

St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Bridgewater, NJ
Sung Mass + Second Sunday after Easter
April 27, 2025, 10:30 am



Opening Hymn and Asperges: *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

Hymnal 1982, 193

Alleluia, Christ is Risen. The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

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

a tempo *mp* *poco cresc.*

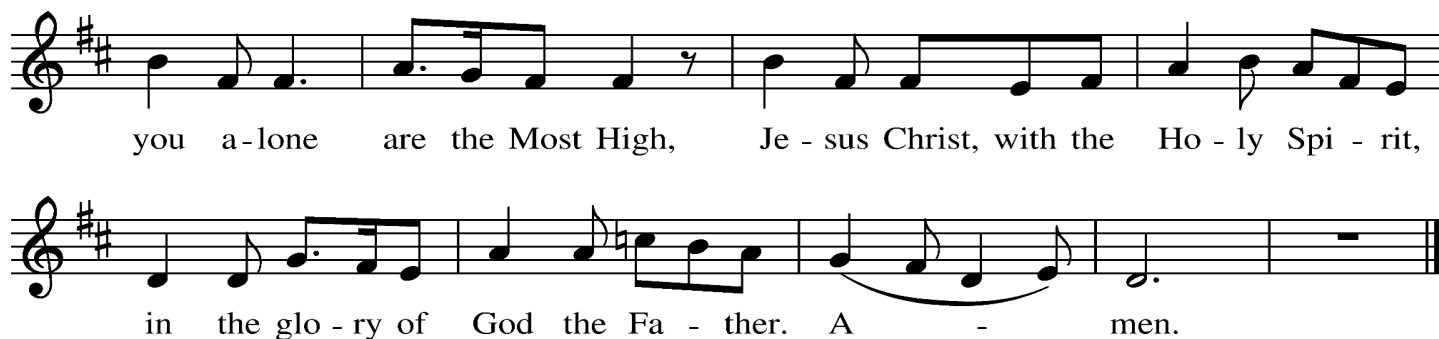
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son — of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

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, —



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The Collect of the Day

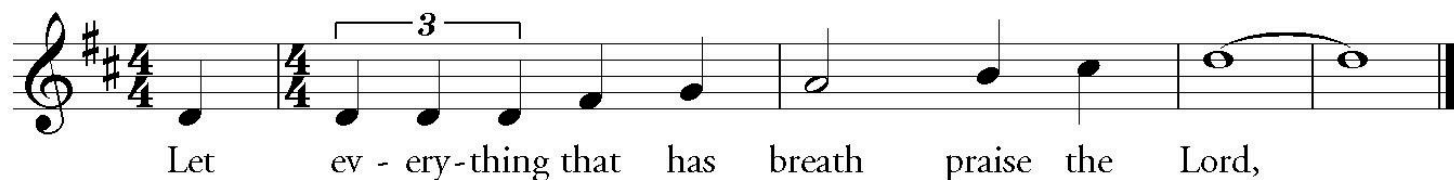
Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles *Please be seated.*

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him." Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 150

The cantor sings the antiphon, and then the people repeat it.



- 1 Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; * praise him in the firmament of his power.
- 2 Praise him for his mighty acts; * praise him for his excellent greatness.
- 3 Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn; * praise him with lyre and harp. (Ant)
- 4 Praise him with timbrel and dance; * praise him with strings and pipe.
- 5 Praise him with resounding cymbals; * praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.
- 6 Let everything that has breath * praise the LORD. Hallelujah! (Ant)

A Reading from Revelation

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: 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.*

The Gospel Acclamation *Please stand as able The Alleluia is sung by a Cantor, then repeated by all.*



V: "You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me", says the Lord;
"Blessed are they who have not seen me, and yet, believe." *Alleluia is repeated*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*
When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Homily

The Nicene Creed *Please stand*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

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

In hope and gladness, let us pray to God, who gives Life to all. That our risen Savior may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection,
We pray to the living God. *Hear our prayer.*

That those who lead and those who serve in the Church throughout the world, especially Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Sally, our diocesan bishop, may be refreshed and encouraged by Christ's victory, We pray to the living God. *Hear our prayer.*

That isolated and persecuted churches may find strength in the good news of Easter,
We pray to the living God. *Hear our prayer.*

That those who lack food, work, shelter, or medicine may be blessed with provision,
We pray to the living God. *Hear our prayer.*

That war, famine, and plague may cease in all the world, especially in Ukraine,
We pray to the living God. *Hear our prayer.*

That the light of God's presence may be revealed to the sick, the weak, and the dying, to comfort and sustain them, especially We pray to the living God. *Hear our prayer.*

That, according to God's promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day especially Betty and Pope Francis,
We pray to the living God. *Hear our prayer.*

Celebrant O God, worker of wonders, you made this season for joy and gladness, yet you also know the needs that weigh upon our hearts: Hear, therefore, the prayers we bring to you, and grant us grace so to recognize the Risen One in our midst—the Christ now entered into glory, the firstborn from the dead, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever. Amen.

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


The People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Welcome Please be seated.

Please stand as you are able.


Offertory Hymn

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



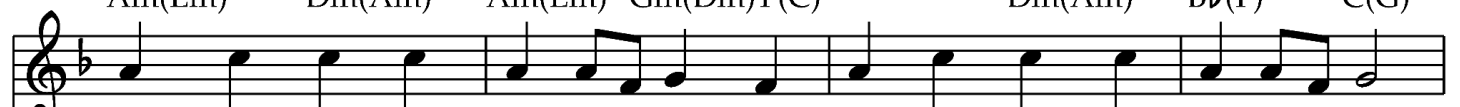
1 Love a - stound-ing, Love con - found - ing lim-its fear - ful minds im - pose.
2 Love re - ceiv - ing, Love be - liev - ing, we re - joice with thanks and song,

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)



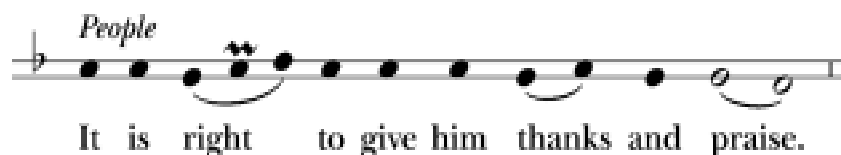
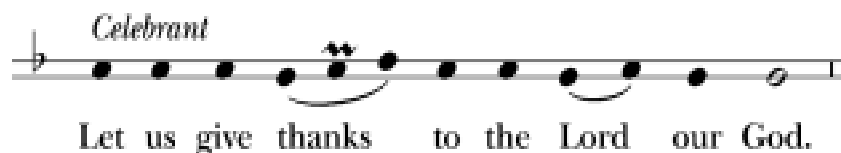
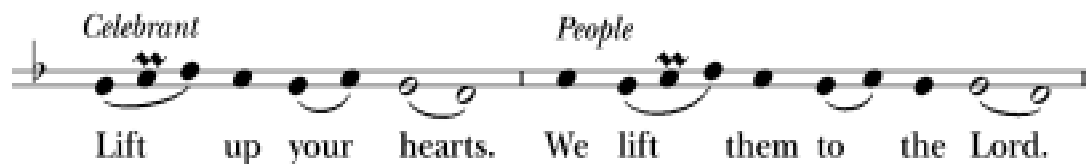
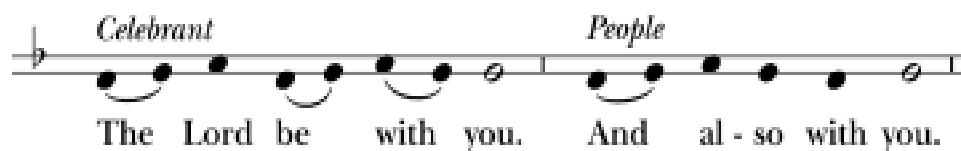
Love's en - dur - ance, Love's as - sur - ance, Love's con - sol - ing, strong em-brace.
Love de - fend-ing, Love un - end - ing, Love of God en - fold - ing all.

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The Great Thanksgiving



It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us 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

Blessed is the

high - est. Bless - ed is

one

he who comes _____ in the name of the

Lord. _____ Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Please continue standing or kneel as you are able.

All-holy God, how wonderful is the work of your hands! When sin had scarred the world, you entered into a covenant to renew the whole creation. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced your people and filled them with longing for a peace that would last, and for a justice that would never fail.

Through countless generations your people hungered for the bread of freedom. From them you raised up Jesus, our Savior, the living bread in whom ancient hungers are satisfied. He healed the sick, though he himself would suffer; he offered life to sinners, though he himself would die. And with a love stronger than death, he opened wide his arms on the cross and surrendered his spirit for our salvation.

On the night before he died, Jesus came to table with those he loved. He took bread and gave you thanks, O God. He broke the bread among his disciples, and said, Take, eat: this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

When supper had ended, he took a cup of wine, and again he gave you thanks and praise. He passed the cup among his disciples, and said, Drink this, all of you: this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Gracious God, we plead with confidence the sacrifice of Jesus, your Son. Death could not bind him, for you raised him up in the Spirit of holiness and exalted him as Lord of creation.

And so we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Eternal God, we offer you these earthly gifts of bread and wine. Let your Holy Spirit move in power over them and sanctify them, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of your dear Son. Sanctify us also, and unite us in one body into the likeness of your Christ. May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in truth and love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread. Then, at last, all people will be free, all divisions healed, and in union with The Ever Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, prophets, martyrs, St. Martin of Tour, and all your Saints, we will sing your praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *AMEN.*

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

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.*

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Fraction

Invitation to Communion

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are they who are called to his Supper

Communion Hymn

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor,

Hymnal 1982, 307

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.

The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

Closing Hymn *Good Christians All Rejoice and Sing! Vv. 1,3,5 Hymnal 1982, 205*

Serving Today

Thurifer: Fausto Beleno Crucifer: Alex Kellam

Reader: Jason Swain

Eucharistic Ministers: Larry Ottenstroer

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

Organist: Kathy Shanklin Celebrant: Father Rob Laws+

Usher: Todd Hendrickson

UPCOMING EVENTS

Episcopal 101: Come learn more about the Episcopal Church and St. Martin's Parish. This course meets on Sundays at 9:30 am in the Undercroft. This class is designed for persons who wish to be Confirmed, or Received as Members of the Episcopal Church if you have already received the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is also ideal for people who want to learn more about the Episcopal Church. See Father Rob for more information.

Paint N Sip: Saturday May 3 at 3 pm in the Undercroft

Summer Schedule Begins on June 1. We will have one Mass at 10 am.
There will be incense on June 1, 8, 15, and 22 and on August 17.
Summer schedule ends the Sunday after Labor Day.

Good Shepherd Sunday May 11 (and also Mother's Day)

Rogation Sunday May 25

Ascension Sunday and Holy Baptism Sunday June 1

Pentecost and Solemn Communion Sunday June 8

Trinity Sunday June 15

Corpus Christi June 22