

**The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
Sung Mass**

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



Opening Hymn *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* vv. 1-3

Blue Hymnal 616

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Glo - ry to God; Praise to the Son;

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Son; Love to the Three and yet One.

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

Let us pray: Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 19 Antiphon: *We feast on the abundance of your house, O Lord.*

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.
Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep;
you save both man and beast, O Lord.
How priceless is your love, O God!
Your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings. *Antiphon*

They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your delights.
For with you is the well of life, and in your light we see light.
Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, *
and your favor to those who are true of heart.r. **Antiphon**

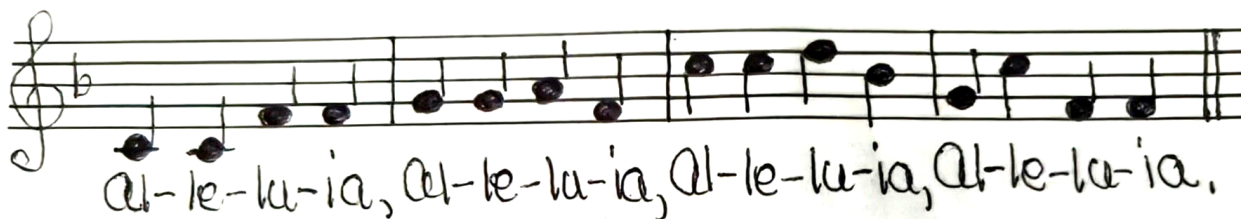
A Reading from Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Please stand



God has called us through the Gospel to possess the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing. The Gospel of the Lord.

The Rector's Address for the Annual Meeting

The Nicene Creed

The Prayers of the People

BCP, 387

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 *O God of Gentle Strength*

WLP, 770

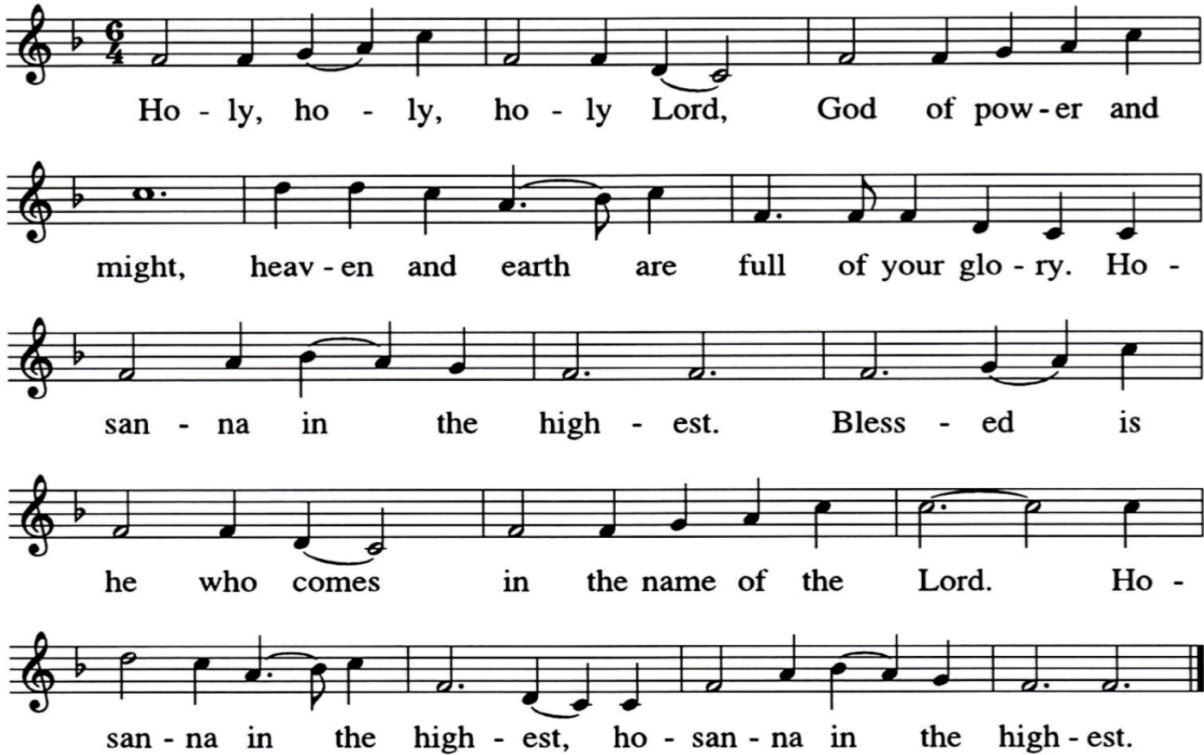
*O God of gentle strength,
your love embraces me.
Within the sureness of your care
my heart rests willingly.*

The Liturgy of the Altar

Priest: Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. Through Christ our Lord.

Eucharistic Prayer is found in the *Book of Common Prayer*, page 367

Sanctus

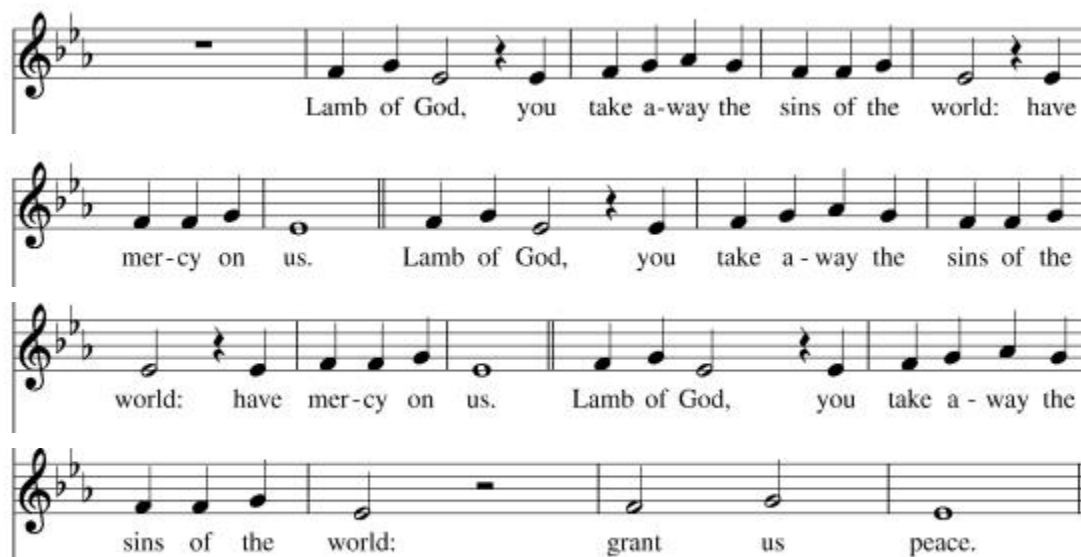


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer
The Lord's Prayer

BCP, 367
BCP, 364

The 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: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: grant us peace.

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.

Priest: These are the gifts of God, for the People of God.

The Holy Communion

Communion Hymn *As We Gather at Your Table*

WLP, 763

My God, Thy Table Now Is Spread

Blue Hymnal, 321

Post Communion Prayer (*Please kneel or stand*)

BCP, 365

The Annual Meeting

Blessing and Dismissal

Closing Hymn *How Wondrous and Great*

Blue Hymnal, 533

SERVING TODAY

Thurifer Michael Maloney Crucifer: Alex Kellam

Lay Reader Carl Picazio Euchaitic Minister: Kathy Picazio

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 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. Also there is one joint service at 10:30 am.

Blood Drive Feb. 16

Ash Wednesday March 05

The school board is in need of a member who can serve as a Secretary to take minutes of meetings. The school board meets every other month. Please see Father Rob if you are interested in serving in this way.