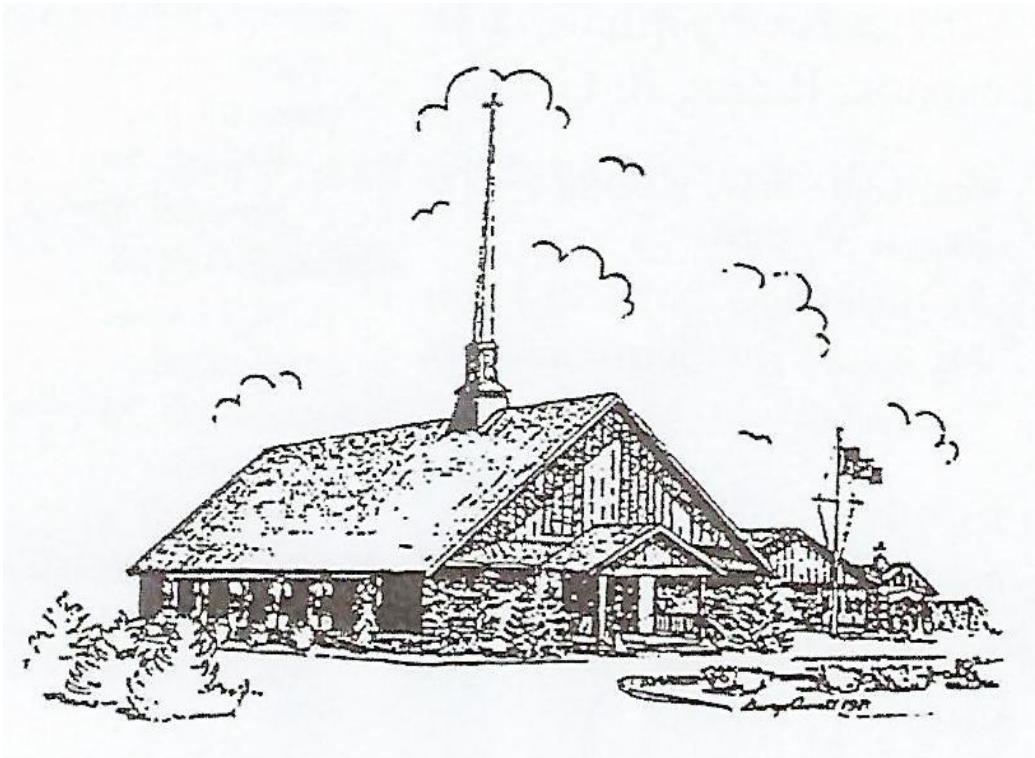


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey
30 July, 2023 ~ 9:30 AM*

Welcome! In The Episcopal Church all baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion. BCP means The Book of Common Prayer (Red Book). You'll find the BCP and Hymnals in the pew rack in front of you. Please join us for Coffee Hour following the service.

** Indicates to stand as you are able*

Prelude *How Can I Keep From Singing?*

Arr. Tom Birchwood

THE WORD OF GOD

Entrance Hymn #637 *How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord*

LYONS

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

The Collect for Purity

Gloria S-277 Gloria in excelsis

David Hurd (b.1950)

The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 231

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your

people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:129-136 (*Alternating by whole verse*)

BCP, p. 774

129 Your decrees are wonderful; *
 therefore I obey them with all my heart.
130 When your word goes forth it gives light; *
 it gives understanding to the simple.
131 I open my mouth and pant; *
 I long for your commandments.
132 Turn to me in mercy, *
 as you always do to those who love your Name.
133 Steady my footsteps in your word; *
 let no iniquity have dominion over me.
134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
 and I will keep your commandments.
135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
 and teach me your statutes.
136 My eyes shed streams of tears, *
 because people do not keep your law.

The Epistle

Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God,

who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn (Insert) *For the Beauty of the Earth*

DIX

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."
 He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."
 "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.
 "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
 "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** (*All are seated*)

The Sermon **The Very Rev. Dr. Caroline Carson+**

***The Nicene Creed** **BCP, p. 358**

***The Prayers of the People: Form V** **BCP, p. 389**

Celebrant In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

Leader For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Anglican Church in Central America. For Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sally our Bishop, Judith our Deacon, and Caroline our Rector; for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

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

Leader For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

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

Leader For those in positions of public trust, especially Nancy our Mayor, Philip our Governor, and Joseph our President; that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

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

Leader For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

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

Leader For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

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

Leader For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

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

Celebrant Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

***People* To you, O Lord our God**

Confession

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.*

Absolution

***The Peace** (*All stand*)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn #388 *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

HANOVER

***Presentation of the Gifts** (*All stand*)

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee

***The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B**

BCP, p. 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant 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 you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S-124 (*all sing*) *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

David Hurd (b. 1950)

(The People may stand or kneel)

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

***All: We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and

daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *All: AMEN.*

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread (*All baptized Christians may receive Holy Communion*)

Fraction Anthem: S-154 (all sing) Christ Our Passover David Hurd (b. 1950)

***Postcommunion Prayer** (*Please stand*)

BCP, p. 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

The Parish Notices

Hymn #690 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM RHONDDA

Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

Postlude *Tocatta Francais*

Gordon Young (1919-1998)

Coffee Hour is held EVERY SUNDAY and we would LOVE IT if you would join us in Martin Hall following the service!

Serving Today

Crucifer ~ John Wall **Lector** ~ Suzette Whiting

Ushers ~ Bill Cowper, Rob Meyer **Chalice Bearer** ~ Leila Sullivan

Parish Prayer List – July 30, 2023

PLEASE NOTE: This is the last Sunday in July. All names will be removed from the prayer list unless notified otherwise. If you need a name to stay on the list or add a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by **Wednesday, August 2nd.**

Charles Bishop	Kevin B. Campbell	Joan Connolly
Judy Contreras	Mary Ann Crewdson	Faith
Joni	Kevin	Lovas Family
Ollie	Peggy	Pat Pritchard
Rhonda Pritchard	Debbie & Joe Reising	Rebecca
Chloe Snyder	Lara Sparks Deitz	Charles Sullivan
Ann White	Jane Enos	Nancy & Gary Acker
Wayne Kotter	Eileen Mitchell	Linda G.
Amie	Judy Boies	Dennis
Jo-Anne	Dave Elfreth	Karen Grossman
Louise Muth	Elliott	Faye
Jan	Karen & DJ	Dcn. Judy
Mike Daly	Mary Matzer	Anne
Diana	Diane Carter	Anthony B.
Connie Anderson	Christian Balint	Barney H.
Mary Jane Mannherz	Jerry South	Taylor
Gordon	Susan F.	David Southwick
Cheryl	Diane D.	Dayton
Jason	Kretzer Family	Kirsten Angelozzi
Howie Dumhart	Bob Hendricks	Chris Hendricks
Andy	Kathy & Walter	Ron & Kenny
Jeannine	Priscilla	Judy & Al
Joan Kelly	McDonough Family & Friends	Jack Muth

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

Paul Bailey, Justin A. Dumhart, Joseph Alexander, Danny Melega, Andrew Wall, Brandan White

Birthdays: Linda Grossman (07/31), Janine Enos-Kleber (08/02), Laura Condon (08/02) Robert Stevens (08/04)

WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR July 31-Aug 4

31 – Mon	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
01 – Tues	Evening Prayer (FB)	6:00 PM
02 – Wed	Concert on the Green- <i>The Kootz</i>	7:30 PM
03 – Thu	Bible Study @ Rectory	2:00 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
04 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
05 – Sat	Vestry and Ministry heads retreat	9AM to 1 PM

If you are interested in The Episcopal Church and/or becoming a member, please contact Mtr. Caroline+ theparsoncarson@gmail.com.

MINISTRIES & COMMITTEES

Would you like to be a part of one or more of our ministries and committees here at Holy Innocents'? Please see Mtr. Caroline+ or an Usher/Greeter to find out how!

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RETREAT THIS SATURDAY

This retreat began as something for our Vestry and is now open to Ministry heads, staff, and anyone who would like to be present.

The Rev. Canon Dr. Rob Droste, Diocesan Canon for Congregational Development & Mission will be with us Saturday and Sunday (to preach at the 9:30 service and join us for some time after Coffee Hour.) He will be working with us on our mission and ministry initiatives, dreams, teams, and more!



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