

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Fifth Sunday of Easter



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey
7 May, 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 *The Call* Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

THE WORD OF GOD

Entrance Hymn #1 *Father We Praise Thee* CHRISTE SANCTORUM

Opening Acclamation **BCP, p. 355**

The Collect for Purity

Gloria in excelsis **S-280** (*All sing*) Robert J. Powell(b. 1932)

The Collect of the Day **BCP, p. 225**

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson **Acts 7:55-60**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.

The Epistle

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner”,

and

“A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #457 *Thou Art the Way*

ST. JAMES

The Holy Gospel

John 14:1-14

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”

Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the

Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

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 III**

BCP, p. 387

Celebrant In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Leader Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church in Wales.

We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for William our Bishop; for Sally our Bishop-elect, for Judith our Deacon, and for Caroline our rector. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader For Nancy our Mayor, Philip our Governor, and Joseph our President;

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

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, and the grieving; those serving in the military and other dangerous professions, and for our enemies, that all hearts may be turned to peace. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest.

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

(The People may add their own petitions.)

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

Confession and Absolution

Enriching Our Worship-1, p. 56

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Seek Ye First

Arr. Douglas E. Wagner (1952)

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

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

***Eucharistic Prayer I**

Enriching Our Worship-1, p. 57

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of 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 and Benedictus S-129 (*all sing*)

Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

(The People may stand or kneel)

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and

dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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 Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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*) *Enriching Our Worship-1, p. 70*

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

Blessing

The Parish Notices

Hymn LEVAS #126 *Here I Am, Send Me* J.C. Lenderman

Dismissal **BCP, p. 366**

Postlude *The Call to Commitment* Lani Smith (1934 - 2015)

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

Serving Today

Crucifer ~ John Wall **Lector** ~ Alexa Fahner

Ushers ~ Kay DeCicco, Mike DeCicco **Chalice Bearer** ~ Alexa Fahner

Parish Prayer List – May 7, 2023

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

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
Rick Johnson	Louise Muth	Elliott
Faye	Adam Houser	Jan
Karen & DJ	Marie R.	Bill Todd
Ron & Kenny	Box Family	Dcn. Judy
Amy M.	Sue W.	Mike Daly
Mary Matzer	Anne	Diana
Diane Carter	Anthony B.	Connie Anderson

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

Birthdays: John Wall (05/07), Ellen Kehr (05/08), Robert J. Meyer (05/09)

WEEKLY CALENDAR May 8 – May 13

08 – Mon	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
	Committal (Conroy)	1:00 PM
	Committal (van Sasse)	6:00 PM
09 – Tues	Evening Prayer (FB)	6:00 PM
10 – Wed	Choir Rehearsal	10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
11 – Thurs	Book Study at rectory	2:00 PM
	Vestry Meeting	7:00 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
12 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
13 – Sat	Committal (Nestuk)	11:00 AM

If you would like to know more about The Episcopal Church or become a member, please contact one of our clergy.

BOOK STUDY

Our weekly Book Study has resumed! 2:00 PM on Thursdays, held at the Rectory.

RECTOR'S FORUM SET FOR MAY 21 following the morning service!

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Morning Prayer – Mondays at 9:00 AM via Facebook Live, led by Bill Kehr

Evening Prayer – Tuesdays at 6:00 PM via FB Live, led by Mtr. C+

Compline – Thursdays at 9:00 PM via FB Live, led by Rob Meyer

Other? – Would you like to lead a weekly service? Let Mtr. C+ know!

PRAYER MINISTRY

Our Prayer Ministry team meets monthly and is led by Judy Contreras. Contact her if interested in joining! judyc3956@gmail.com

FYI - The 7:30 Rite I Eucharist service will begin on **MAY 28**, Memorial Weekend

Please make sure your contact information is up-to-date by contacting the Church Office with any changes or corrections!

EVENING PRAYER around the firepit at the rectory followed by a **brown-bag dinner** on **TUESDAY, MAY 23rd** beginning at **6:30 PM**. Please RSVP to Mtr. Caroline+ so that she can set out chairs etc.

ASCENSION DAY MASS, MAY 18th at 6:00 PM, in-person.

A REMINDER – Please DO NOT leave cash or place cash in envelopes on Lisa’s desk in the Church Office when she is not there. Please drop in the lockbox outside the office.

SEEKING DAILY OFFICE and/or WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL leaders

Mtr. Caroline+ would like to implement some weekly read/shared devotionals and/or another daily office to the mix of our Facebook OR IN-PERSON offerings. If you are interested, please see her and she can train you to lead one of these services in person or online!

THANK YOU to the team of folks who have been painting, cleaning, setting up, breaking down, and working diligently, sometimes earlier in the morning and sometimes late into the evening, on our Kitchen, Martin Hall, and Hallway / foyer areas at the church! Terrific progress is being made!

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