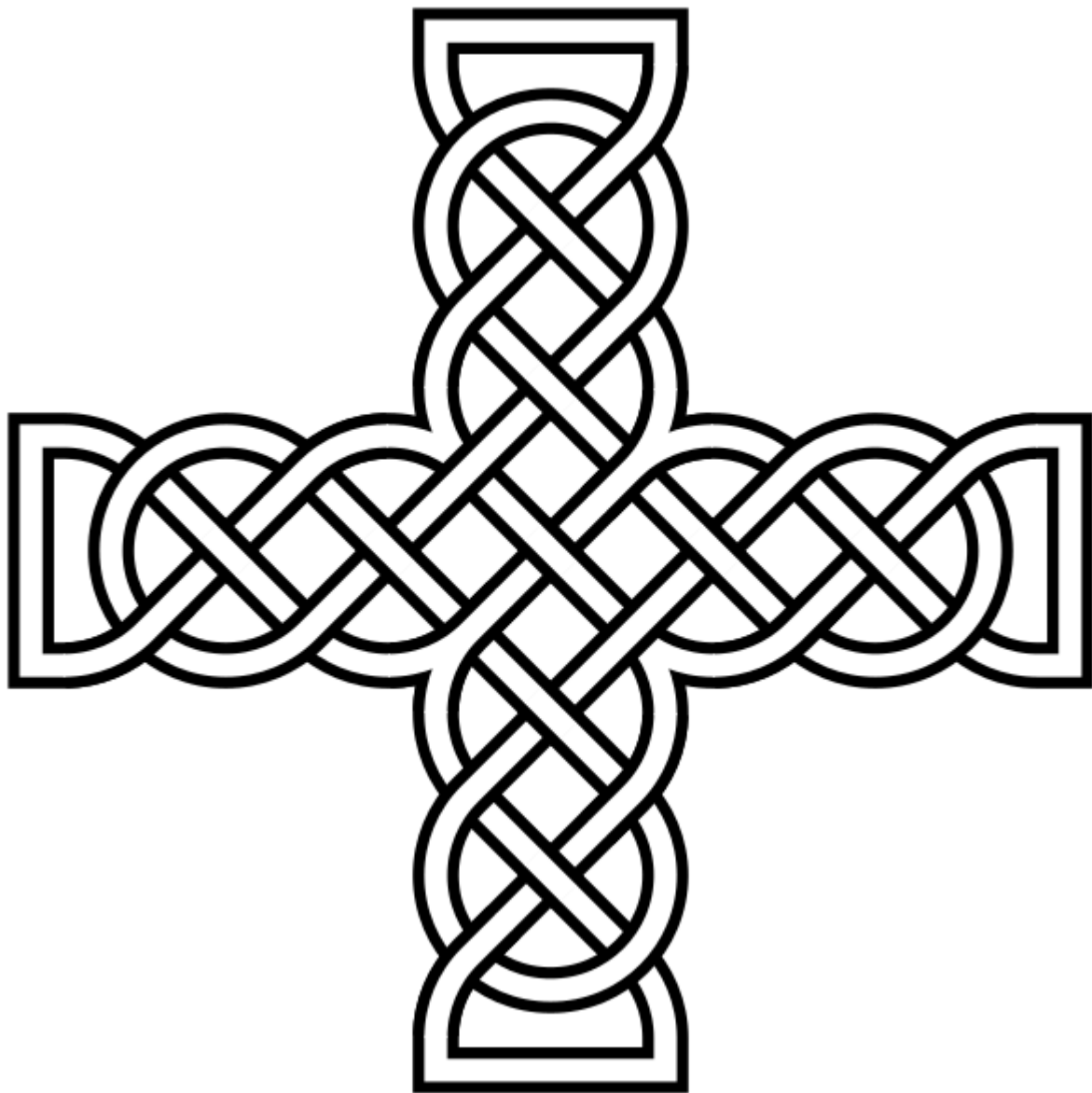




St. Martin's Episcopal Church + Bridgewater, NJ
Sunday November 17, 2024

Twenty- Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Morning Prayer



Opening Hymn *O God of Every Nation* vv.1,4

Blue Hymnal 607

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

Officiant: Lord, + open my lips

People: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

Officiant: Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

All: *let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.*

*Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving * and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.*

*For the Lord is a great God, * and a great King above all gods.*

*In his hand are the caverns of the earth, * and the heights of the hills are his also.*

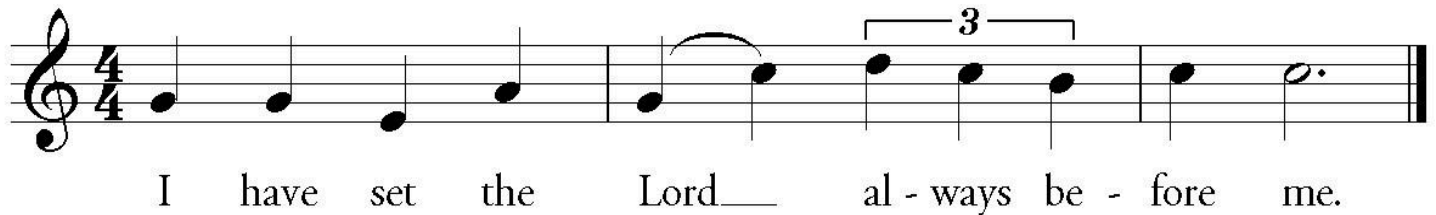
*The sea is his, for he made it, * and his hands have molded the dry land.*

*Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, * and kneel before the Lord our Maker.*

*For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. **

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Psalm 16



Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips. **Ant.**

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall. **Ant.**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy,

and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. **Ant.**

A Reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews*Please be seated for the Lesson*

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Here ends the lesson.

A Reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark *Please remain seated**There are no responses when Morning Prayer is the Liturgy of the Word*

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.” Here ends the lesson.

Homily: A Reading from Ricahrd Rohr’s Sermon “Everything Is Passing Away.”**The Apostles' Creed** *Officiant and People together, all standing*

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

I believe in Jesus 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.

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. Amen.

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.* Let us pray.

Show us your mercy, O Lord;	<i>And grant us your salvation.</i>
Clothe your ministers with righteousness;	<i>Let your people sing with joy.</i>
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;	<i>For only in you can we live in safety.</i>
Lord, keep this nation under your care;	<i>And guide us in the way of justice and truth.</i>
Let your way be known upon earth;	<i>Your saving health among all nations.</i>
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;	<i>Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.</i>
Create in us clean hearts, O God	<i>And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.</i>

The people remain kneeling or standing

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

All pray together

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them:

Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Romans 15:13

Closing Hymn ***Thy Kingdom Come on Bended Knee***

Blue Hymnal, 615

Serving Today

Officiant: Br. Philip Muniz Organist: Kathy Shanklin