



**St. Martin's Episcopal Church + Bridgewater, NJ**  
**Sunday September 15, 2023**

## **Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sung Mass**  
**10:30 am**



## **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. Sunday School is held during Mass. Please enter through the door near the crucifix and you will find the class to the right. Your children are always welcome to sit with you during Mass if you prefer, and 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.

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: some 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.

Children may receive communion if the parents feel comfortable with that. If you would prefer that your child waits for "First Communion" that is fine as well. Please speak to one of the Sunday School teachers for information about "First Communion."

Opening Hymn *When Jesus Left His Father's Throne*

*Blue Hymnal, 480*

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*And blessed be God's kingdom now and forever, amen. !*

The musical score is written in 3/4 time and consists of three systems of two staves each. The lyrics are: "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 melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#).

**The Collect of the Day**

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**A Reading from Jeremiah**

*Please be seated.*

It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!" But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 1:1-6 (remain seated. The cantor sings the refrain; the congregation repeats it)**

**Refrain: Happy are they whose delight is in the law of the Lord.**

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. **(Refrain)**

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.  
It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away. **(Refrain)**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment 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. (**Refrain**)

### A Reading from James

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. 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.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

V: God has called us through the gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Alleluia*

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

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.” 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*

**Confession and Absolution**

**The Peace and Welcome**

*BCP, 358*

*BCP, 385*

*BCP, 360*

*Please be seated*

**Offertory Hymn** *Peace among Earth's People*

1. Peace a - mong earth's peo - ples\_\_\_\_\_ is like a star beam - ing just a -  
 2. Wars are caused by want - ing\_\_\_\_\_ what is not ours. Why must we keep  
 3. Cov - et - ous - ly plot - ting,\_\_\_\_\_ we do not pray, ask - ing our Pro -  
 4. From our war - ring sens - es\_\_\_\_\_ we seek re - lease; then all earth - ly  
 5. Peace a - mong earth's peo - ples\_\_\_\_\_ is like that star lead - ing to a

bove us,\_\_\_\_\_ so near, so far. Though out of grasp, we long to  
 flaunt - ing\_\_\_\_\_ our law - less powers? We act in lust rath - er than  
 vid - er\_\_\_\_\_ to light our way. Is it not greed rath - er than  
 con - flicts\_\_\_\_\_ might al - so cease. Can we not share one com - mon  
 man - ger,\_\_\_\_\_ so near, so far. Some saw the light; some were in

clasp it: peace a - mong earth's peo - ples,\_\_\_\_\_ so near, so far.  
 trust that God who an - swers want - ing\_\_\_\_\_ will an - swer ours.  
 need that tempts us in - to plot - ting\_\_\_\_\_ when we should pray.  
 prayer with all of this earth's peo - ples\_\_\_\_\_ to know world peace?  
 fright, but all for peace were long - ing,\_\_\_\_\_ just as we are.

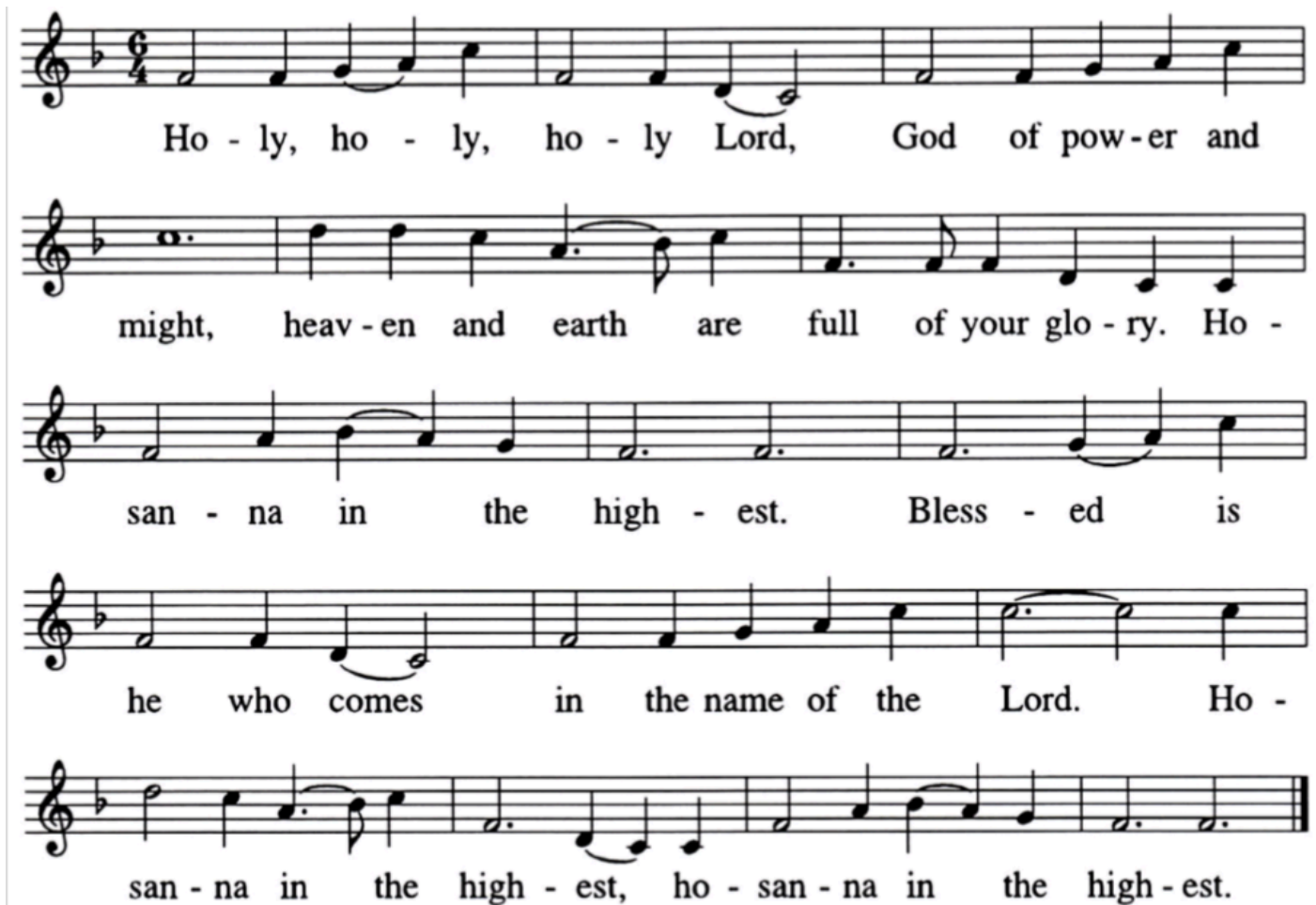
**Prayer over the Offerings:** O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion the offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honor of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Great Thanksgiving:**

*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 through Jesus Christ our Lord; Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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 pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is  
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues in the Book of Common Prayer, page 362*

**Our Father**

*BCP, 364*

**Fraction and Lamb of God**

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.

**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.*

## Holy Communion

*All 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 Hymns

### *One Small Child*

*Voices Found, 70*

1 One small child Je - sus called, set in the mid-dle of the  
2 "Take my hand, un - der - stand this is the mod-el for the  
grown-ups' cir - cle; "Wel - come him! (Wel - come her) and  
king - dom peo - ple: blest are you, all of you who  
then you are wel - com - ing me."  
come to me as this small child."

### *Lord of All Hopefulness*

*Blue Hymnal, 482*

## Post-Communion Prayer

*Book of Common Prayer, 365*

## The Blessing and Dismissal

### *Closing Hymn All Praise to Thee vv.1-3*

*Blue Hymnal, 477*

## Serving Today

Thurifer: Fausto Beleno Crucifer: Nick Persson Reader: Jason Swain

Euch. Min: Larry Ottenstroer Choir: Alison Jandek, Beth Hixenbaugh, Jane Maloney, Rob

Vernon Ushers: Larry Ottenstroer Organist: Kathy Shanklin Celebrant: Fr. Rob Laws

## Please keep in your prayers:

Evelyn, Michael, Adam, Brent M., Anna Rose, Joe, Jeff K., Ian, Pat, Brian, Pete, Laura, Susan

## Upcoming Events:

**Blessing of the Animals, Sunday October 6 at 4 PM by the St Francis Pet Memorial Garden**

**Fall Festival Saturday October 26, 1-4 PM**

**See Alison Jandak to find out how you can help!**