



**St. Martin's Episcopal Church + Bridgewater, NJ**  
**Sunday May 26, 2024**

**Sung Mass: Trinity Sunday**  
**And Memorial Day**



## **YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!**

We are honored that you are worshiping with us this morning. Whether you have been attending Mass for 50 years, or whether this is your first Sunday- we are glad that you're here.

### **St. Martin's is a safe space for everyone and a place of prayer for all people.**

Children are loved and welcome here. The sound of small voices is a joyful song of praise that reminds us of Christ's resurrection life. Your children are always welcome to sit with you during Mass. However, if you need a "cry room" please feel free to sit in the Lady Chapel. Go through the door next to the crucifix and you will see the Lady Chapel immediately on your left. You are able to hear the Mass there. But please know you and your child are always welcome to remain in the main church to celebrate Mass with all of us.

Mass activity bags are available for children to use during the Mass, if you desire. You can find them in the narthex as you enter. Please return them after Mass for re-use.

St. Martin's is also a safe space for the LGBTQ+ community. We love, welcome, support and affirm you and your family. You and your children are welcome to fully participate in parish life and to receive all of the Sacraments. Let us know your pronouns and we will strive to name you as you wish to be named. (Please be patient with us: many of us are still learning).

### **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.

Opening Hymn *I Bind Unto Myself Today, vv. 1,2,6,7*

*Blue Hymnal, 370*

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

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may  
perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*

*Gloria in Excelsis*

*Crisafulli*

*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

*poco rit.*

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

*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. For  
you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, \_\_  
you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,  
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

### The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who on the day of decision gave their lives for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## A Reading from Isaiah

*Please be seated.*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”

And I said, “Here am I; send me! The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*”

## Psalm 29

***Antiphon: The Lord shall give strength to his people.***

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;

The LORD is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor. (Ant)

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;

The LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. (Ant)

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!" (Ant)

The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The LORD shall give strength to his people;

The LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace. (Ant)

## A Reading from Romans

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. 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: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
to God who was, who is, and who is to come Alleluia...*

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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

## The Homily

### The Nicene Creed

*Please stand*

**BCP, 358**

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

O holy and blessed Trinity, whose very nature is the endless outpouring of self-giving love, we gather to remember all those who have given their lives in service and sacrifice for the welfare of their fellow citizens and the preservation of the ideals and principles which bind us together as a people. **Hear us, Lord.**

We give thanks for all the men and women in uniform who have made the ultimate sacrifice in times of armed conflict; and we also pray for the victims of war in every land. In your mercy, wash away the stain of violence from every soul, enfold the departed in your loving embrace, and grant them eternal peace. **Hear us, Lord.**

We ask you to keep us ever mindful of the *living* veterans, who continue to suffer the wounds of battle in body, mind and spirit. May your healing presence be with them, and may we be empowered by the Spirit to minister to their needs. **Hear us, Lord.**

Grant us wisdom in our national life, that we may never be eager for war, nor put our own interests above the greater good of the human family for which your Son Jesus Christ gave up his life. Teach us compassion, forgive us our pride, free us from fear, deliver us from evil. **Hear us, Lord.**

Guide us toward that peaceable kingdom that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers, when the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the fierce will no more devour the small. May our weapons fall from our hands, and may this world welcome at last your promised reign of peace. **Hear us, Lord.**

Priest: Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and forever. Amen.

**Confession and Absolution**  
**Peace and Welcome**

**BCP, 360**  
*Please be seated*

**Offertory Hymn** *Holy, Holy, Holy*  
**The Great Thanksgiving:**

**Blue Hymnal, 362**

*Sursum Corda*

**Blue Hymnal, S 120**

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 with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. 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

high - est. Blessed is the

one he who comes in the name of the

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

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."



Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, martyrs, prophets, St. Martin of Tours and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, (Our Father... BCP, 364)

### The Fraction and Fraction Anthem

The musical score is written in 6/8 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four staves. The first three staves are for the Leader, and the fourth is for the Response. The lyrics are: "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: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace." The Response part is a simple melody of three notes: G4, F4, and E4.

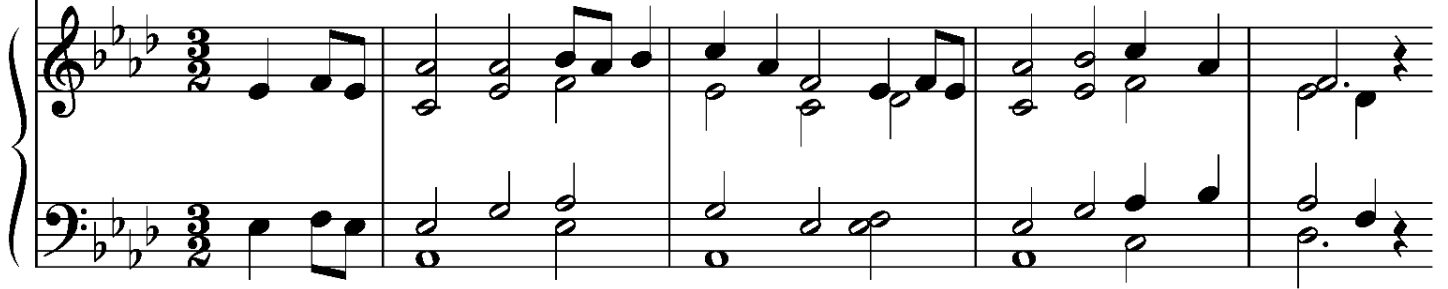
**Priest: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.  
Happy are they who are called to his Supper.**

*The people may silently pray: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

# Communion Hymn God the Sculptor of the Mountains



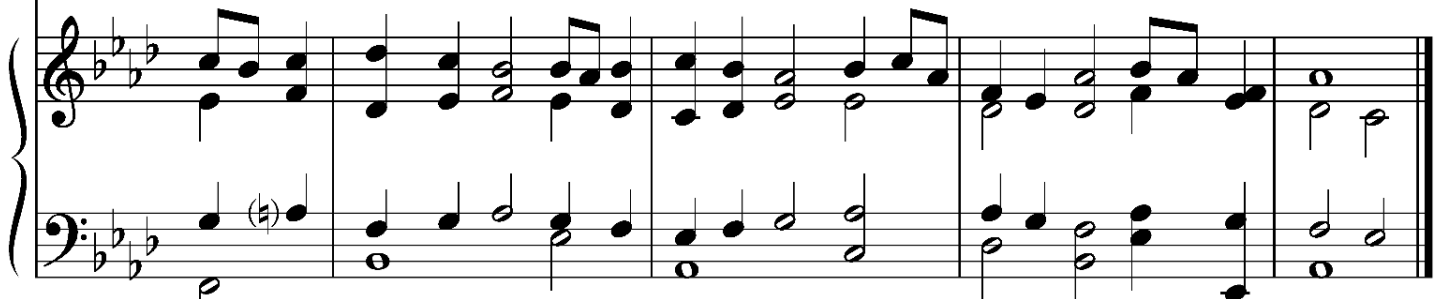
1. God the sculp-tor of the moun-tains, God the mil-ler of the sand,  
2. God the nui-sance to the Pha-raoh, God the cleav-er of the sea,  
3. God the un-ex-pect-ed in-fant, God the calm, de-ter-mined youth,  
4. God the dress-er of the vine-yard, God the plant-er of the wheat,



God the jewel-er of the heav-ens, God the pot-ter of the land:  
God the pil-lar of the dark-ness, God the bea-con of the free:  
God the ta-ble turn-ing pro-phet, God the res-ur-rect-ed Truth:  
God the reap-er of the har-vest, God the source of all we eat:



you are womb of all cre - a - tion, we are form - less; shape us now.  
you are gate of all de - liv' - rance, we are sight - less; lead us now.  
you are pres - ent ev - ery mo - ment, we are search - ing; meet us now.  
you are host at ev - ery ta - ble, we are hun - gry; feed us now.



**Post-Communion Prayer  
The Blessing and Dismissal**

*Book of Common Prayer, 365*

**Closing Hymn *Holy Father, Great Creator vv. 1-3***

*Blue Hymnal, 368*

**Serving Today**

Thurifer: Fausto Beleno    Crucifer: Natalie Kellam    Reader: Anne Marie Verdiramo  
Euch. Min: Kathy Picazio    Choir: Alison Jandek, Beth Hixenbaugh, Jane Maloney, Rob Vernon  
Ushers:                            Organist: Kathy Shanklin    Celebrant: Father Rob Laws+

*If you would like to offer flowers on the altar in honor of someone or in memory of someone, please fill out the flower form (which may be found in the narthex) and place it in the offering plate. The cost is \$50. You may write a check with altar flowers in the memo line, or pay online. You may also offer the Sanctuary Light with a special intention. The suggested offering is \$15.*

**Please join us for coffee and refreshments following Mass.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Next Sunday is Corpus Christi- the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ and it will also be Pride Sunday. Remember, beginning next Sunday we have one mass only at 10 am until after Labor Day.