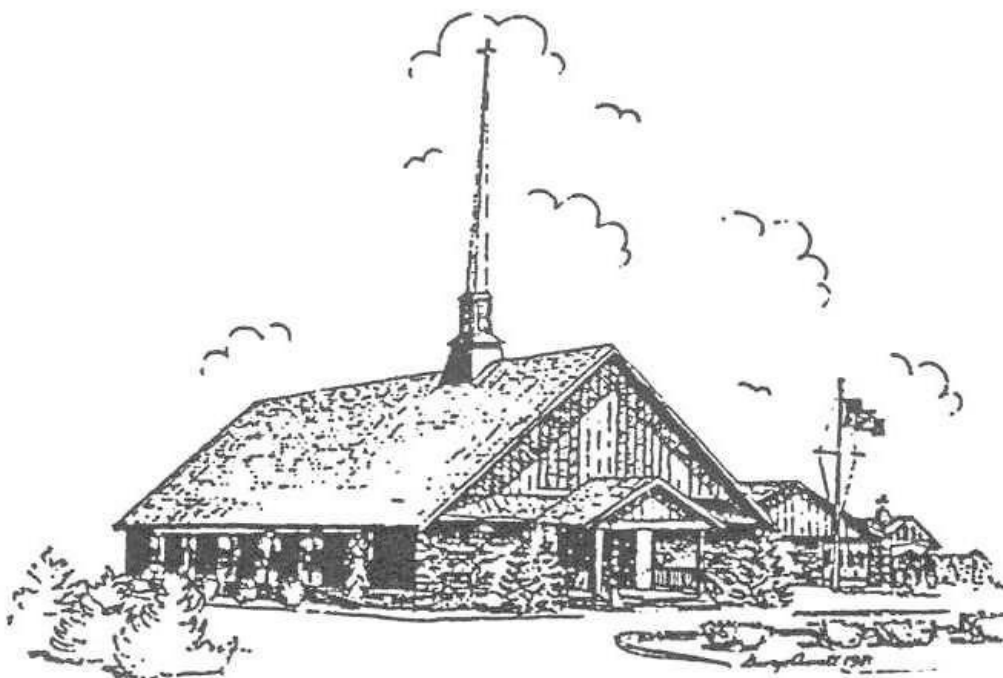


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Last Sunday after Pentecost
Christ the King



The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
23 November, 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. We hope you'll join us for Coffee Hour following the service!

Prelude

Voluntary

The Parish Notices

Entrance Hymn #365

Come, Thou Almighty King

MOSCOW

THE WORD OF GOD

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

People **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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

The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 236

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over

them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 46

(Read in unison)

BCP, p. 236

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.

- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.
- 11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."
- 12 The LORD of hosts is with us; *

The Epistle

Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #544 *(Please stand) Jesus Shall Reign Where e'er the Sun* DUKE STREET

The Holy Gospel

Luke 23:33-43

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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

**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 *(The people may stand or kneel)* **BCP, p. 392**

Celebrant Let us offer our prayers to God.

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, Phillip our Governor , Mikie our Governor-Elect
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 In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of
South America. We pray for Sarah the Archbishop of Canterbury-designate; for

Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Sally our Bishop; for Erin, our Newly Called Rector and for Peter, our Supply Priest; and for all bishops and other ministers;
People **For all who serve God in his Church.**

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, all caregivers, and the grieving; those serving in the military and other dangerous professions, and for our enemies, that all hearts may be turned to peace.

(The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud at this time.)

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; for those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week, and, all the saints. 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. *(Deceased loved ones and friends may be mentioned at this time.)*

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

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

Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Confession of Sin

BCP p. 393

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,

Things done and left undone;

and so uphold us by your Spirit

That we may live and serve you in newness of life,

To the honor and glory of your name;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Absolution

BCP p. 360

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)*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

O, That I had a Thousand Voices

Jay Althouse

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

BCP, p. 367

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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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*

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,

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

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 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

The Celebrant breaks the Consecrated Bread. The congregation observes a time of silence.

Fraction Anthem: S-154 *(all sing)* Christ Our Passover David Hurd
(All baptized Christians may receive Holy Communion)

Music at Communion

Hymn LEVAS #154 *(all sing)* Taste and See James E. Moore, Jr.

Postcommunion Prayer *(Please stand)* BCP, p. 365

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

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Hymn #494 Crown Him With Many Crowns DIADEMATA

Dismissal BCP, p. 366

Postlude Voluntary

Please join us in Martin Hall for Coffee & Fellowship!

Serving Today

Crucifer ~ John Wall **Lector** ~ Leila Sullivan

Ushers ~ Bob Weidmann, Kay DeCicco **Chalice Bearer** ~ Leila Sullivan

Fr. Peter will offer prayers and anointing for healing in the chapel today immediately following the Holy Eucharist for anyone who would like this ministry. Persons can come into the chapel and request healing prayer for themselves or for others.

Parish Prayer List – November 23, 2025

If you need to add or remove a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by Wednesday, November 26th.

Lara Sparks Deitz	Mary Ann Crewdson	Dennis
Christian Balint	Warren Lamon	Ann White
Pierro Family	Lovas Family	Debbie & Joe Reising
Connie	Joe	Peg Appleget
Dcn. Judy	Lynne Weidmann	Meg Neff
Rob Meyer	Tino	Melanie Harman
Pat	Kathy Rice	Jessie
Rich Cashel	Charles Sullivan	Doug Hunter
JoAnn King	Ellis Barbieri	Judy Hamilton
Cindy Wood	Diane	Ray M.
Gia	Jeannine	Phil
Frank	Fran Iozzi	Johnny Johnson, Jr.
Bill Bentley	Dr. John	Scott
Nellie Riley	Mike Phillips	Adam Boulderstone
Chris Mercer	Katie Gillis	Frank, III
Will Locovare	Ollie	Milt Giannico
Bill O'Connell	Glenn Servetah	Mary K.
Pat Strocchia	George Balch	Barbara Wheeler
Devin Hone	Barbara	Rick Rosenbaum
Flood Family	Kay DiCicco	Joe Verrone
Rose Federici	Anna & Matteo Mannino	Scotty Camarote
Don Deitz	Priscilla Ruoff Harvey	
Family & Friends of TJ Patton		

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

Birthdays: Kelly Culley (11/23), Carol Boll (11/26), Carl Sheppard (11/27)

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

WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR November 24 – November 28

24 – Mon	Morning Prayer	9:00 AM
	Chair Yoga	9:15 AM-10:15 AM
26 – Wed	Tai Chi Classes in MH	9:30AM-10:30 AM
27 – Thurs	Parish Office Closed ~ <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>	
	"Clam Diggers" AA Group	7:30 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
28 – Fri	Parish Office Closed	



CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

The church is organizing a Christmas Shoe Box event for the children of All Saints Episcopal Church in Lakewood. Ruth McLaughlin purchased 30 plastic shoe boxes and they are available in the Parish Hall, along with a list of possible little gifts. Ages of children range from toddlers to 18 with more boys than girls. Boxes will be collected on **December 7th**.

THE GIVING TREE ~This year, we will support eight 7 families with 15 children varying in age, benefiting the Children's Home Society.

Directions:

1. Select a Tag
2. Match the color to the family
3. Match the child's name on your tag to sign up sheet
4. Match the number under the child's name & put your name and phone number
5. Buy Gift- Please tape the tag you choose to the gift- **Do not wrap gift**
6. Gifts need to be returned to church no later than **December 14th**



Rolls of gift wrap are appreciated

Thank you!! Any questions, call or text Maggie 609-709-6133



ST. FRANCIS FOOD PANTRY Please bring non-perishable food items to church and drop them in the Narthex. They will be delivered to St. Francis Food Pantry. Food Drive will continue until **Sunday, December 14th**.



Flowers for Christmas

If you would like to memorialize loved ones with a donation toward Christmas Flowers, kindly send your clearly-designated donation to the church office or place it in the Sunday collection plate.

Please note "**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**" on the outside of the envelope and "**Flower Guild-Christmas**" in the check memo. Forms will be available in the Sunday bulletins starting today through December 14th. Make sure the donor and recipient names are clearly written. In order to have all Memorials acknowledged in the Christmas bulletins, please return no later than **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16th**. Thank you!



ECW Christmas Luncheon

The ECW invites all Church Women to a Christmas Luncheon on **Wednesday, December 3rd at 11:30 am at Buckalew's**. Bring a wrapped \$15-20 gift for the Yankee Swap!. Order from full menu; Check will be split; Cash preferred!

ALL MINISTRY AREA REPORTS FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT WILL BE DUE TO THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN MONDAY, DECEMBER 8th

Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church
Marine Street, Beach Haven, NJ
please join us - all are welcome

Messiah Sing

Saturday December 6, 2025 at 4pm

featuring

New Jersey Chamber Singers

come to sing along or listen
bring your own score, or borrow one of ours



Lessons and Carols

Friday December 12, 2025 at 7pm

choral and congregational singing
featuring vocal and instrumental soloists

free will offering will be taken at each event
a reception will follow

for more information please call 609.492.7571

or email ejdondero@comcast.net



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to memorialize loved ones with a donation toward Christmas Flowers, kindly send your clearly-designated donation to the church office or place it in the Sunday collection plate. Please note **"CHRISTMAS FLOWERS"** on the outside of the envelope and **"Flower Guild-Christmas"** in the check memo. Make sure the donor and recipient names are **clearly** written.

YOUR NAME: _____

TELEPHONE #: _____

DONATION AMT: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

In order to have all Memorials acknowledged in the Christmas bulletins, please return this form to the office no later than **Tuesday, December 16, 2025**





Donate your way.

Give one time, anytime or
set up a recurring donation.

CLERGY & STAFF

Rev. Peter De Franco, *Supply Priest* revdefranco@gmail.com
Mrs. Ellen J. Dondero, *Minister of Music & Organist* ejdondero@comcast.net
Mrs. Lisa Halpin, *Parish Administrator* hichurch08008@gmail.com
Office Hours: *Monday through Thursday • 9 AM - 2 PM*

WARDENS & VESTRY

Pat Peacock, *Sr. Warden* pat.coteypeacock@gmail.com
Dave White, *Jr. Warden* pacsman1965@comcast.net

Vestry Class of 2025

Judy Contreras
Bruce Hillyer
Bill Kehr

Vestry Class of 2026

Larry Peacock
Barbara Wheeler
Leila Sullivan

Vestry Class of 2027

Vince Contreras
Melissa Wall
Debbie Hunter

The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents

Pearl & Marine Streets, Beach Haven, NJ 08008