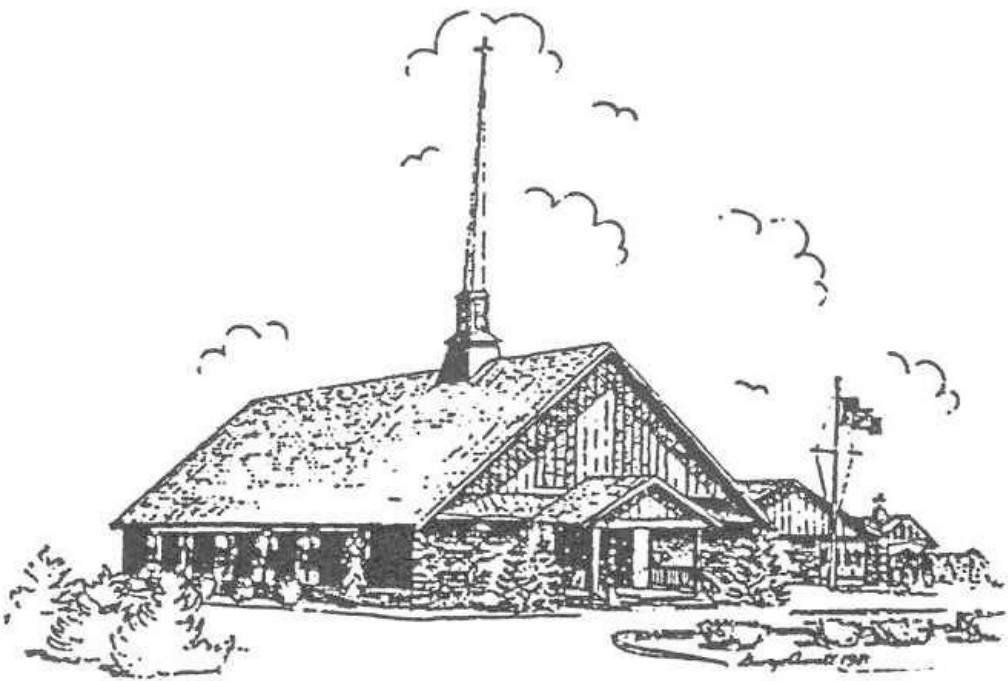


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Second Sunday of Easter



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey
7 April, 2024 ~ 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

Pastorale

Cesár Franck (1822-1890)

THE WORD OF GOD

***Entrance Hymn #199** *Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

ST. KEVIN

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant 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. *All: Amen.*

***Song of Praise Hymn #207** *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* (vv. 1&2) EASTER HYMN

The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 224

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *All: Amen.*

The First Lesson

Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them

and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 133 (Read in Unison)

BCP, p. 787

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
 when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
 that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
 and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
 that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
 life for evermore.

The Epistle

1 John 1:1 – 2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with

one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #209 *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

ST. BOTOLPH

The Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said,

"Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***The Prayers of the People: Form VI** *(The people may stand or kneel)* **BCP, p. 392**

Celebrant Let us offer our prayers to God.

Silence

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader For Nancy our Mayor, Philip our Governor, and Joseph our President; for
this community, the nation, and the world;

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Episcopal / Anglican
Province of Alexandria. We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for
Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Sally our Bishop; for Judith our Deacon, for

Caroline, our Rector and for all bishops and other ministers;

People **For all who serve God in his Church.**

Leader We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially remembering all victims of climate change, and for the poor. We also remember all those mentioned in our Parish Prayer List: the sick, the shut in, all caregivers, and the grieving; those serving in the military and other dangerous professions, and for our enemies, that all hearts may be turned to peace.

(The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud at this time.)

Leader Hear us, Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life; for the beauty of your creation; for those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week, and, all the saints.

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *(Deceased loved ones and friends may be mentioned at this time.)*

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People **Who put their trust in you.**

Celebrant O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem *A Peaceful Alleluia*

Arr. Shafferman

***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 A**

BCP, p. 361

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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-129 (*all sing*)

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed

over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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

Celebrant *Alleluia.* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. *Alleluia.***

Fraction Anthem: S-154 (*all sing*)

David Hurd (b. 1950)

(*All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion.*)

Music During Communion

Hymn #325 *Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees* LET US BREAK BREAD

***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 #490** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

HOUSTON

Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

Postlude *Come Ye Faithful Raise the Strain*

arr. Gerald Peterson

Serving Today

Crucifer ~ John Wall **Lector** ~ Diane Carter

Ushers ~ Kay DeCicco, Mike DeCicco **Chalice Bearer** ~ Diane Carter

Parish Prayer List – April 7, 2024

PLEASE NOTE: *If you need to add or delete a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by **Wednesday, April 10th**.*

Judy Contreras

Lara Sparks Deitz

Joan Connolly

Mary Ann Crewdson

Dennis

Gerry M.

Connie Anderson

Christian Balint

Barney H.

Susan F.

Cheryl

Dayton

Jason	Kirsten Angelozzi	Bob Hendricks
Christine Hendricks	Andy	Kathy & Walter
Ron & Kenny	Jeannine	Priscilla
Judy & Al	Joan & Linda Kelly	Chris C.
Pierro Family	David D'Ambrosia	Barry Longenbach
Robert	Mike	Tony
Aleen	Jan	Elliott
Dennis Hickey	Rosanne & Bob	Juli & Dave
Laura	Lovas Family	Debbie & Joe Reising
Rebecca	Fiona	Graham
Bob	Sue	Melanie
Sophia	Joseph	Paris
Jim Darling	Charles Sullivan	Warren Lamon
Rachel	Louise Muth	Teri Keller
Gia	Cora	Hunter Gideon
Vic Hughes	Rick & Becky Johnson	Frank M.
Ray M.	Kate White	Joey
Diane Dreby	Patty August	Hank Henninger
Canon Don Muller	Sue P.	Rich
Ed & Fran Kurocka	The Flagler Family	The Blake/Carolann Families
Steve & Dawn Swarter	Anne White	Gail South
Bishop Michael Curry	TJ Patton	Beth Camarote
Jason Bond	Family & Friends of Austin	Fr. Frank Crumbaugh
Taylor & Tracy	Anne H.	Chuck Hall
Omer Demir	Bunny	Carol Roberts
Cindy Wood	Judy Hamilton	

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

Birthdays: Dawn Starr (04/07), Bill Kehr (04/11), Anne D'Souza (04/11)

Wesley Heilman, III (04/13), Thomas Hughes (04/13), Launa Ruoff (04/13)

WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR April 7 – April 13

07 – Sun	Nestuk Committal	1:00 PM
08 – Mon	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM

09 – Tues.	Evening Prayer (FB)	6:00 PM
10 – Wed	Sandwich Ministry	9:30 AM-11:00 AM
	Choir Rehearsal	11:00 AM-2:30 PM
	AA (Open) Women’s Meeting	6:00 PM
11 – Thurs	Bible Study @ Church	2:00 PM
	Vestry Meeting	7:00 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
12 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
	Mayer Committal (garden only)	12:00 PM
13 – Sat	ECW Fine Arts & Craft Fair in MH	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
	Ferrar Committal (church, then garden)	12:00 PM

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