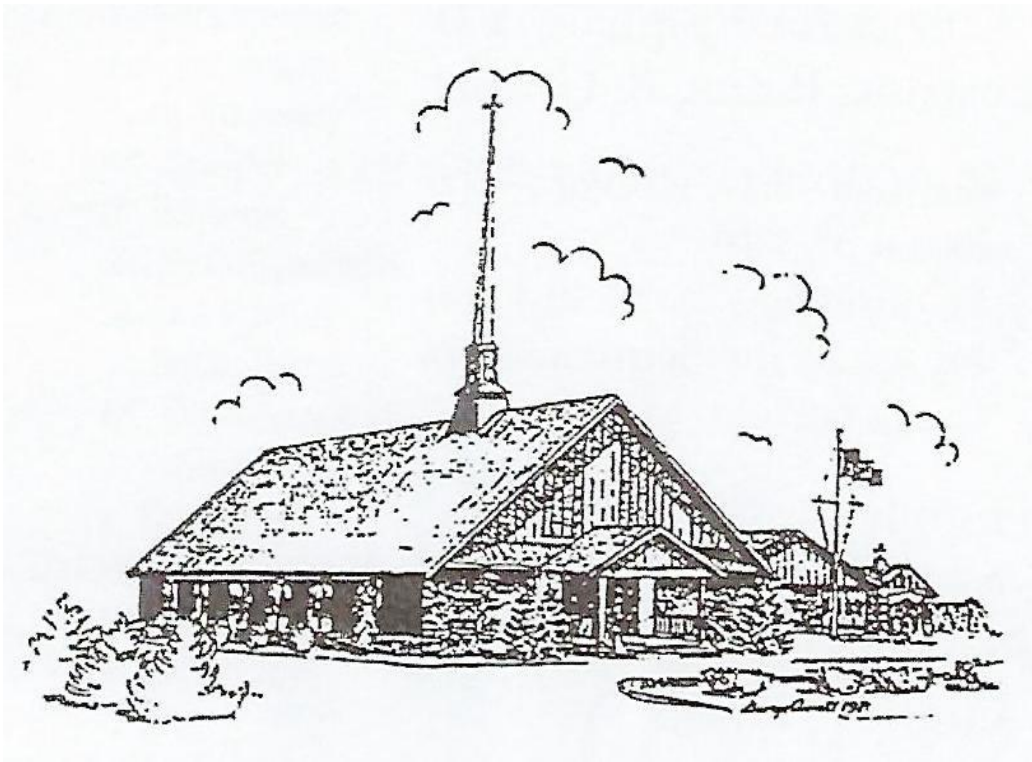


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

*The Twenty-fifth Sunday
after Pentecost*



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey
19 November, 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 *Led By Thy Gracious Hand*

James Southbridge

THE WORD OF GOD

Entrance Hymn #558 *Faith of Our Fathers*

ST. CATHERINE

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

The Collect for Purity

Gloria S-280 (all sing) Gloria in excelsis

Robert Powell (b.1932)

The Collect of the Day **Standing Commission on Liturgy & Music (SCLM)**

Author of creation: In wisdom you brought forth all that is, to participate in your divine being, and to change, adapt, and grow in freedom. You make holy the matter and energy of the universe that it may delight you and give you praise. We thank you for gathering all creation into your heart by the energy of your Spirit and bringing it through death to resurrection glory; through the One in whom all things have their being, Jesus Christ, your Wisdom and your Word.
Amen.

The First Lesson

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts,

“The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm.”

Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.
The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there.
That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.
Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1-8 (*Read responsively by whole verse*)

BCP, p. 717

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
 we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
 in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
 we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
- 8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
 and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

The Epistle

I Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. Reader The Word of the Lord.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #598 *Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam'st to Earth* MIT FRUEDEN ZART

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Dr. Caroline Carson+

***The Prayers of the People:**

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

Silence

Leader Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hands responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures: we pray for all to whom you have given life and being, saying, "Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace."

Leader For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures, we pray:

***People* Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader For the waters of the earth; for their careful use and conservation, that we may have the will and the ability to keep them clean and pure, we pray:

***People* Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader For the mineral and energy resources of the planet, that we may learn sustainable consumption and sound care of the environment from which they come, we pray:

***People* Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and very small, that they may know the harmony of relationship that sustains all life, we pray:

***People* Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader For the creatures of the earth who do us harm and those whose place in your creation we do not understand or welcome, that we may see them as beloved creatures of God, we pray:

***People* Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader For all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures, especially Nancy our Mayor, Philip our Governor, and Joseph our President, that they may consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us, we pray:

***People* Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader For all those engaged in conservation, in agriculture and ranching, in aquaculture and fishing, in mining and industry, and in forestry and timber-harvesting, that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world may be sustained alongside human activity, we pray:

***People* Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need especially those on our Parish Prayer List, and for all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth's resources or their devastation by war, that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace, we pray:

***People* Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader For the gifts of science and technology and for those who practice these skills, that they may be wise, visionary, and compassionate in their work, we pray:

***People* Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader For the creatures and the people of the earth whose lives and deaths have contributed to the fruitful abundance of this planet, we pray:

***People* Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Celebrant Gracious God: Grant that your people may have in them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and guide us into harmony of relationship through loving-kindness and the wise use of all that you have given; for you are drawing all things into communion with you and with each other by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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 Anthem

Grace

Carolyn Hamlin

***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 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-129 (*all sing*) *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*
(*The People may stand or kneel*)

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 (*All baptized Christians may receive Holy Communion*)

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

Music at communion

Hymn LEVAS #151 *One Bread, One Body* John B. Foley (b.1939)
Congregation please join singing on the refrain

***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 #535 *Ye Servants of God* PADERBORN

Dismissal **BCP, p. 366**

Postlude *Nun Danket Alle Gott* George Fredrich Kaufmann

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** ~ Pat Peacock

Ushers ~ Bill Cowper, Leila Sullivan **Chalice Bearer** ~ Pat Peacock

Parish Prayer List – November 19, 2023

PLEASE NOTE: *If you need to add or remove a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by **Wednesday, November 22ND**.*

Judy Contreras	Lara Sparks Deitz	Joan Connolly
Mary Ann Crewdson	Ann White	Jane Enos
Dennis	Dcn. Judy	Diane Carter
Anthony B.	Connie Anderson	Christian Balint
Barney H.	Susan F.	Cheryl
Diane D.	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	Anne
Karen & DJ	Dennis Hickey	Rosanne & Bob
Juli & Dave	Laura	Lovas Family
Debbie & Joe Reising	Rebecca	Marilyn Thomas
Tom Blake	Fiona	Graham
Bob	Sue	Hale Bailey
Melanie	Sophia	Joseph
Paris	Tom & Kathy Masilla	Jim Darling
Charles Sullivan	Warren Lamon	Timmy & Shawn Doyle
Greg Melega	Rachel	Marilyn Flagler
Mary Timmerman	Louise Muth	Debbie Lamon
Teri Keller	Gia	Cora
Hunter Gideon	Sanders Baby	

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

Birthdays: Richie Southwick (11/20), Kelly Culley (11/23)

Altar Flowers: Today's Altar Flowers are given by Ruth McLaughlin in celebration of her children, Frank McLaughlin III, Paul McLaughlin, Matthew McLaughlin, Rachel McLaughlin Schulz and to the Glory of God.

WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR - Nov 20-25

20 – Mon	Morning Prayer (FB Live)	9:00 AM
21 – Tues	Atlantic Convocation Annual Mtg. (Waretown)	6:00 PM
22 - Wed	Thanksgiving Eve Service (Online)	6:00 PM
23 – Thurs	<i>Parish Office closed</i>	
	Thanksgiving Dinner @ HI (RSVP Required)	12:00 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
24 – Fri	<i>Parish Office closed</i>	
25 – Sat	Surflight Rehearsal in MH	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes are due TODAY! *Late boxes are NOT able to be accepted!*

REMINDER Church pledges for 2024 should all be made by November 30th. A blanket will be donated for each pledge made. We have already donated over 50!



Here Ye, Here Ye, ECW Members Join us to kick-off the Christmas Season. On December 5th at 12:00pm, we will be enjoying a delicious luncheon. There will also be a gift exchange in the form of a game! Bring a wrapped gift of no more than \$10.00.

Don't forget to wrap the gift in an enticing way! As a reminder, please call Sue Hughes at (609) 744-0890 to reserve your place at the party!

THE GIVING TREE ~This year, we will again support eight (8) families with children whose ages range from 1yr-12yrs. Collection deadline December 10th. Keep an ear out this morning for more details from Ellen Dondero!

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