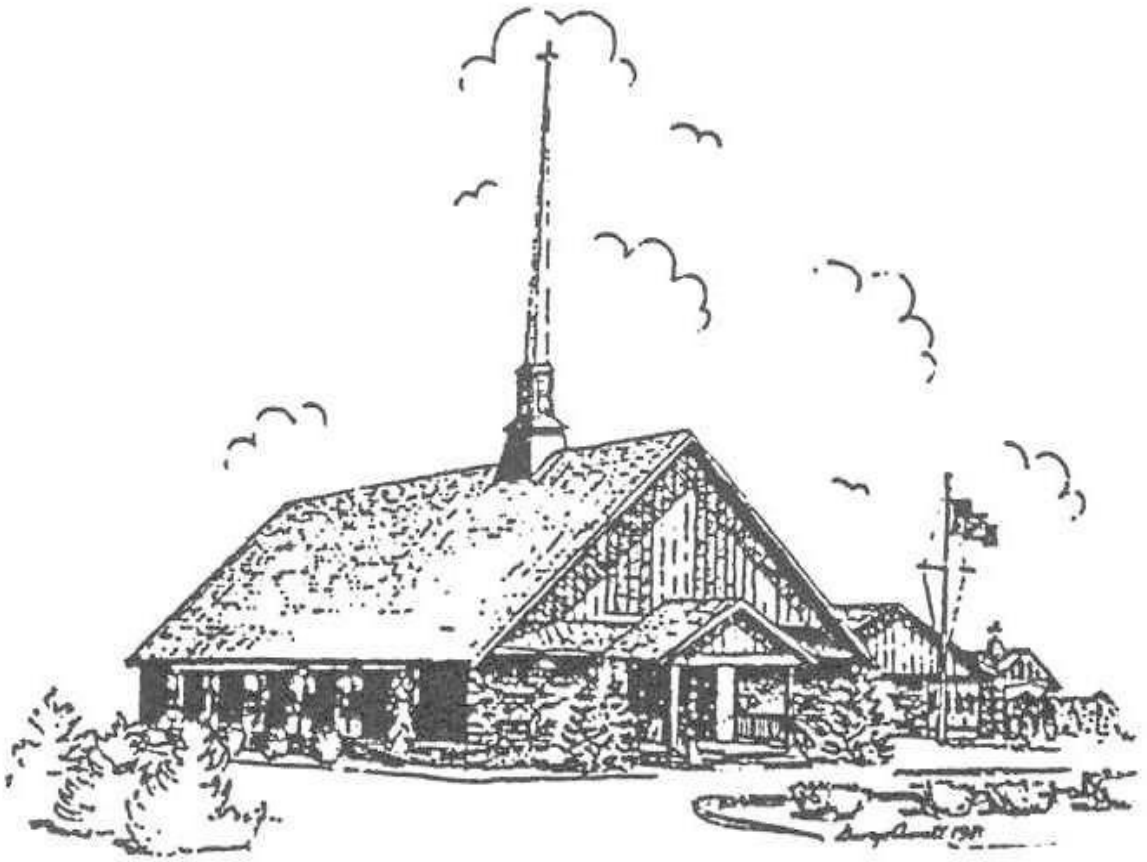


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

*The Sixth Sunday After The Epiphany*



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents*

*16 February, 2025 ~ 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**

*Thy Will Be Done*

James Southbridge

**The Parish Notices**

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

**\*Entrance Hymn #467** *Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love*

ST. BEES

**Opening Acclamation**

**BCP, p. 355**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father Son and Holy Spirit

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. *Amen*

**The Collect for Purity**

*Gloria in excelsis S-280* (All sing)

Robert Powell

**The Collect of the Day:**

**BCP, p. 216**

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The First Lesson**

**Jeremiah 17:5-10**

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals  
and make mere flesh their strength,

whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,

and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,  
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,  
and its leaves shall stay green;  
in the year of drought it is not anxious,  
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;  
it is perverse--  
who can understand it?

I the LORD test the mind  
and search the heart,  
to give to all according to their ways,

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 1** (*Read responsively by whole verse*)

**BCP, p. 585**

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

## The Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Sequence Hymn #440**

*Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word*

LIEBSTER JESU

**\*The Holy Gospel**

**Luke 6:17-26**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and

to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now,  
for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

"But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,  
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,  
for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Peter De Franco**

**\*The Nicene Creed**

**BCP, p. 358**

**\*The Prayers of the People: Form III**

**BCP, p. 387**

*(The people may stand or kneel)*

*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 of Bangladesh.  
We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Sally our Bishop;  
for Peter our supply priest. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Leader* For Colleen our Mayor, Philip our Governor, Donald 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.*)

## Confession

BCP p. 360

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

BCP p. 360

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

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory Anthem

*Kneel at the Cross*

Ruth Elaine Schram

**\*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 D**

BCP, p. 372

*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 God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining

with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

**Sanctus: S-129** (*all sing*) Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Robert Powell

*(The People may stand or kneel)*

*Celebrant* We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**All: We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*Celebrant* Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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**

*Celebrant Alleluia.* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

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

**Fraction Anthem: S-154** *(all sing)* *Christ Our Passover* David Hurd

### **Music During Communion**

**LEVAS Hymn #152** *(all sing)* Let Us Break Bread Together arr. Carl Haywood

**\*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**

**\*Hymn #493** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

**Dismissal** **BCP, p. 366**

**Postlude** *Voluntary*

### **Serving Today**

**Crucifer** ~ John Wall **Lector** ~ Pat Peacock

**Ushers** ~ Bob Weidmann, Bill Kehr **Chalice Bearer** ~ Gail Jacobsen

*Coffee Hour is held EVERY SUNDAY - Please join us in Martin Hall!*

**Please note the EEAC presentation scheduled during today's coffee hour  
has been cancelled.**

## Parish Prayer List – February 16, 2025

*If you need to add or remove a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.*

Lara Sparks Deitz	Joan Connolly	Mary Ann Crewdson
Dennis	Connie Anderson	Christian Balint
Bob Hendricks	Christine Hendricks	Barry Longenbach
Warren Lamon	Ann White	Pierro Family
Lovas Family	Debbie & Joe Reising	Connie
Joe	Peg Appleget	Dcn. Judy
Lynne Weidmann	Alycia Mullin	Meg Neff
Rob Meyer	Chuck Hall	Tino
Florence Lamon	Melanie Harman	Pat
Kathy Rice	Jessie	Rich
Charles Sullivan	Doug Hunter	Marie Kleber
JoAnn King	Matt Starr	Ellis Barbieri
Judy Hamilton	Cindy Wood	Diane
Linda K.	Linda M.	Ray M.
Gia	Jeannine	Phil
Frank	Gail South	

### **Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:**

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

### **WEEKLY CALENDAR February 17 - 21**

17 – Mon	<i>Parish Office Closed- <b>President's Day</b></i>	
	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
	NO Yoga	
18 - Tues	ECW Holy Eucharist/Lunch/Organizational Mtg.	11:30 AM – 2:30 PM
19 –Wed	Prayer Ministry	4:00 PM
20 – Thurs	Book Club/Bible Study in MH	2:00 PM
	“Clam-Diggers” AA Group	7:30 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
21 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	

**Birthdays:** Joe Johnson (02/17), Matt Starr (02/21), Gabriella Vaughan (02/21)

This morning we celebrate Black History Month with **Let Us Break Bread Together**, sung by all during communion:

The tune BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, like the text, has been subject to variation. It became widely known after publication in *The Second Book of Negro Spirituals* (1926), compiled by the brothers James Weldon Johnson and Rosamond Johnson. The tune gained further popularity through a variety of choral arrangements; it can be found in many hymnals dating after 1955, when it was published in the American resbyterian/Reformed *Hymnbook*. -*Psalter Hymnal Handbook*, 1987

We will sing an arrangement from LEVAS by Carl Haywood, a native of Portsmouth, Virginia, Carl is a cum laude graduate of Norfolk State University and a recipient of the Master of Sacred Music (organ) and Master of Music (choral conducting) degrees from Southern Methodist University. Dr. Haywood, who also received the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Southern California, is recognized as a superb choral conductor/organist with superior musical acumen. Dr. Haywood's anthems, spirituals, and organ music are published by GIA, Walton, and Alliance Publishing companies. He is the proud composer of the NSU Alma Mater. For twenty-six years he served as organist/choir director at Grace Episcopal Church, Norfolk and has served on the Liturgical Commission for the Diocese of Southern Virginia, the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music for the Episcopal Church of America and as Director of Music for the Union of Black Episcopalians.

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<i>Vestry Class of 2025</i>	<i>Vestry Class of 2026</i>	<i>Vestry Class of 2027</i>
Judy Contreras	Larry Peacock	Vince Contreras
Bruce Hillyer	Barbara Wheeler	Melissa Wall
Bill Kehr	Leila Sullivan	TBD

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