

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Thursday, December 26	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
	AA	7:00pm
Friday, December 27	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	
Saturday, December 28	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	
	Evening Prayer: <i>Feast of The Holy Innocents</i>	5:00pm
Sunday, December 29	The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	9:30am
<i>The 1st Sunday after Christmas Day</i>	Fellowship	10:30am

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

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The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

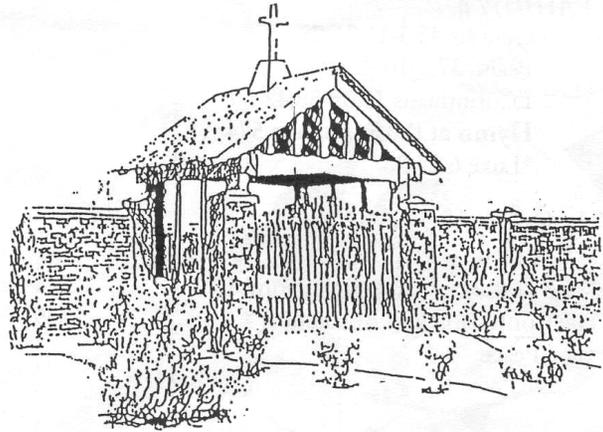
Christmas Day



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey
25 December, 2019 ~ 10:00 AM*

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. *Alleluia! Alleluia!*

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**



who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;

for in plain sight they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.

Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual Psalm 98 (*Alternating by whole verse*)

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *his righteousness
has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of
Israel, *and all the ends of the earth have seen the
victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

The Epistle

Hebrews 1:1-4,(5-12)

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

[For to which of the angels did God ever say,
"You are my Son; today I have begotten you"?

Or again,
"I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"?

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,
"Let all God's angels worship him."

Of the angels he says,
"He makes his angels winds,
and his servants flames of fire."

But of the Son he says,
"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the
righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom.
You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore
God, your God, has anointed you the oil of gladness
beyond your companions."

And,
"In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth,
and the heavens are the work of your hands;

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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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The Breaking of the Bread

[*Alleluia.*] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: **Therefore let us keep the feast.** [*Alleluia.*]

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

Postcommunion Prayer (*Stand or kneel*)

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Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

*Blessing

*Hymn #99 *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

GO TELL IT

*Dismissal

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earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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 and Benedictus Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(The People may stand or kneel)

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

All: **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed.

But you are the same, and your years will never end."]

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn 98 *Unto Us a Boy is Born!* PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

***The Holy Gospel**

John 1:1-14

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

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Caroline Carson

***The Nicene Creed**

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***The Prayers of the People:**

In This Small Place Made Glorious

Leader: God of unimaginable love, on the first Christmas
You became one of us.

All: **We celebrate Your love for every person in every place and time.**

Leader: God of all humanity, You offered Your Peace to anyone
who would be satisfied with Your presence.

All: **We celebrate Your Peace in Your Church and accept Your commission to share it in all the world.**

Leader: God of the shepherds, You announced Your arrival among us
to the poorest, the most humble.

All: **We celebrate Your good news to each of us and to everyone, right here where we are.**

Leader: God of the manger, You came to us through Your Son in a
small and simple place.

All: **We celebrate Your presence with us this day in this small place made glorious by Your being in it.**

Leader: God of deliverance, You came to be one of us in order to
deliver all of us.

All: **We celebrate Your protection and mercy toward all who are sick or in trouble.**

Leader: God of birth, when You became as we are, You opened
Yourself to each of us, no matter who or what we are.

All: **We celebrate this day Your Kingdom and that we are welcome in it right now and always. Keep us close, now and in the life to come. Amen.**

*~ written by Brad Offutt for the 2008 Christmas services at St. Paul's
Episcopal Church in Port Townsend, Washington.*

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 against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

**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

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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Parish Notices

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

***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 B**

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **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