

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

*The Seventh Sunday of Easter:
The Sunday after Ascension Day*



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey
21 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 Last Spring

Edvard Grieg (1943-1907)

THE WORD OF GOD

Entrance Hymn #603 *When Christ Was Lifted from the Earth* ST. BOLTOPH

Opening Acclamation BCP, p. 355

The Collect for Purity

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

The Collect of the Day BCP, p. 226

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The First Lesson Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 68:1-10,33-36 *(Read alternating whole verse)*

BCP p. 676

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
 let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
 as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
 let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
 YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
 God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
 but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
 when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
 at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
 at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
 you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it; *
 in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.
34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.
35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.
36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!

The Epistle

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #495 *Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus*

IN BABILONE

The Holy Gospel

John 17:1-11

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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 the Province of the West Indies. 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.

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

Grace

Carolyn Hamlin

***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 S-129 (*All sing*)

Robert 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 #544 *Jesus Shall Reign Wherever the Sun*

DUKE STREET

Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

Postlude *How Majestic is Your Name*

Edward Boughton

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** ~ Pat Peacock

Ushers ~ Bill Cowper, Mike Fahner **Chalice Bearer** ~ Melissa Wall

Parish Prayer List – May 21, 2023

*PLEASE NOTE: If you need to add or remove a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by **Tuesday, May 24th**.*

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
Christian Balint	Barney H.	Mary Jane Mannherz
Jerry South		

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions: Paul Bailey, Justin A. Dumhart, Joseph Alexander, Danny Melega, Andrew Wall
Brandan White

Birthdays: Gwynne Hollis (05/21), Zoe Sparks (05/23), Don Anderson (05/25)
Gail South (05/27)

Anniversaries: Thomas & Sherry Hughes (05/22), Kingston & Jacqueline Sparks (05/23)

WEEKLY CALENDAR May 21– May 27

21 – Sun	Rector’s Forum TODAY, during coffee hour	
22 – Mon	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
23 – Tues	Evening Prayer & Brown Bag Dinner around firepit	6:30 -8:30 PM
24 – Wed	Choir Rehearsal	10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
25 – Thurs	Committal (Johnson)	11:00 AM
	Book Study at rectory	2:00 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
26 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
27 – Sat	Blessing of the Fleet (LEHYC)	6:00 PM

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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 NEXT WEEK, 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!

PLEASE RSVP for 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.

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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