

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
19 July, 2026 ~ 9:30 AM

Welcome! Our service materials are in the Book of Common Prayer or BCP (Red Book); the 1982 Hymnal (Blue Book); and *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* (hymnal with the red spine.) You'll find the BCP and Hymnals in the pew rack in front of you.

Prelude

Voluntary

Please use this time for quiet prayer and contemplation

Welcome

THE WORD OF GOD

Entrance Hymn #80 (LEVAS)

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

John E. Gould

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

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

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and in our stubbornness we refuse to ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23

BCP, p. 794

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

The Epistle

Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #652 *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* (vv. 1,2,4&5)

REST

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Celebrant **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

The Sermon

(Please be Seated)

The Rev. Erin Morey

The Nicene Creed

(Please stand)

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 *(Please remain standing)*

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 Colleen our Mayor, Mikie our Governor, and Donald 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 We pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop; for Sally our Bishop, and for Erin our Rector and for all bishops and other ministers;

People **For all who serve God in God's Church.**

Leader We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation especially those on our Parish Prayer List: *Laura, Connie, Dennis, Joe, Debbie, Joe, Pat, Warren, Ann, Judy, Meg, Rich, Charles, Doug, Ellis, Judy, Diane, Jeannine, Nellie, Will, Devin, Rick, Scotty, Gail, Erma, Becka, Bob, Karen, Roy, Mike, Shirley, Ben, Tim, Mike, Karen, Walter, Kathy, Johnny, Matthew, James, Sue, Joe, Jack, Dixie, Mary, Amy, Charles, Ellen, Oliver, Cindy, Jacob, Xavier, Rachel, Pat, Sherry, Eleri, Cynthia.* We remember the poor, all victims of climate change, the sick, the shut-in, all caregivers, the grieving, and all those we name now, either silently or aloud. We pray for all those who serve in the military and other dangerous professions, and all who work for peace.

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, 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, especially those we name now, either silently or aloud.

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People **Who put their trust in you.**

Leader For the well being of the Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club. Help its members to be faithful keepers of the waters that surround us here, and to nourish the community in which it has lived and grown in the last 114 years.

People **Lord, here our prayer.**

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.

The Confession of Sin

BCP, p. 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant 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.

The Absolution

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace *(All stand)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Blessing for Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club and All Upon the Waters

Announcements *(Please be seated)*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn #488 *(Please remain seated)* *Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

Presentation of the Gifts *(All stand)*

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

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 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*) (*Please Kneel*) *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord* Robert Powell

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,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

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 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

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

Fraction Anthem: S-154 *(All sing) Christ Our Passover*

David Hurd

Communion

*You are invited to stand or kneel at the front rail to receive communion. You may receive the bread, the wine, or both. If you need a gluten free wafer please let the celebrant know.
If you need communion brought to you, please let an usher know.*

Music During Communion

Hymn LEVAS #154 *(All sing) Taste and See*

James E Morre. Jr.

Postcommunion Prayer *(Please stand)*

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 #608 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

Voluntary

Serving Today

Crucifer ~ John Wall

Lectors

1st Reading ~ Rear Commodore Denick Herrin **Psalm** ~ Vice Commodore Richard W. Neff

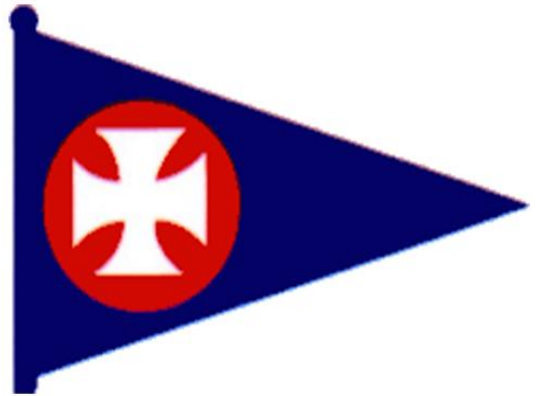
Epistle ~ Commodore PJ Vaughan

Prayers of the People ~ Robert Stevens, Chaplain of LEHYC

Ushers ~ Rob Meyer, Dave White **Chalice Bearer** ~ Robert Stevens

*Following the service today, everyone is welcome to join us in
Martin Hall for Fellowship Together!*

WELCOME to our Little Egg Harbor Yacht Club Friends!
Thank you for being part of the service today!



Parish Prayer List – July 19, 2026

PLEASE NOTE: *If you need to add a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by **Wednesday, July 22nd.***

Laura	Connie	Dennis	Joe	Debbie
Joe	Pat	Warren	Ann	Judy
Meg	Rich	Charles	Doug	Ellis
Judy	Diane	Jeannine	Nellie	Will
Devin	Rick	Scotty	Don	Gail
Erma	Becka	Bob	Karen	Roy
Mike	Shirley	Ben	Tim	Mike
Karen	Walter	Kathy	Johnny	Matthew
James	Sue	Joe	Jack	Dixie
Mary	Amy	Charles	Ellen	Oliver
Cindy	Jacob	Xavier	Rachel	Pat
Sherry	Eleri	Cynthia		

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

Birthdays: David Mitchell (07/19), Christa Steiner (07/20), Cindy Longenbach (07/21)

WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR July 20 – July 25

20 – Mon	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
	Chair Yoga in MH	9:15 AM-10:15 AM
21 – Tues	Ladies Exercise Group	9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
	Mah Jongg in Martin Hall	1:00 PM
22 – Wed	Tai Chi in Martin Hall	9:30 AM – 10:30 AM
	BHCAP Summer Concert: <i>Diablo Sandwich Band</i>	7:30 PM
23 – Thurs	Ladies Exercise Group	9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
	Book Study in MH & Zoom	1:30 PM
	“Clam Diggers” AA Group	7:30 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
24 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
25 – Sat	Timothy Hillyer Interment	11:00 AM
	Seith/Hunt Interment	1:00 PM



Save the Date for Christmas in July~ Sunday, July 26th.

Our ecumenical partners at Trinity Lutheran Church in Brant Beach have invited us to join us in a celebration of Christmas in July! Together, we will be collecting food, coffee, and size 7 diapers for local food pantries.

We will also have special Christmas themed fun activities that weekend, so watch for more details!



Backpacks needed!

Once again, it's time for us to collect new backpacks and school supplies for those in need. The Nook (the organization we work with that distributes our Sandwich Ministry meals), is expanding its services to children this fall. They are requesting as many backpacks as we can collect for students in preschool through high

school. Keep in mind that older children are often left out of these drives, yet the need is still there.

Please bring new backpacks and school supplies to the Holy Innocents' Sunday School room (Hope above the door) before **Wednesday, August 12 (our next Sandwich Ministry date)**. They will be sending 2 trucks that day to pick up our 100 bagged meals and the backpacks/supplies we have collected. They will begin distributing the backpacks at an event they are doing on August 15.

We will also be supporting other organizations and schools in our area, so please be generous.

Have you checked out our web site recently? There you can check our upcoming events, i.e. upcoming concerts; our monthly calendar, the monthly Parish Post, as well as back issues of the post if you missed one. Also, our 9:30am weekly service bulletins are always linked there as well. Click the worship tab and scroll down to the current bulletin and then click to download. www.hiecbh.com



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