

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Lenape men preparing soil for cultivation. Reprinted from "The Lenapes" by R. S. Grumet and F. W. Porter, 1989, New York, Chelsea House.

*Oh, Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the wind, whose breath gives life to all the world.
Hear me; I need your strength and wisdom.*

*Let me walk in beauty, and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset.
Make my hands respect the things you have made and my ears sharp to hear your voice.*

Make me wise so that I may understand the things you have taught my people.

Help me to remain calm and strong in the face of all that comes towards me.

Let me learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.

Help me seek pure thoughts and act with the intention of helping others.

Help me find compassion without empathy overwhelming me.

I seek strength, not to be greater than my brother, but to fight my greatest enemy, Myself.

Make me always ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes.

So when life fades, as the fading sunset, my spirit may come to you without shame.

~ Lakota Prayer to The Great Spirit, translated by Chief Yellow Lark

The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey
8 October, 2023 ~ 9:30 AM

Holy Innocents' notes that we gather on the land seasonally used by the Lenni-Lenape people. We are grateful for this beautiful place and promote our own environmentally-aware use of it.

Welcome! In The Episcopal Church all baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion. **BCP** means The Book of Common Prayer (Red Book).

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Tomorrow much of this country, still after all these years, will celebrate Columbus Day. It is no secret at this point that Columbus Day, in 1492, was just the beginning of a terrible and brutal history of violence and oppression toward indigenous peoples of North America. Columbus and those who followed were obsessed with conversion, brought over diseases the natives had no way to cure, and ultimately desecrated entire peoples and cultures. Today we want to acknowledge this history. We want to be honest about the ways our faith tradition has been used to colonize, to abuse, and to oppress people. And we seek to reclaim the truth of the Gospel. That Christ came to love and to serve, not to conquer and enslave. *This service has been adapted by a Diocese of Arizona liturgy.*

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Prelude

Zuni Sunrise

Traditional Zuni Melody

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Christ our true and only Light: receive our prayers and songs, and illumine the secrets of our hearts with your healing goodness, that no evil desires may possess us who are made new in the light of your heavenly grace. Amen.
(source: Gelasian Sacramentary)

Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving for the Land

Creator, you made all people of every land. It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect to those who first occupied the lands in this nation we are upon. We offer our respect to those ancestors who may be interred across this land. We are also thankful for the gifts of the People of the land. Creator, let us be of good mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this country's land and to those who have been displaced. With thankful and respectful hearts we pray in Your name, Your son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. *Amen.*

Celebrant Loving Creator God, we, your people, come before You. You summoned the Church from every nation, and so let *all* people sing songs of

praise for your wondrous gifts of faith, hope and love. We thank you for today's sunrise, for the change of seasons, for the breath and life within us, and for all Your creation:

All Hear our prayer

Celebrant We thank you for Mother Earth, whose bountiful gifts sustain our very life,
All Hear our prayer

Celebrant We thank you for Native Americans, who lived for millennia in harmony with Mother Earth. May the leaders of *all* countries listen to the wisdom of their own indigenous peoples and work to make the difficult changes necessary for our continued existence on Earth,

All Hear our prayer

Celebrant We pray for Your help for Native Americans and First Nation Peoples in the United States, as they confront the problems of poverty, hunger, and disease, especially COVID, now destroying so many reservations and crippling so many cities and towns,

All Hear our prayer

Celebrant We pray that Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church, responding with courage to the signs of our times, may embrace necessary ecological conversion and preach it with prophetic urgency,

All Hear our prayer

We were created to honor one another and in so doing, we honor the Creator. Let us honor the Creator today, by reflecting in our worship and in our lives, the Creator's image -- LOVE. Amen.

~ (Litany written by Gail South)

***Hymn #385** *Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works* DAKOTA INDIAN CHANT

Celebrant Creator, we give you thanks for all that you are and all that you bring to us within your creation. In Jesus, you placed the Gospel in the Center of the Sacred Circle through which all creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with

respect and commitment as we grow in your spirit, for you are God, now and forever. *Amen.*

(The Disciples Prayer Book, The Indigenous Theological Training Institute)

Gloria S-280 (all sing) Gloria in excelsis

Robert Powell (b.1932)

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Creator God, you have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love: empower us by your Holy Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness; through Jesus Christ our Elder Brother, who is alive and reigns with you and the same Spirit, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

~(Episcopal Church: Resources on the Doctrine of Discovery)

The First Lesson

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;

He expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.

I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;

I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,

and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice, but saw bloodshed;
righteousness, but heard a cry!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:7-14 (*Read responsively by whole verse*)

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *

you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; *

it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.

12 Why have you broken down its wall, *

so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *

and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; *

preserve what your right hand has planted.

The Epistle

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ.

More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things,

and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #653 *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* (verses 1,2&5) REPTON

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:33-46

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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:** The People respond with bolded sections

Leader Grandfather we know you hear us when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore, in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:

Grandmother, enliven the Church for its mission

We are the salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people.

Through our humility we reveal Christ in word and action

We pray for the world

Creator of all, lead us all into the ways of justice and peace

That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it

So that we might understand how we show honor and respect for You and all that you made.

We pray for those we hold close in our hearts

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom our decisions affecting others

That all may act with integrity and courage

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us

We pray for those in need

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind and spirit.

That balance be restored to all of creation.

We remember those who have died

Our hearts cry out in pain at their passing

We commend them back to you.

Bring peace to those who mourn

We feel their loss because we are all connected

Leader Creator, you bent the earth like a bow until it was one, round, shining planet. At your word the land was drawn into mountains and deserts, forests, and plains; the waters were gathered together into rivers, lakes and seas. The circle of your creation has been broken time and again by greed and violence and many lives have been shattered. We ask forgiveness from and reconciliation with the indigenous peoples in this country who were unjustly forced from the land of their ancestors and made to bear inequities and humiliations because of their origins. We pray that the native people who have been wronged and those who have benefited from these wrongs, come to understanding, justice and then reconciliation for what occurred in the past. Renew the circle of the earth and turn the hearts of all your people to one another; that they and all the earth may live, and be drawn toward you and through the power of your son, Jesus Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit now and always.

Celebrant Let us now remember our sins.

Priest and People O Great Spirit, God of every people and every tribe, we come to you as your many children, to ask for your forgiveness and guidance. Forgive us for the colonialism that stains our past, the ignorance that allowed us to think that we could claim another's home for our own. Heal us of this history. Remind us that none of us were discovered since none of us were lost, but that we are all gathered within the sacred circle of your community. Guide us through your

wisdom to restore the truth of our heritage. Help us to confront the racism that divides us as we confess the pain it has caused to the human family.

Absolution

Celebrant May God, our Creator have mercy on you, pardon you, and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. AMEN.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem *They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love* Peter Scholtes

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

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

***The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer Before Communion**

We thank you, Great Spirit, for the resources that made this food possible; we thank the Earth for producing it, and we thank all those who labored to bring it to us. May the wholesomeness of the food before us, bring out the wholeness of the Spirit within us. *Amen.*

Celebrant Creator God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let your hearts sing.

People **We lift our voices in preparation for this ceremony.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to Creator.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant From the place of the rising sun in the East to the South where the warm winds blow, from the West where soft rains come, and to the coldness of the North we unite with all creation from the four directions to join our voices in songs of thanksgiving and praise for the gift your Son, Jesus Christ, our Elder

Brother. With hearts lifted, we join with our ancestors who taught us to pray as they have prayed since the beginning of time.

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

Robert Powell (b.1932)

Celebrant O Great Spirit, Our Creator, you gave us the gift of ceremony, you taught us that everything is sacred and you asked us to walk with you on a path towards peace and love. Just as in generations past, like our grandfathers and grandmothers, we come humbly with arms outstretched to honor you and all that you have created for all of creation. Together with all creation we live, interdependently and, marveling that when we do, creation serves as its best reflection of the awesome wonder that you are. You have always cared for us, even when it seemed that there was no way to save us from our misuse of creation and mistreatment of each other. Many years ago, you came to us as a human being so we might understand you in a way that would help us find the path you intended for us.

Our Elder Brother, Jesus, as he was called, came into creation in the same way that all humanity is, born because people had turned away from you and no longer loved each other, bringing death and destruction to all.

Sharing our living and dying, our Elder Brother Jesus opened our eyes and hearts to understand that we are all relatives, and that you, our Creator, love us all. Jesus lived in a good way, rejected no one, fed the hungry, gave water to the thirsty, and broke down the barriers constructed between race, class and sex. But, he paid a price for his loving ways. When it was his time, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and died. In this sacrifice our Elder Brother Jesus united us in all that is beauty, with all that has been and all that will ever be.

On the night before he died, he gave us another ceremony. He gathered those who had been closest to him for a meal. During the meal our Elder Brother Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, blessed it, broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper our Elder Brother Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks to you, blessed it, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant of my Blood, poured out for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

We found it hard to understand these words and actions, but we followed the path celebrating this ceremony from that time until now. Through our experiences then, we proclaim this mystery of our faith:

***Celebrant and People* Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant In this ceremony that our Elder Brother Jesus gave us, we have experienced a transformation of our spirits. We have been brought into the death of Jesus and raised into his resurrection, and we eat and drink with Him in His new life. We have noticed that when we come together for this ceremony, we all leave nurtured and nourished no matter how lost we feel and no matter how hungry we have been.

We also offer our gifts in return just as our elders and ancestors teach us. It is through this sharing of what we have to give that we have found strength beyond imagining.

***Celebrant and People* So, now once again, we humbly call upon your Spirit. We cry for a vision. Feed us, quench our thirst, make these simple elements from your creation to be Christ's body and Christ's blood. We cry for the vision that will help us be your holy people in all that we do, in all that we see, in all that we hear, in all that we breathe and in all that we speak.**

Celebrant Come Creator Spirit. Come now and be for us the holy food and drink that your people cry out for in this ceremony.

Surrounded now by our ancestor spirits, the spirits of those who have led saintly lives and with all your saints and angels, we celebrate with all of creation – the two legged, the four legged, the winged, those that crawl and those that swim, those that give shade and those that offer us pleasing aromas – for together we see the awesome nature of all creation, the need to be one family living in

relationship, interdependently and yet as one. May we be this unity and live as relatives to all.

Through Jesus the Christ and with Jesus the Christ and in Jesus the Christ, made possible by your Holy Spirit, we join with you Almighty God and Creator as a community of relatives.

***Celebrant and People* Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN**

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As our Brother Christ has taught us, we now pray together.,

All O Great Spirit, Creator of the universe, You are our Shepherd Chief in the most high place. Whose home is everywhere, even beyond the stars and moon. Whatever you want done, let it be done everywhere. Give us your gift of bread day by day. Forgive us our wrongs as we forgive those who wrong us. Take us away from wrong doings. Free us from all evil. For everything belongs to you. Let your power and glory shine forever. Amen.

~ Nez Perce tribe

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) *Christ Our Passover* David Hurd (b. 1950)

Celebrant Whoever comes to me shall not hunger

People **and who ever believes in me shall never thirst.**

~ Invitation, St. Gregory of Nyssa

Communion Invitation

Celebrant This is Christ's table of love and forgiveness. The Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation provide food for our souls. All are welcome to draw near and share these holy mysteries. Take Christ within your bodies and become the Body of Christ.

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

Music at Communion

Hymn #325 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

LET US BREAK BREAD

***Prayer After Communion (All)**

We thank you Creator God for feeding us, nurturing us, and reminding us that you are ever present, as our Companion. As we leave this Sacred Circle, may we carry away a memory of this time together so that we may continue in the risen life of Christ, the one who comes so that all people might live with dignity and in peace. Amen.

Blessing

The Parish Notices

Hymn #607 *O God of Every Nation* LLANGLOFFAN

Dismissal **BCP, p. 366**

Postlude *Postludium in F* Louise E. Stairs

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** ~ *Janine Kleber*

Ushers ~ *Bill Cowper, Gail Jacobsen* **Chalice Bearer** ~ *Leila Sullivan*

Parish Prayer List – October 8, 2023

PLEASE NOTE: *If you need to add or remove a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by **Wednesday, October 11th**.*

Joan Connolly	Judy Contreras	Mary Ann Crewdson
Lara Sparks Deitz	Ann White	Jane Enos
Nancy & Gary Acker	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	Susan Hughes	Tom Blake
Luca Affa	Fiona	Sarah
Graham	Bob	Sue
Hale Bailey	Melanie	Sophia
Joseph	Paris	Tom & Kathy Masilla
Jim Darling		

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

Anniversaries: Larry & Pat Peacock (10/08)

Altar Flowers: This week's Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of Elizabeth Armitage by Suzette Whiting and to the Glory of God.

WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR OCT. 9-14

09 – Mon	<i>Parish Office Closed ~ Indigenous Peoples Day</i>	
	Morning Prayer (FB Live)	9:00 AM
10 – Tues	Evening Prayer (FB)	6:00 PM
	Vestry Meeting @ Chapel	7:00 PM
11 – Wed	Auction Preview in Martin Hall	2:00PM - 6:00 PM
12 – Thu	Annual Auction @ The Seashell	6:00 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
13 – Fri	<i>Parish Office closed</i>	



AUCTION THIS THURSDAY OCTOBER 12TH

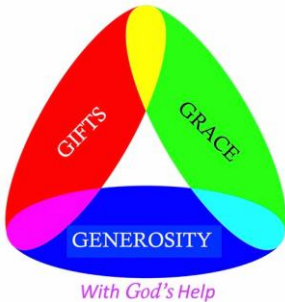
6:00 PM at The Sea Shell!

Tickets are \$70.00 and are still available!! Like last year, will have both a chance auction and some items for a silent auction.

Chance Auction – You will need to purchase a card of 26 tix for \$50 and then place chances into the bag in front of the items you hope to win.

Winning is by “chance.” **Silent Auction** – The silent auction win goes to the highest bidder.

AUCTION PREVIEW – This **Wednesday, Oct. 11th from 2-6** in Martin Hall. You may purchase your chance tickets at that time or at The Shell. Checks & Cash only. We will also have our famous Restaurant Raffle! It is a **WONDERFUL** event full of good food and great people and we hope you will please join us!



2024 This stewardship season, we celebrate **our GIFTS, GRACE, and GENEROSITY, with God's Help!** Stay tuned for a fun Stewardship sponsored Ministry Fair October 22.

Bishop French's first visit to Holy Innocents', OCTOBER 21st

On Saturday, October 21st at **10:00 a.m.**, Bishop Sally J. French will be preaching and presiding at a diocesan service of Holy Eucharist here at Holy Innocents'. While this is specifically themed to highlight the achievements of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) and is also the Diocesan Annual United Thank Offering (UTO) Ingathering, this **service** is OPEN TO ALL. Mtr. Caroline+ would REALLY like to see it a packed house! Following the service, the Diocesan ECW Annual meeting will take place in Martin Hall.

THANKSGIVING DINNER AT HI

Please let Mtr. Caroline+ know if you would like to attend this dinner and/or help her prepare it. It will be Thanksgiving Day beginning at noon! We'd like to open it up for anyone, but primarily folks without family nearby or who live alone and would like to join a group that day.

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