

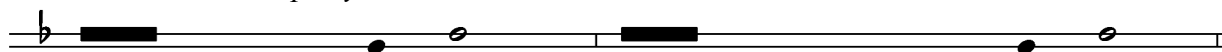
St. Martin's Episcopal Church  
Bridgewater, New Jersey



Solemnity of All Saints  
Solemn Procession  
And Sung Mass

November 3, 2024 + 10:30 am

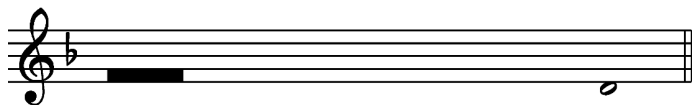
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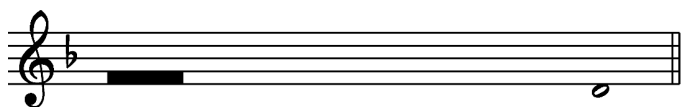
Let us go forth in peace. In the name of Christ. A - men.

***For All the Saints vv 1, 2, 4***  
**Station at the Font**

*Hymnal 1982 287*



V. Let the righteous rejoice, allelu - ia.



R. In the presence of God, allelu - ia.

Priest: Let us pray. O God, the King of saints, we praise and glorify your holy Name for all your servants who have finished their course in your faith and fear: for the blessed Virgin Mary; for the holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs; and for all your other righteous servants, known to us and unknown; and we pray that, encouraged by their examples, aided by their prayers, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

***The Solemn Procession continues vv 6, 7, 8***

*Hymnal 1982, 287*

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

All: *And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love with all the saints in earth and heaven. Knowing our unworthiness and sin, let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness.

Priest: Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:

Lord, have mercy. *People: Lord, have mercy.*

Priest: You are loving to all and your mercy is over all your creation:

Christ, have mercy. *People: Christ, have mercy.*

Priest: Your faithful servants bless your name and speak of the glory of your kingdom:

Lord, have mercy. *People: Lord, have mercy.*

Priest: 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.*

***Gloria***

*Hymnal 1982 S 278*

**Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

**The Lesson A Reading from Wisdom** *Please be seated*

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

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

## Psalm 24



They shall re-ceive a bless-ing from the God of their sal - va - tion.

1 The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world and all who dwell therein.

2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas \* and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

**Ant.**

3 "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? and who can stand in his holy place?"

4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,  
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.

5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD  
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. **Ant.**

7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors;  
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?" "The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle."

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" "The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory." **Ant**

### **The Epistle: A Reading from Revelation**

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end." The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

**Gospel Acclamation** *(Please stand)*



Verse: Jesus Christ is the firstborn from the dead; to him be glory and power forever.  
*The Alleluia is repeated*

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our + Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
*Glory to you Lord Christ*

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

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

**The Homily** *(Please be seated)*  
**Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

**Father Robert Laws**  
*Please stand*

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, on this Feast of All Saints, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully as saints in his holy Catholic Church.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ? *I do.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

*I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.*

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? *I will, with God's help.*

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? *I will, with God's help.*

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*I will, with God's help*

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*I will, with God's help.*

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? *I will, with God's help.*

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

*The people are sprinkled with holy water in remembrance of their baptisms.*

**The Peace**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Blessing of an Anniversary**

**Offertory Hymn** *Soon and Very Soon*

*Please stand*

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!

No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!

No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!

Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,  
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we're are goin' to see the King!

**Blessing of the Pledge Cards**

Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving. These cards represent our sweat, they represent our lives, they represent our dreams. The pledges which we make on them are but tokens of the wonderful gifts that have been given to us, and they are pledged in thanksgiving for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become, in this place. May they be the first fruits of all we have and not what we have left over, so that we may live out- as closely as possible- the ways you give to us. May we see them as our offering to you: sacred, holy, yet earthy, filled with possibilities. May we hold this image in our hearts and minds so as we watch our offerings each week come to your table, we can see ourselves being part of this offering. It is us on the table, living sacrifices to you. Receive our gifts, receive our lives and our hearts, bless them and use them as vessels of your love. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**The Liturgy of the Altar**

*BCP, 372*

*Sursum Corda*

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

The musical score is written on five staves of a single treble clef. The lyrics are: "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. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.



Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

*We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Sally, our Diocesan, and all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Martin of Tours and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

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

### The Fraction

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.

*slower*

### Communion

**Communion Hymns**

*Litany for the Sisters of the Christ*

**Voices Found, 12**

*Refrain*

Dm Gm Am9 Dm

Be your names re - mem-bered in the heart of God.

Bb Gm Am9 Dm *Fine*

Be your names re - mem-bered in the heart of God.

*Verses*

Dm G Em7b5 Dm/A A7 Dm

1 Sis - ters of the Christ, you who nursed the truth,  
 2 Wo - men at the birth, wo - men at the death,  
 3 You who stood the fire, sis - ters drowned and hung,  
 4 You who taught the Word, preached in for - eign tongues,  
 5 You who lived the creeds, you who kept the hearth,  
 6 You who cher - ish life, strug - gle on for peace,

Bb F Em7b5 A7 *D.C. al Fine*

gave him to be blessed, wrapped him in your love:  
 you who washed the bo - dy found the Je - sus life:  
 witch-es you were named, mar - tyrs you have died:  
 cried a - loud at war, sang in pris - on cells:  
 laid in qui - et graves, nev - er giv - en praise:  
 e - qual as dis - ci - ples, wo - man-spir - it strong:

*For Thy Dear Saints, O Lord*

*Blue Hymnal, 279*

**Post Communion Prayer (Please kneel or stand)**

**BCP, 365**

## **Blessing**

May Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate this festival of all the Saints, be now and evermore your guide and companion in the way. *Amen.*

May God, who has bound us together in the company of the elect, in this age and the age to come, attend to the prayers of his faithful servants on your behalf, as he hears your prayers for them. *Amen.*

May God, who has given us, in the lives of his saints, patterns of holy living and victorious dying, strengthen your faith and devotion, and enable you to bear witness to the truth against all adversity. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

## **Dismissal**

**Closing Hymn** *Ye Holy Angels Bright* vv 1, 4

*Hymnal 1982, 625*

## **SERVING TODAY**

Thurifer: Fausto Beleno Crucifer: Nick Persson

Lay Reader: Ben Todoroff Eucharistic Minister: Jennifer Persson

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

Organist: Kathy Shanklin Celebrant: Father Rob Laws

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Chris and Karen Bockus  
in memory of Ian Bockus

## **We Value Diversity**

Our final communion hymn is a new hymn which honors women saints, many forgotten, ignored and never honored by the Church. At St. Martin's we value and honor the gifts of all of God's children- male, female, and non-binary. Here you are loved and accepted to be the saint God has created you to be.

**Please join us downstairs in the undercroft for a special coffee hour to celebrate our common life and to thank you for your generosity to the parish**