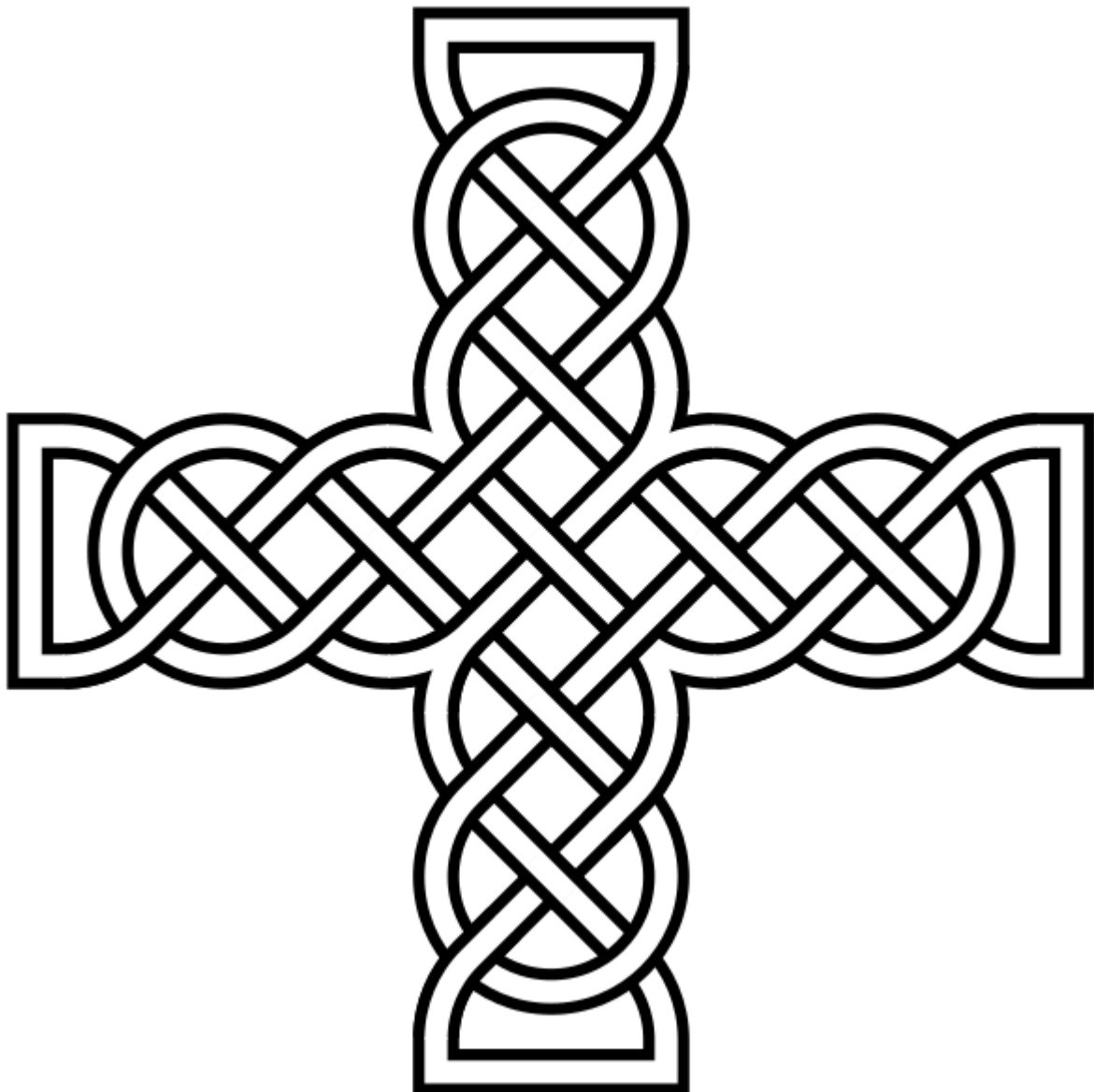




**St. Martin's Episcopal Church + Bridgewater, NJ**  
**Sunday September 7, 2025**

**Holy Eucharist**  
**The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**



## **Restrooms**

If you need to use the facilities during Mass, you may enter the door next to the crucifix and find the restroom down the end of the hall on the left hand side. It is a single restroom that anyone may use. Alternatively, you can go back to the narthex (the entrance area), go down the stairs near the red doors, enter the white door on the left, and through the undercroft. You will find restrooms down the hallway.

## **Holy Communion**

You are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood if you desire it. Jesus Christ offers grace to you in Holy Communion and we will not turn anyone away from Christ's healing grace. To receive communion, place one hand over the other and the priest will place the precious body of Christ in your hand: you should consume it then. A Eucharistic Minister will follow with a chalice. If you wish to receive the precious blood of Christ, grasp the base and assist the chalice to your lips.

If you do not wish to receive from the chalice, cross your arms over your chest as the chalice approaches, or simply return to your seat after you consume the host. It is customary not to leave the altar until the person next to you has received communion.

If you prefer a blessing instead of communion, cross your arms over your chest and the priest will give you a blessing.

If you feel drawn to Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please speak to the priest about how Baptism can nurture your relationship with Christ and the Church.

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Glo - ry to God; Praise to the Son;  
Glo - ry to God; Praise to the  
Love to the Spi - rit; Three and yet One.  
Son; Love to the Three and yet One.

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

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

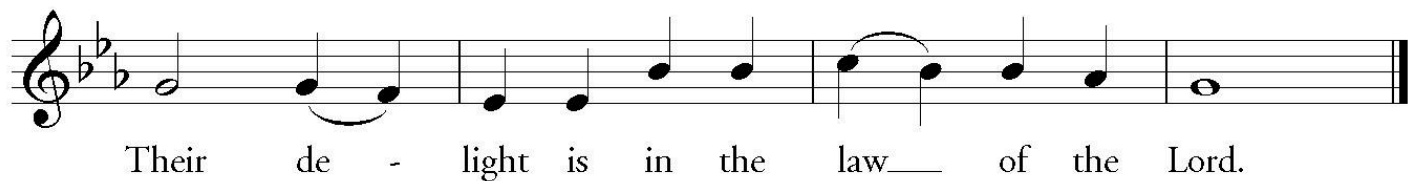
### **A Reading from Deuteronomy**

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

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

**Psalm 1** *The cantor sings the antiphon and the people repeat it.*

*Please remain seated*



Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!  
Their delight is in the law of the Lord, and they meditate on his law day and night.  
They are like trees planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season  
with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

### ***Antiphon***

It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the winds blow away.  
Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes,  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.  
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

### **Antiphon**

## A Reading from the Epistle to Philemon

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

## The Gospel Acclamation

*Please stand as able*



*V. Let your face shine upon your servant; and teach me your laws. (Alleluia)*

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

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

### **The Homily**

#### **The Nicene Creed**

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. Amen.

### **The Prayers of the People**

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

For the unity of the Church in witness and proclamation of the Gospel,  
let us pray to the Lord: *hear our prayer*.

For peace among the nations, that God may rid the world of violence and let peoples grow  
in justice and harmony, let us pray to the Lord: *hear our prayer*.

For those who serve in public office, that they may work for the common good,  
let us pray to the Lord: *hear our prayer*.

For an end to racism, sexism, homophobia, and all systems of hatred and division. For an  
end to gun violence, let us pray to the Lord: *hear our prayer*.

For those who suffer from hunger, sickness or loneliness, especially Vincent, Evelyn,  
Michael, Brent, Anna Rose, Joe, Pat, Brian, Pete, Laura, Amy, Jeffrey, Bill, Juan, Joan,  
Domenic, Camille, Barbara, and Tim, that the presence of Christ may bring them health  
and wholeness, let us pray to the Lord: *hear our prayer*.

For those who have died in the peace of Christ, especially Bill, and those whose faith is  
known to God alone, let us pray to the Lord: *hear our prayer*.

In the communion of the Ever Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Martin of Tours, and all the  
Saints, let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection  
of God. *To Thee O Lord, our God.*

Priest: Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son:  
Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we  
deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

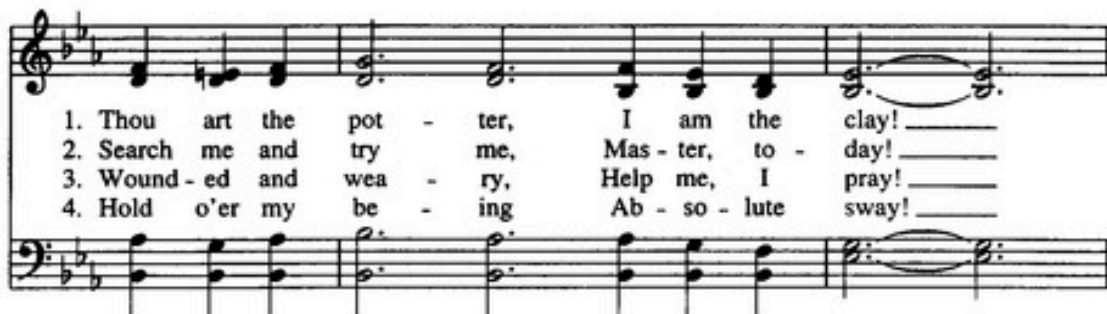
**The Peace and Welcome**

*Please be seated*

**Offertory Sentence**



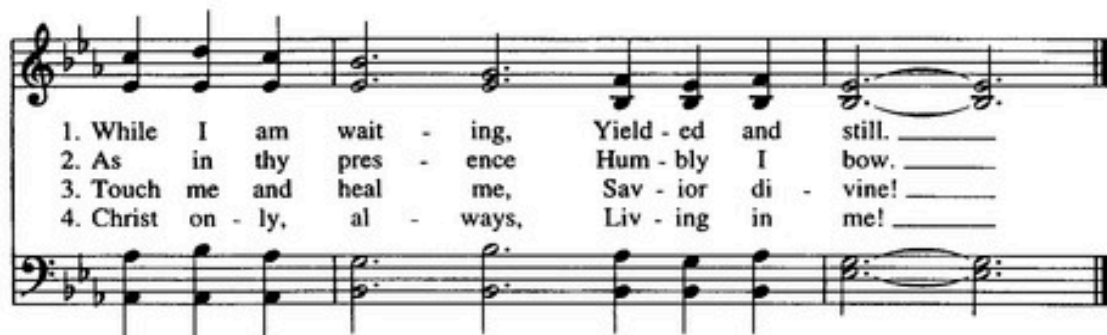
1. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! \_\_\_\_\_



1. Thou art the pot - ter, I am the clay! \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Search me and try me, Mas - ter, to - day! \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Wound - ed and wea - ry, Help me, I pray! \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Hold o'er my be - ing Ab - so - lute sway! \_\_\_\_\_



1. Mold me and make me Aft - er thy will, \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Pur - er than snow, Lord, Wash me just now, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Pow - er all pow - er Sure - ly is thine! \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Fill with thy Spir - it 'Til all shall see \_\_\_\_\_

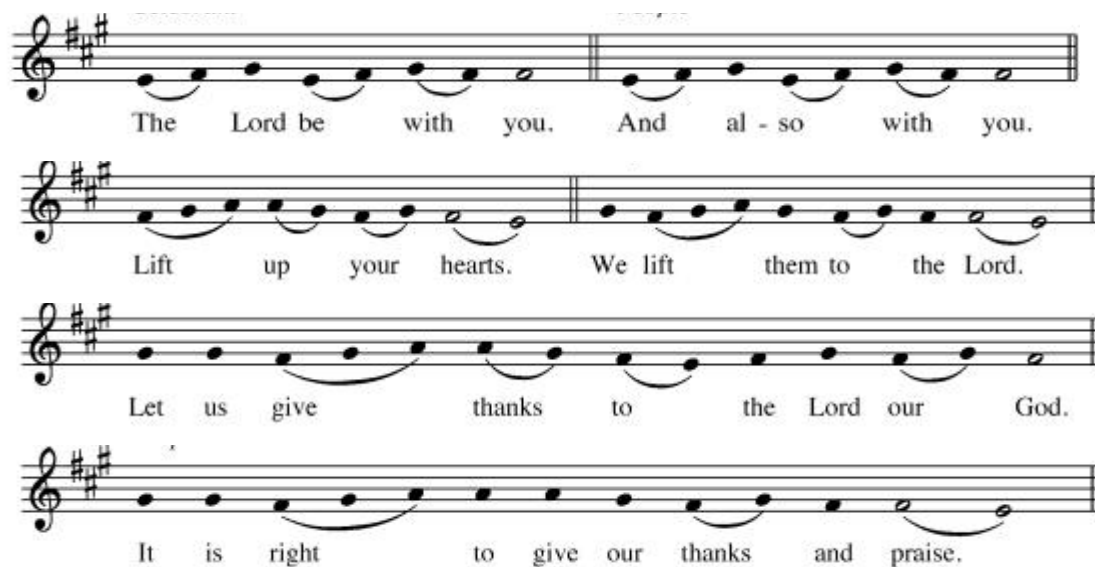


1. While I am wait - ing, Yield - ed and still. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. As in thy pres - ence Hum - bly I bow. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine! \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Christ on - ly, al - ways, Liv - ing in me! \_\_\_\_\_

Words: Adelaide A. Pollard (1862-1934)  
 Music: George C. Stebbins (1846-1945)



Yours is the greatness, the power, the splendor and the majesty, for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you: *And of your own do we give to you.*



It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Holy and Eternal One, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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:



Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker and of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
*Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.  
AMEN.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray: Our Father ....

### The Breaking of the Bread

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the

world: have mer-cy 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 the Supper of the Lamb.  
These are the Gifts of God for the People of God.

## Holy Communion

*Are 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 Hymn *Would You Share Christ's Passion*

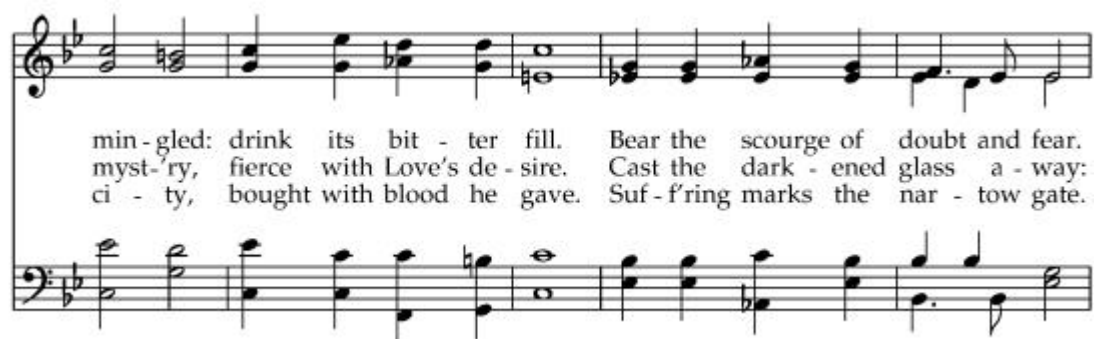
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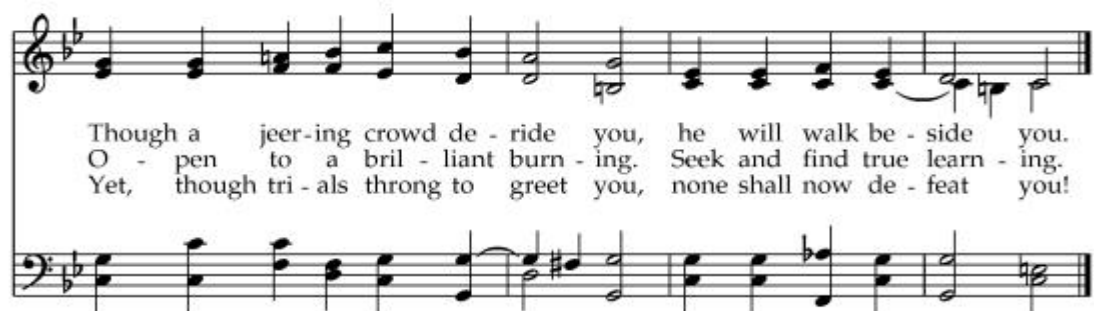
1 Would you share Christ's pas - sion? Take your cross and fol - low;  
2 Would you know Christ's mean - ing, daz - zling in its ra - diance?  
3 Would you join Christ's tri - umph, o - ver death vic - to - rious,



climb Gol - ga - tha's hill. Taste the cup of sor - row, wine and gall com -  
Lie down in the fire. Brave the flames of Wis - dom, sear - ing with their  
ris - ing from the grave? Pain and grief are fore - courts of the heav'n - ly



min - gled: drink its bit - ter fill. Bear the scourge of doubt and fear.  
myst - ry, fierce with Love's de - sire. Cast the dark - ened glass a - way:  
ci - ty, bought with blood he gave. Suf - f'ring marks the nar - tow gate.



Though a jeer - ing crowd de - ride you, he will walk be - side you.  
O - pen to a bril - liant burn - ing. Seek and find true learn - ing.  
Yet, though tri - als throng to greet you, none shall now de - feat you!

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

*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.*

## **Blessing and Dismissal**

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

***Blue Hymnal, 594***

## **Serving Today**

Crucifer: Fausto Beleno Lay Reader: Ben Todoroff Euch. Min: Br. Philip Muniz

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

Organist: Kathy Shanklin Celebrant: Father Rob Laws

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Today is Kickoff Sunday**

A Picnic, fellowship and games will follow the 10:30 Mass.

Those who attend the 8:15 Mass are encouraged to join us for this time of fellowship.

**Daily Evening Prayer begins on Monday September 15 at 5:30.** It will be prayed in the Lady Chapel on Mondays-Thursdays, and livestreamed on Facebook. It will be offered only on facebook live on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. ***(NOTE NEW STARTING DATE)***

***Fr. Rob is looking for 2 lay volunteers to take turns officiating on Sundays at 5:30, livestreaming from their homes.***

**Low Mass for the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady,**

Tomorrow, 6 pm in the Lady Chapel.

**NO MASS ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 10**

**Sunday September 14: Feast of the Holy Cross**

**Father Scott Russell, the Episcopal Chaplain at Rutgers will be our Guest Preacher**

**Confirmation Rehearsal: Saturday September 27, 10:30 am**

**Rector's Forum resumes September 14, 9:30 am in the Lady Chapel**

**Saint Francis Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, October 5 at 4 pm**