

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday**

**10:30 am Sung Mass**

**Saint Martin's Episcopal Church**

**Bridgewater, NJ**

*Please stand as the Altar party enters*

**Opening Hymn: O Jesus, Crowned with All Renown**

**Blue Hymnal 292**

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

**Gloria**

**Blue Hymnal, S 280**

**Collect of the Day**

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, in whose hands are the living and the dead; We give you thanks for all your servants who have laid down their lives in the service of our country. Grant to them your mercy and the light of your presence, that the good work which you have begun in them may be perfected; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. Amen.

**The Lesson A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

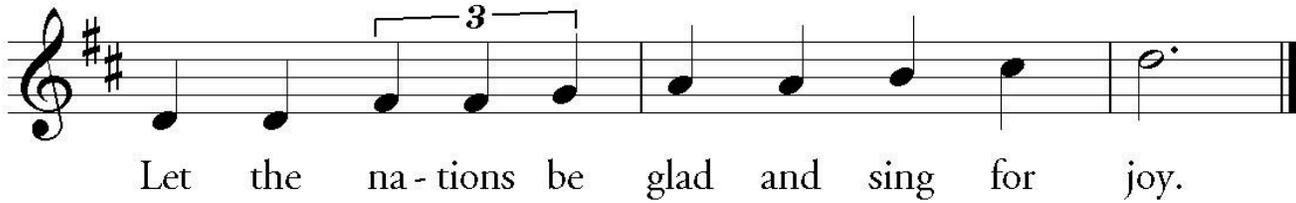
*Please be seated*

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us. While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The Word of the Lord/ *Thanks be to God*

## Psalm 67

*The Cantor sings the antiphon, and the people repeat it:*



May God be merciful to us and bless us, show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth. **(Antiphon)**

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

May God give us his blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him. **(Antiphon)**

## The Epistle: A Reading from Revelation

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

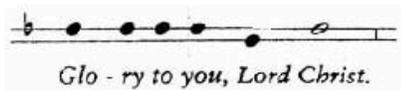
**Gospel Acclamation** (Please stand)

The Cantor sings the Alleluia and the people repeat it



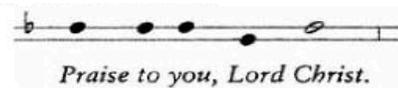
All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. *Alleluia is repeated*

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our + Lord Jesus Christ according to John



After Jesus healed the son of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids-- blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath. The Gospel of the Lord.



**The Homily** (Please be seated)  
**The Nicene Creed**

**Father Rob Laws**  
**BCP, 358**

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

Let us ask the God of creation to send a blessing upon the rich earth, that it may be fruitful and its resources hallowed. **We ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

We ask your blessing upon human labor, O God. Prosper the work of our hands; may all find dignity and reward in their work; free the exploited and oppressed, and create a just society among us. **We ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

We ask your blessing upon the produce of the earth, O God. Guide us into a sustainable future, and give us the will to share the fruits of the world with the poor and hungry. **We ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

We ask your blessing upon aid agencies, O God: where war brings want, and children go hungry; where the poor cry out for bread and for justice, give hands to care and heal, and compel us to be generous. **We ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

We ask your blessing upon all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially those who died in service of our Country, and those whose faith is known to you alone. May they grow from glory to glory in your eternal kingdom. **We ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

**Priest:** O God our Creator and Sustainer: Accept our prayers and petitions, through Jesus Christ, your Son, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit. **Amen.**

**Peace and Announcements**

**Offertory Hymn**

*Please stand*

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

*Blue Hymnal, 405*

**The Liturgy of the Altar**

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now united on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. **Amen**



# Holy Communion

Spi-rit of God, un - seen as the wind, gen - tle as is the dove:

1. 2. | last time  
Fine  
teach us the truth and help us be-lieve, show us the Sa-viour's love! love!

1 You spoke to us long, long a - go, gave us the writ-ten word;  
2 With-out your help we fail our Lord, we can-not live his way;

D.C.  
we read it still, need-ing its truth, through it God's voice is heard.  
we need your power, we need your strength, fol - low-ing Christ each day.

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1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod; —  
 2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray, —  
 3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down; —  
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease, —

1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the — throne of — God?  
 2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py — gold - en — day.  
 3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a — robe and — crown.  
 4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of — peace.

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful — riv - er;

**Post Communion Prayer** (*Please kneel or stand*)

*BCP, 365*

*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**

May God, who opens his hand and sustains the lives of all creatures, fill you with his grace and supply all your needs. **Amen.**

May God, whose mercy blesses the lands and multiplies the harvests of the world, give you your daily bread, and empower you to share your bread with the hungry. **Amen.**

May God, who breathes over the creation and renews the face of the earth, transform your hearts, and make you generous in every good deed. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Dismissal**

**Closing Hymn    How Wondrous and Great**

*Blue Hymnal, 533*

**SERVING TODAY**

Thurifer: Fausto Beleno    Crucifer: Nick Persson

Lay Reader: Val Montrone    Eucharistic Minister: Larry Ottenstroer

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

Organist: Kathy Shanklin    Celebrant: Father Rob Laws

Usher: Todd Hendrickson

## Upcoming Events:

### **Vestry Meeting after 10:30 am Mass**

**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.

Ascension Sunday and Holy Baptism Sunday June 1

Pentecost and Solemn Communion Celebration for Children Sunday June 8

Trinity Sunday June 15

Corpus Christi and Pride June 22

Pride Picnic to follow Mass

Somerville Pride on Division Street June 26 7-10 pm

St Martin's will have a table at the Pride event, with information about the church and messages of love and support for our LGBT+ neighbors. Please see Father Rob if you can come sit at the table and share info. about St Martin's to those who are interested.

## **OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES**

**Laundry Love** a collection bin for Laundry Love is in the narthex. We are collecting rolls of quarters, detergent pods, dryer sheets, and small plastic ziplock bags. These supplies will be given to support St. John's ministry to help the poor and needy do laundry.

**Food Bank** is always in need of nonperishable food items, paper goods, and toiletries. There is a special need for toothpaste, cleaning products and feminine hygiene items. The collection bin are on the landing on the choir stairs.

**I Support the Girls** in the month of June we will be collecting new or gently used bras and menstrual hygiene products that will be distributed to homeless and needy women, including transwomen and nonbinary people.