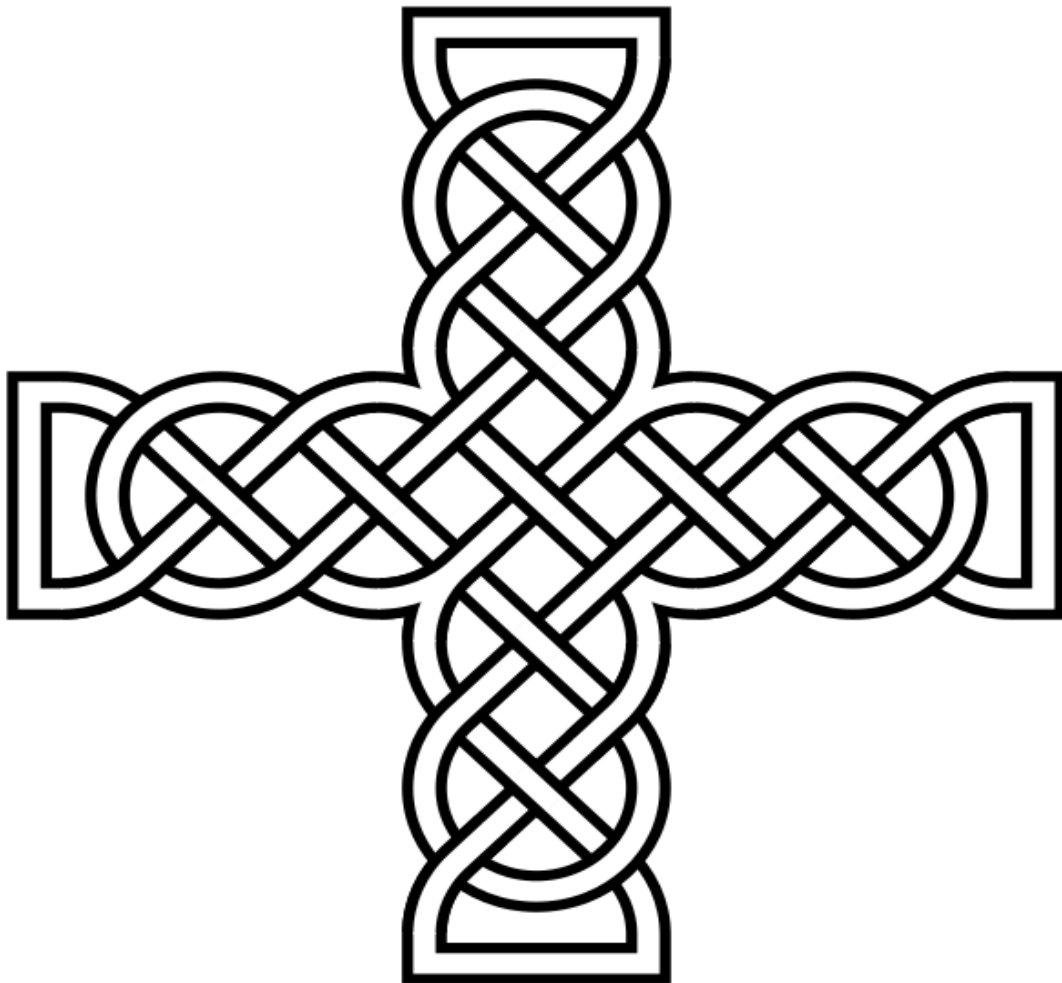




**St. Martin's Episcopal Church + Bridgewater, NJ**  
**Sunday November 10, 2024**

## **Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sung Mass**  
**10:30 am**



Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
*And blessed be God's kingdom now and forever, amen. !*

***Gloria in excelsis***

**Blue Hymnal S 278**

**The Collect of the Day**

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

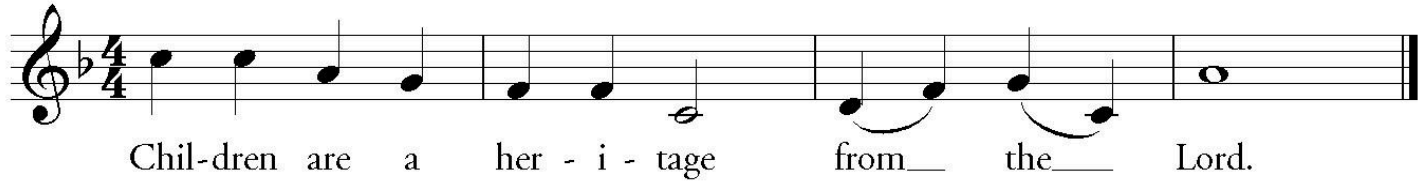
**A Reading from 1 Kings**

*Please be seated.*

The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 127

*The Cantor sings the verses and the people join in to sing the antiphon*



Unless the Lord builds the house, their labor is in vain who build it.

Unless the Lord watches over the city, in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.

It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; vain, too, to eat the bread of toil, for he gives to his beloved sleep. **Antiphon**

Children are a heritage from the Lord, and the fruit of the womb is a gift.

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth.

Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! he shall not be put to shame when he contends with his enemies in the gate. **Antiphon**

## A Reading from Hebrews

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for 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: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. *Alleluia*

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

As Jesus taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on. The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

<b>The Homily</b>	<b>The Rev. Father Scott Russell, Episcopal Chaplain- Rutgers</b>	
<b>The Nicene Creed</b>	<i>Please stand</i>	<b>BCP, 358</b>
<b>The Prayers of the People</b>	<i>Remain standing, or kneel</i>	<b>BCP, 388</b>
<b>Confession and Absolution</b>		<b>BCP, 360</b>
<b>The Peace and Welcome</b>		<i>Please be seated</i>
<b>Offertory Choir Anthem</b>	<b><i>Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i></b>	
<b>Offertory Hymn</b>	<b><i>I Sing a Song of the Saints of God</i></b>	<b>Blue Hymnal, 293</b>

**Prayer over the Offerings:** O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion the offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honor of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Great Thanksgiving:** **BCP, 361**  
*Sursum Corda*

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... 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. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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

## Our Father

*BCP, 364*

## Fraction and Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the

sins of the world: \_\_\_\_ have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sins of the world: \_\_\_\_ *slower* 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

*Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace*

*Blue Hymnal, 593*

*Love Astounding*

F(C) Dm(Am) Bb(F) F(C) Am(Em) Dm(Am) Bb(F) C(G) F(C)

1 Love a - stound-ing, Love con - found - ing lim-its fear - ful minds im - pose.  
2 Love re - ceiv - ing, Love be - liev - ing, we re - joice with thanks and song,

F(C) Dm(Am) Bb(F) F(C) Am(Em) Dm(Am) Bb(F) C(G) F(C)

Love re - new-ing, Love pur - su - ing ev - ery heart un - til it knows  
faith re - gain-ing, hope pro - claim-ing; Love has taught us, we be - long

Am(Em) Dm(Am) Am(Em) Gm(Dm) F(C) Dm(Am) Bb(F) C(G)

Love's trans-form-ing, heal - ing good-ness, Love's a - bid - ing, gen - tle grace,  
safe with - in Love's tend-er keep-ing, safe from fear's per - sis - tent call.

F(C) Dm(Am) Bb(F) F(C) Am(Em) Dm(Am) Bb(F) C(G) F(C)

Love's en - dur - ance, Love's as - sur - ance, Love's con - sol - ing, strong em-brace.  
Love de - fend-ing, Love un - end - ing, Love of God en - fold - ing all.

## Post-Communion Prayer

*Book of Common Prayer, 365*

### The Blessing and Dismissal

*Closing Hymn God of Grace and God of Glory vv.1, 4*

*Blue Hymnal, 594*

### Serving Today

Crucifer: Alex Kellam Reader: Carl Picazio

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

Ushers: Todd Hendrickson Organist: Kathy Shanklin Celebrant: Fr. Rob Laws

**Please keep in your prayers:**

Evelyn, Michael, Adam, Brent M., Anna Rose, Joe, Jeff, Pat, Brian, Pete, Laura, Susan, Jordan

**Collection for Veterans**

Throughout the month of November the Outreach Committee is collecting new socks, underwear, hats and gloves for veterans in need. A collection bin is in the narthex.

Thank you for your generosity.

**The Food Bank** is in great need of food items, paper goods, and toiletries for our neighbors in Somerset County. We especially want to focus on personal items and cleaning products, such as toothpaste, feminine products, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, etc. Cash and checks are also greatly appreciated. There is always a container on the stairs leading up to the choir loft where you can leave your donations.

**Recycle/Reuse**

We are always collecting the following items:

Styrofoam

Unusable pens/markers/pencils

Kitchen items (no furniture)

Books

Any questions, please contact Kathy Shanklin.

**Senior Moments** will meet on Tuesday November 19 at 1 pm in the Conference Room.

Christina Lu from the Somerset County Office of Aging will be giving a presentation on programs and services available to help Seniors remain in their homes. This presentation is open to all parishioners, including younger people who are caregivers for their senior parents.

If interested in attending, please RSVP Len Cacciatore at [lencac@comcast.net](mailto:lencac@comcast.net) by Nov. 12.

**Women's Group Paint N Sip** Saturday November 23, 3 pm in the Undercroft

**White Christmas** at the Papermill, followed by Dinner (coming in Dec.)

Please email Alison for more information

**First Christmas Pageant Rehearsal** Sunday November 24, 11:30 am

**Wednesday Mass** will resume on December 4 at 6 pm in the Lady Chapel.

**The Rosary Group** meets on First Wednesdays in the Lady Chapel following the Mass.

**Advent begins on Sunday December 1.** We will use Rite One during this season of preparation.

**St. Nicholas Potluck Party** December 8 at 5 pm in the Undercroft.