

St. Martin's Episcopal Church + Bridgewater, NJ  
Sunday November 24, 2024  
**Sung Mass: Rite 2- The Feast of Christ the King**

**Prelude** *Please take this time to offer silent prayer and prepare yourself for worship.*

*Please stand to sing as the hymn begins.*

**All Praise to Thee, for Thou O King Divine vv. 1, 2,5**

**Hymnal 1982, 477**

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**

**Hymnal 1982 S 278**

**Collect** Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**A Reading from Daniel**

*Please be seated.*

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 93

*Please remain seated.*

*The cantor sings the antiphon, and then the people repeat it:*

**Antiphon: Ever since the world began, your throne has been established.**

The Lord is King; he has put on splendid apparel; \*  
the Lord has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.  
He has made the whole world so sure \* that it cannot be moved;  
Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; \* you are from everlasting.  
The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; \*  
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves. **Antiphon**  
Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, \*  
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.  
Your testimonies are very sure, \* and holiness adorns your house, O Lord,  
forever and for evermore. **Antiphon**

### A Reading from Revelation

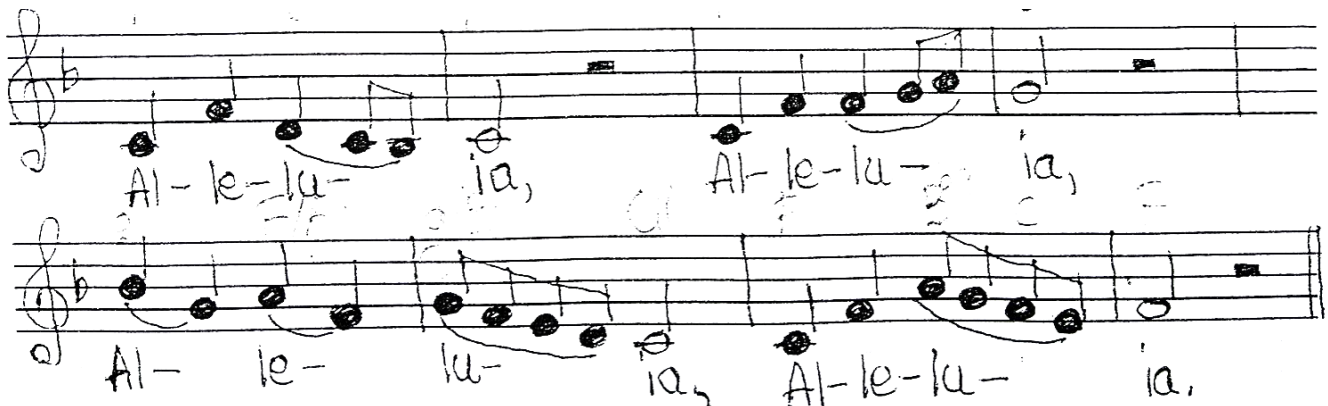
Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

### Gospel Acclamation

*Please stand*

*The cantor sings the Alleluia. The congregation sings with the cantor the second time.*



V: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David, that is to come.

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

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Homily**

**The Nicene Creed**

**The Prayers of the People**

**Book of Common Prayer, 358**

*Remain standing, or kneel*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord in your mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord in your mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We especially pray for Evelyn, Michael, Brent, Anna Rose, Joe, Jeff, Pat, Brian, Pete, Laura, and Amy. Lord in your mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord in your mercy. *Hear our prayer.*

Priest: Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Confession of Sin and Absolution**

**Book of Common Prayer, 360**

**The Peace** The peace of Christ be always with you. *And also with you.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**The Offertory Anthem: *He Is King of Kings***

He is King of kings, he is Lord of lords, Jesus Christ, the first and last; no one works like him. He built his throne up in the air. And called the saints from everywhere. I was but young when I begun. But now my race is almost run.

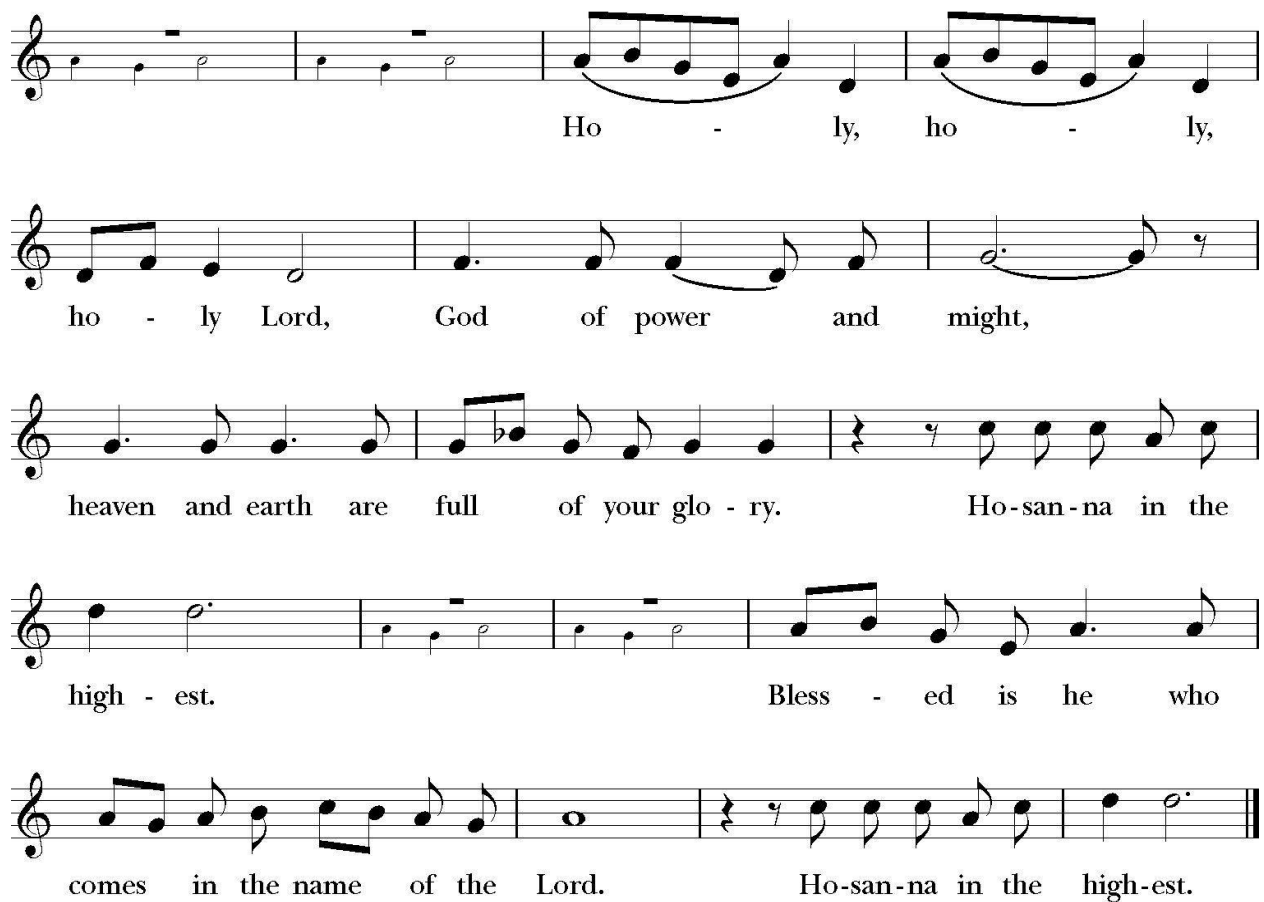
**The Offertory Hymn The Head that Once Was Crowned**

**Blue Hymnal, 483**

Priest: God our sustainer, receive the gifts we bring before you, and feed us continually with that bread which satisfies all hunger, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

### *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; 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 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.

*Please continue standing or kneel as you are able. The Eucharistic prayer continues in the prayerbook, page 361.*

**The Lord's Prayer**  
**The Fraction and Fraction Anthem** *Lamb of God*

**BCP, 364**

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: \_\_\_ grant us peace.

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 speak the word, and my soul shall be healed.*

### **Communion Hymns**

#### ***We Praise You, Lord (choir)***

We praise you Lord, for Jesus Christ who died and rose again;  
 He lives to break the power of sin, and over death to reign.

We praise you that this child who shares the freedom Christ can give;  
 Has died to sin with Christ, and now, with Christ is raised to live.

We praise you Lord, that now this child is grafted to the vine;  
 Is made a member of your house, and bears the cross as sign.

We praise you Lord, for Jesus Christ, he loves the child we bring;  
 He frees, forgives and heals us all, he lives and reigns as King.

***Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord***

***Hymnal 1982, 328***

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

*All: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.*

*Please stand or kneel*

## **Blessing and Dismissal**

### **Closing Hymn**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns, vv 1,3, 5*

*Please stand*

*Hymnal 1982, 494*

## **Serving Today**

Usher: Todd Hendrickson    Thurifer: Michael Maloney    Crucifer: Alex Kellam

Reader: Carl Picazio    Eucharistic Ministers: Larry Ottenstroer

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

Organist: Kathy Shanklin    Celebrant: Fr Rob Laws+

We are honored to have you worshiping with us this morning. If this is your first time with us, please do introduce yourself to the priest after Mass. We would love to get to know you better. Please join us after Mass for coffee and refreshments.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Angel Tree** The Outreach Committee has put up an Angel Tree in the Undercroft on the bulletin board. Please see Kathy Shanklin if you have any questions.

**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.