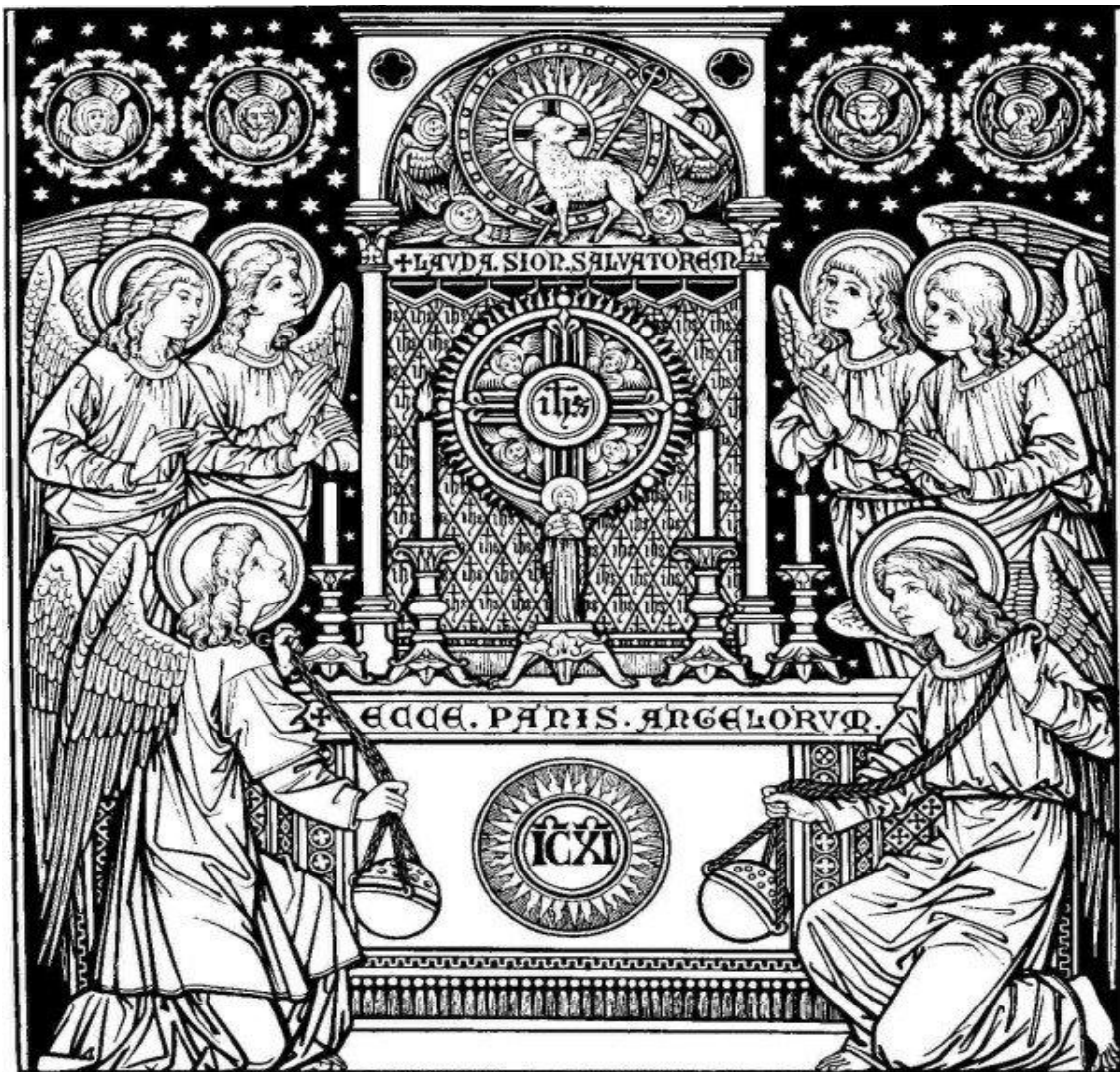




St. Martin's Episcopal Church + Bridgewater, NJ
Sunday June 07, 2026

Deacon Mass

The Feast of Corpus Christi (Thanksgiving for the Body and Blood of Christ)



Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!
And blessed be His Kingdom now and forever. Amen.

Holy God. Holy and Mighty. Holy Immortal One: *Have mercy upon us.*

The Collect of the Day

God our Father, whose Son our Lord Jesus Christ in a wonderful Sacrament has left us a memorial of his passion: Grant us so to venerate the sacred mysteries of his Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of his redemption; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from Genesis

Please be seated.

King Melchizedek of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was priest of God Most High He blessed him and said, “Blessed be Abram by God Most High, maker of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!” And Abram gave him one-tenth of everything. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 116: 10-17

How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things he has done for me?
I will lift up the cup of salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.
I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.
Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his servants.
O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
You have freed me from my bonds.
I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the Name of the Lord.
I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.
In the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah.

A Reading from 1 Corinthians

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

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

Jesus said, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the

last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”
The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Homily

The Nicene Creed *Please stand*

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

The Rev. Deacon Maureen Flak
BCP, 358

Let us pray to the Father of All, through Jesus Christ, our mediator and redeemer. For the Church, that we may grow in deeper communion with Christ and one another, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, hear our prayer.

For an end to war and peace throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord hear our prayer.**

For those who hunger for the Eucharist but have been turned away and barred from your grace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord hear our prayer.**

For those who have been rejected, judged, and condemned because of their sexual orientation, gender identity, skin color, or religion, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord hear our prayer.**

For the sick, the suffering and those in any need or trouble, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord hear our prayer.**

Deacon: Lord, satisfy our hunger with the food that lasts, the bread of God which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

Deacon: The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **People: And also with you.**

Welcome *Please be seated*

Announcements from the Vestry

The Liturgy of the Altar

Deacon: Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord

Offertory Hymn: *Earth and All Stars*

Blue Hymnal, 412

V. 1 & 2: All sing

V. 3: Choir

V. 4: All sing

V. 5: Choir

V. 6: All sing

As the offering is being received, the deacon spreads a corporal on the altar and places on the corporal the Pre-Sanctified Body and Blood of Christ.

After the offertory hymn, the liturgy continues with the Lord's Prayer.

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

*All: 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 Deacon reverences the Body and Blood of Christ with a bow, and then elevating the paten and chalice,
says: **The Gifts of God, for the people of God.***

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Blue Hymnal, 686

Post-communion Prayer

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.

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Closing Hymn: *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (v. 1, 2 and 6)

Blue Hymnal, 493

Serving Today: Lector: Carl Picazio Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Picazio

Officiant: Deacon Maureen Flak Vestry Rep: Alison Jandek

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

Organist: Kathy Shanklin