

Low Mass  
July 17, 2022, 10:00 am

St. Martin's Episcopal Church  
Bridgewater, NJ

*Please stand as the altar party enters*

**Opening Hymn: *Immortal, Invisible God*, vv. 1, 4**

**Hymnal 1982, 423**

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(Please kneel. Silence)*  
*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.*

*Please stand*

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

**Collect** Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

**A Reading from Genesis**

*Please be seated.*

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on-- since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

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

## **Psalm 15 *Domine, quis habitabit?***

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right,  
who speaks the truth from his heart.

There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend;  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

In his sight the wicked is rejected, but he honors those who fear the Lord.

He has sworn to do no wrong and does not take back his word.

He does not give his money in hope of gain, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things shall never be overthrown.

## **A Reading from Colossians**

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

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

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.

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. Amen.

**The Prayers of the People**

*Remain standing, or kneel*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, especially Susan, Raymond, Audrey, Bill, Evelyn, Doug, Zhenya, Ahnya, Linda, Chris, Rachel, Mary, Carol, and Bonnie's grandson.

I ask your prayers for the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.  
Pray that they may find and be found by him.

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

I ask your prayers for parishioners who are away on vacation. Pray that they may be refreshed and strengthened in body, mind and spirit.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.  
Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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

*The people of God share a sign of peace with one another.*

*Please be seated*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **The Holy Eucharist**

*Please stand after the Altar is ready*

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.

The Lord be with you. *And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts. *We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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 with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory: hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

*Please continue standing or kneel as you are able.*

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all. He 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 Lord 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 he 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, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Martin of Tours, and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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**

**Fraction Anthem** Be known to us, Lord Jesus Christ, in the breaking of the bread.

### **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.

## **The Holy Communion**

### **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, if able*

### **Blessing and Dismissal**

**Closing Hymn** *Judge eternal, throned in splendor, vv. 1, 3*

*Hymnal 1982, 596*

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### **Serving Today**

Reader: Carl Picazio

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathy Picazio

Celebrant: Father Rob Laws+

Many thanks to Kathy Shanklin and the choir for recording our opening and closing hymns this morning, as Kathy is away on vacation.

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.

**Summer Mass Schedule:** *One Weekend Mass from July 3- September 11, Sundays @10:00 am*

### **Confirmation, Reception and Renewal of Vows:**

Information regarding Confirmation for Youth and Adults is in the Narthex (church entrance). The brochure for Adult Confirmation includes information for those who would like to join St. Martin's Episcopal Church who have already been confirmed in a church with apostolic succession. Please register by August 7. Please see Father Rob if you have any questions.

**Please remember in your prayers:**

- Susan Cacciatore, Len's former wife, has entered hospice.
- Raymond Okonsky, Denise's father.
- Audrey, Bill Valiant's wife
- Bill Valiant is also experiencing some health issues
- Fr. Rob's mother, Evelyn.
- Kathy Picazio asks for prayers for Doug Newton, his wife, Zhenya, and her adult daughter.
- Bonnie Whalen requested prayers for her 28 yr old grandson.
- Linda Virtue
- Chris Semanchik
- Jane Linn's, granddaughter-in-law, Rachael.
- Mary Irwin