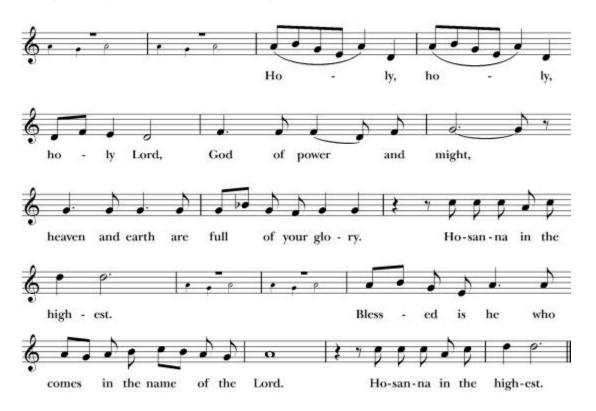
Blue Hymnal, 507

Prayer over the Offerings

Pour out upon these gifts the blessing of your Spirit, we pray, O Lord, so that through them your Church may be imbued with such love that the truth of your saving mystery may shine forth for the whole world. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.



It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing



We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. Remember Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Sally, our Diocesan, and all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Martin of Tours and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

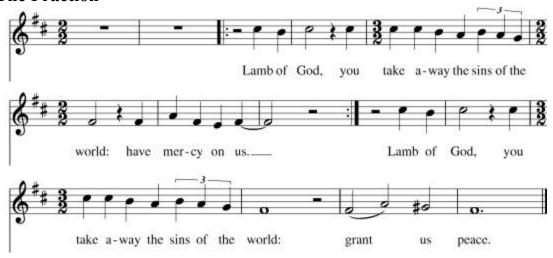
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Fraction



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 people may reply silently: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive the precious Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in this Most Blessed Sacrament. God's love, grace and mercy are for all.

Communion Choir Anthem Sweet Delight, Most Lovely Shining Sally Ann Morris

Sweet delight, most lovely, shining, faithful friend in love and grief,

Holy Spirit, all divining, ever with us, our relief:

As the rainfall comes, descending, wash and bless us with your grace;

All creation comprehending, sanctify our human race.

Wise and careful, you have counted each electron, all the sands.

All-embracing, you have bounded space and time in your kind hands.

Source of life and every blessing, come in answer to our prayer -

As you came, our sin redressing, came to save us from despair.

When I fail you, please exhort me to return to righteous ways.

When I stagger, please support me through the long and painful days.

Save me, hold me, ever steady, now in life as after death:

Consolation, ever ready, everlasting, vital breath.

Communion Hymn Praise the Spirit in Creation Post Communion Prayer (Please kneel or stand)

Blue Hymnal, 507

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

Closing Hymn Spread, O Spread Thou Mighty Word vv. 1, 3-5 Blue Hymnal, 530

SERVING TODAY

Thurifer: Fausto Beleno Crucifer: Colin Hawley

Lay Reader: Marilyn O'Regan Eucharistic Ministers: Yvonne Comeau, Larry Ottenstroer

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

Organist: Kathy Shanklin Celebrant: Father Rob Laws

The Altar flowers have been given to the Glory of God by Ann Calavano in memory of her husband, Thomas, who entered into God's nearer presence in April.

Next week is the Feast of the Most Holy and Blessed Trinity.

Please join us for coffee hour in the undercroft following the Mass. Please take the stairs next to the red doors down to the undercroft.

We welcome these newest Christians who have become members of Christ's one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism:

Serena Mostwill Skylar Mostwill Ava Rose Sarao Isla Scuorzo Liam Seid