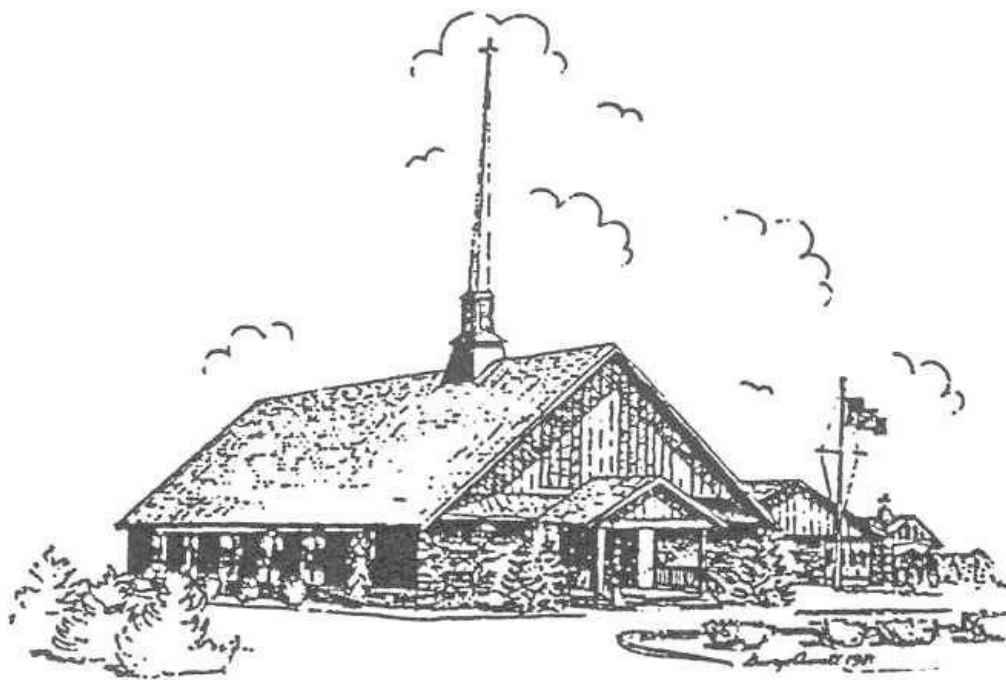


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Sixth Sunday of Easter



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey
5th of May, 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

Sarabande

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

THE WORD OF GOD

***Entrance Hymn #705** *As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought* FOREST GREEN

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.*

Gloria: S-280 *(all sing) Gloria in excelsis*

Robert Powell (b.1932)

The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 225

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we

have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #413 *New Songs of Celebration Render*

RENDEZ Á DIEU

The Epistle

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

***Sequence Hymn #577** *God Is Love, and Where True Love Is*

MURRAY

The Holy Gospel

John 15:9-17

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said

these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** (*All are seated*)

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Martin Lavengood +

***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 Anglican Church of
Brazil. 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 *Sing Unto God A New Song* Douglas Wagner (b. 1952)

***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

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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.***

Connie Anderson
Susan F.
Jason
Andy
Jeannine
Joan & Linda Kelly
David D'Ambrosia
Mike
Jan
Rosanne & Bob
Debbie & Joe Reising
Graham
Melanie
Paris
Warren Lamon
Teri Keller
Vic Hughes
Ray M.
Diane Dreby
Sue P.
The Flagler Family
Bishop Michael Curry
Jason Bond
Anne H.
Carol Roberts
Peg Appleget
Fran

Christian Balint
Cheryl
Bob Hendricks
Kathy & Walter
Priscilla
Chris C.
Barry Longenbach
Tony
Elliott
Laura
Rebecca
Bob
Sophia
Jim Darling
Rachel
Gia
Rick & Becky Johnson
Kate White
Patty August
Rich
Steve & Dawn Swarter
TJ Patton
Fr. Frank Crumbaugh
Omer Demir
Cindy Wood
Mike DeCicco

Barney H.
Dayton
Christine Hendricks
Ron & Kenny
Judy & Al
Pierro Family
Robert
Aleen
Dennis Hickey
Lovas Family
Fiona
Sue
Joseph
Charles Sullivan
Louise Muth
Cora
Frank M.
Joey
Canon Don Muller
Ed & Fran Kurocka
Ann White
Beth Camarote
Taylor & Tracy
Bunny
Judy Hamilton
Dcn. Judy

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)

Altar Flowers: This week's Altar Flowers are given by Jeanne Cashel in memory of her father and brother and to the Glory of God.

Altar Candles, Sanctuary Candle: This week's Altar Candles and Sanctuary Candle are given by Melissa Wall in celebration of the birthdays of John Wall, Rob Meyer and to the Glory of God.

WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR May 6 – May 11

06 – Mon	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
07 – Tues	Ladies Exercise Group in MH	9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
08 – Wed	Sandwich Ministry	9:30 AM-11:00 AM
	Choir Rehearsal & Lunch	11:30 AM – 2:30 PM
	AA (Open) Women's Meeting	6:00 PM
09 – Thurs	Ladies Exercise Group in MH	9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
	Book Study @ Church	2:00 PM
	Community Arts Program Meeting	4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
	“Clam-Diggers” AA Group	7:30 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
10 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
	ECW Corsage Making for Nursing Home	10:00 AM
11 – Sat	Psychic Fair (Wellness Portion) @ HI	12:00 PM – 4:00 PM

On-call info is below! *Please reach out to your wardens first and if an emergency arises, the following clergy are on call.*

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Dcn. Judy Krom – jsk13@comcast.net and (732) 262-8072

Warden - Dave White – pacsman1965@comcast.net and (609) 477-8709

Warden – Pat Peacock – pat.coteypeacock@gmail.com and (609) 709-1240



WELCOME BACK to our Ladies Exercise Group! (LEGS)
Eileen Jacobs is back on **Tuesdays & Thursday 9:15 AM to 10:15AM** in Martin Hall, starting **May 7th!**

ECW Ladies will be making corsages for the ladies at the Manahawkin Nursing Home. **Those able to help, please meet in the kitchen at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 10th.** We are very happy to be able to return to this activity which was a tradition of ours prior to COVID. Call Carol Hammond or Melissa Wall if you have questions.

The Wellness Portion of the Psychic Fair put on by our local LBI Historical Museum will be held at Holy Innocents' on **SATURDAY, MAY 11th from 12:00 noon until 4:00 p.m.** **Contact Ellen Kehr for more information!**

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