

The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ Sung Mass

**St. Martin's Episcopal Church
Bridgewater, NJ**

Opening Hymn *When Christ's Appearing Was Made Known*

Blue Hymnal 132

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's 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

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

Let us pray: Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah *(Please be seated)*

Thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.

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

Psalm 29 Antiphon: *The voice of the Lord is upon the waters*

Ascribe to the Lord you gods, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
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. **Antiphon**

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.
The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe And strips the forests bare. **Antiphon**

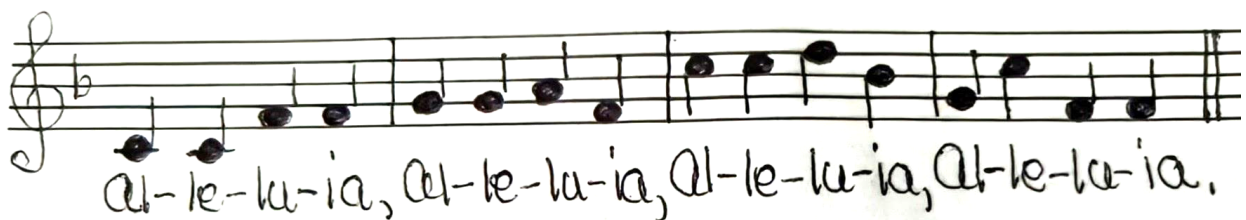
And in the Temple of the Lord, all are crying “Glory!”
The Lord sits enthroned above the flood. The Lord sits enthroned as King for ever-more.
The Lord shall give strength to his people; The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.
Antiphon

A Reading from the Epistle to the Acts of the Apostles

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand



***The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered:
“This is my beloved Son, listen to him.”***

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." The Gospel of the Lord.

The Homily

The Renewal of Baptismal Promises (Please stand)

Priest: In the waters of baptism we have died to sin and have been raised to newness of life in Jesus Christ our Redeemer. On this feast of our Lord's baptism, let us remember our own baptisms and renew the covenant we made with God and God's 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.*

The altar party processes to the font as we pray the Litany to the Saints


RESPONSE



Lord, have mer - - cy. Lord, have mer - - cy.
Christ, have mer - - cy. Christ, have mer - - cy.
Lord, have mer - - cy. Lord, have mer - - cy.



Holy Mary, Mother of	God	Pr-ay for us
St. Michael and all	An- gels	Pr-ay for us
St.	Jo- seph	Pr-ay for us
Saint Peter and Saint	Paul	Pr-ay for us
St. Mary	Mag- da-lene	Pray for us



All you holy	Ap- ost- les	Pr-ay for us
St.	Ste- phen	Pr-ay for us
St.	Ag-nes	Pr-ay for us
Saint Francis and Saint	Clare	Pr-ay for us
St.	Mar-tin	Pr- ay for us
All holy women and men, Saints of God		Pr-ay for us

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

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

Father, we give you thanks and praise for your gift of water in creation;

for your Spirit, sweeping over the waters, bringing light and life;

for your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, baptized in the river Jordan.

We bless you for your new creation, brought to birth by water and the Spirit,
and for your grace bestowed upon us your children, washing away our sins.

May your holy and life-giving Spirit move upon these waters.

Restore through them the beauty of your creation, and bring those who are baptized
to new birth in the family of your Church. Drown sin in the waters of judgment, anoint your
children with power from on high, and make them one with Christ in the freedom of your
kingdom. For all might, majesty, dominion and power are yours, now and forever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, in our baptism you have consecrated us to be temples of your Holy Spirit.

May we, whom you have counted worthy, nurture your indwelling Spirit with a lively faith, and
worship you with upright lives; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

The priest sprinkles the people with holy water in remembrance of their baptisms.

The Prayers of the People

Washed clean by the waters of baptism, let us pray that we may live the life to which God has called us.

Lord Jesus, eternal Word, proclaimed as the Christ by John the forerunner, hear us as we pray for
all who proclaim your word, especially Sean our Presiding Bishop, Sally our Bishop, all bishops,
priests and deacons, and all of the people of God. Saving God, *hear our prayer.*

Lord Jesus, baptizing with the Spirit and with fire, strengthen us to withstand all the trials of our
faith. Be near those who struggle with doubt and give them the solace of your love.

Saving God, *hear our prayer.*

Lord Jesus, in whom and by whom God's promises are fulfilled, give hope to all who suffer,
especially, Evelyn, Michael, Brent, Anna Rose, Joe, Pat, Brian, Pete, Laura, Amy, Jeffrey,
Brooke and Andrew. Saving God, *hear our prayer.*

Lord Jesus, bringer of hope, grant peace to all who have died, and grant that we may find our
inheritance with all the Saints in your heavenly kingdom. Saving God, *hear our prayer.*

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, in you the Father makes us and all things new. Transform the poverty
of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your
heavenly glory. *Amen*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: 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.

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.*

The Peace and Announcements

Offertory Hymn *Shall We Gather at the River*

LEVAS II, 141

1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, Where bright an - gel feet have trod; —
 2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, Wash - ing up its sil - ver spray, —
 3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, Lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down; —
 4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, Soon our pil - grim - age will cease, —

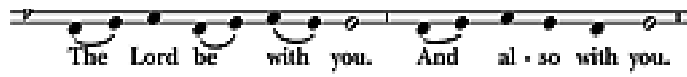
1. With its crys - tal tide for - ev - er Flow - ing by the throne of God?
 2. We will walk and wor - ship ev - er, All the hap - py gold - en day.
 3. Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, And pro - vide a robe and crown.
 4. Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er With the mel - o - dy of peace.

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, The beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er That flows by the throne of God.

The Liturgy of the Altar

Priest: Open the heavens, Lord our God, and send your transforming Spirit on us and on these gifts. May we who are baptized into Christ be ready to take up our cross and follow him, and be strengthened to serve him for ever.



Celebrant



People



The Eucharistic Prayer continues in the *Book of Common Prayer*, page 368

Sanctus *S 128*

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, 364

The Fraction and Lamb of God




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


All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

The Holy Communion

Communion Hymns



1. You're called by name, for - ev - er loved, a -
 2. Marked as Christ's own, signed by the cross where
 3. Raised to new life, a life of grace, set
 4. Sealed by the Spi - rit, Lord of life, sus -


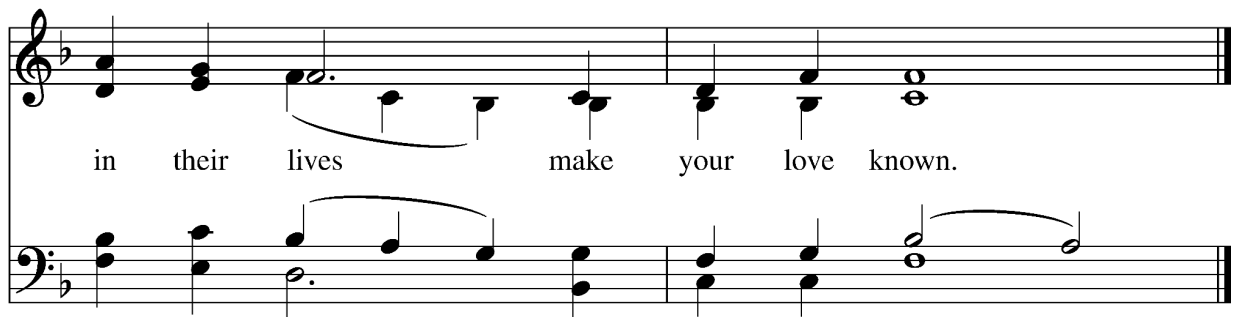


dopt - ed as a child of God. Now one with us, the
 Je - sus for our sins once died. with Je - sus bur - ied
 free from sin, in Christ to grow; his res - ur - rec - tion
 tained and strength - ened by his might. Joined to the church to



fam - i - ly of those who know and love the Lord.
 in his death, called to con - fess Christ cru - ci - fied.
 to pro - claim, his love in all of life to know.
 share, with us, the in - her - i - tance of saints in light.

Lord, in your hands we place your own. Lord,
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in their lives make your love known.

**Post Communion Prayer (*Please kneel or stand*)
Blessing and Dismissal**

BCP, 365

Closing Hymn *Christ When for Us You Were Baptized*

Blue Hymnal, 121

SERVING TODAY

Thurifer: Michael Maloney Crucifer: Val Montrose

Reader: Ben Todoroff Eucharistic Minister: Larry Ottenstroer

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

Organist: Kathy Shanklin Celebrant: Father Rob Laws

Mass: Wednesday, 6 pm in the Lady Chapel

Pledge envelopes are located on a table in the back of the nave.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Senior Moments group will meet at the home of Juanita Hawkins on Jan. 21 @ 1pm to watch the movie Conclave. Please RSVP by Jan. 16

The Parish Annual Meeting will be on January 26 after Mass. There will be one joint service on that Sunday.

On February 2 we celebrate Candlemas and the 55th anniversary of the founding of St. Martin's Church. Make plans to join us for this very special celebration. A catered lunch will follow the Mass in the undercroft.

Blood Drive Feb. 16

Ash Wednesday Feb. 18