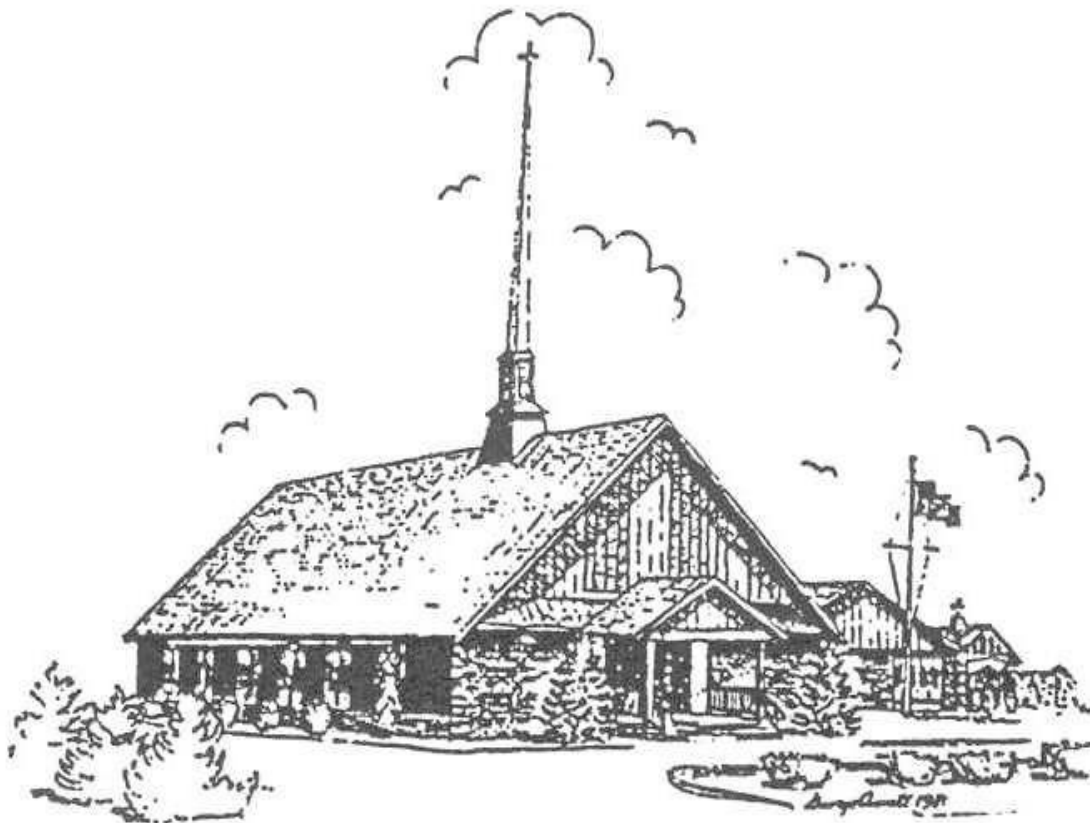


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Fourth Sunday after The Epiphany



The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
01 February, 2026 ~ 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.

Prelude

Voluntary

Please use this time for quiet prayer and contemplation

Parish Notices

THE WORD OF GOD

Entrance Hymn LEVAS #111 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

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

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.**

Song of Praise LEVAS #245 *(all sing) We Have Come Into His House* Bruce Ballinger

The Collect of the Day:

BCP, p. 215

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 15

BCP, p. 599

- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the LORD.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #656 (*All stand*) *Blest are the Pure in Heart*

FRANCONIA

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

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 *(The people may stand or kneel)*

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 In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church of England. We
pray for Sarah, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for

Sally our Bishop; for Erin, our Rector 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, 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.

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. *(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 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. **Amen.**

Confession

BCP p. 360

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

Celebrant & 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

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 Hymn #542

Christ is the World's True Light

ST. JOAN

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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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 LEVAS #255 *(all sing)* *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Grayson Warren Brown

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 are welcomed to receive Holy Communion.)

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

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Hymn LEVAS #62

In Christ there is No East or West

MCKEE

Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

Postlude

Voluntary

WELCOME BACK ELLEN !!

**THANK YOU TO BARBARA WHEELER FOR PLAYING THE ORGAN
WHILE ELLEN WAS AWAY!**

Serving Today

Crucifer ~ John Wall **Lector** ~ Alexa Fahner

Ushers ~ Bob Weidmann **Chalice Bearer** ~ Alexa Fahner

Parish Prayer List – February 1, 2026

PLEASE NOTE: *If you need to add or remove a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by Wednesday, February 4th.*

Lara Sparks Deitz

Christian Balint

Pierro Family

Connie

Dcn. Judy

Rob Meyer

Pat

Rich Cashel

JoAnn King

Cindy Wood

Gia

Frank

Bill Bentley

Nellie Riley

Chris Mercer

Will Locovare

Bill O'Connell

Barbara Wheeler

Rick Rosenbaum

Mary Ann Crewdson

Warren Lamon

Lovas Family

Joe

Lynne Weidmann

Tino

Kathy Rice

Charles Sullivan

Ellis Barbieri

Diane

Jeannine

Fran Iozzi

Dr. John

Mike Phillips

Katie Gillis

Ollie

Glenn Servetah

Devin Hone

Flood Family

Dennis

Ann White

Debbie & Joe Reising

Peg Appleget

Meg Neff

Melanie Harman

Jessie

Doug Hunter

Judy Hamilton

Ray M.

Phil

Johnny Johnson, Jr.

Scott

Adam Boulderstone

Frank, III

Ben Giannico

Mary K.

Barbara

Kay DiCicco

Joe Verrone
Scotty Camarote
Gail South
Matthew Albanese

Rose Federici
Don Deitz
Erma Green
Larry Pritchard

Anna & Matteo Mannino
Priscilla Ruoff Harvey
Keith Aclin

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

Birthdays: Maria Mack (02/02), Kim Sparks (02/02), Philip Boulden (02/05)
Jean Nelson (02/06)

Altar Flowers: This week's Altar Flowers are given by Jeanne & Rich Cashel in memory of their mothers and to the Glory of God.

In Honor of Black History month, this morning we sing:

In Christ There is no East or West

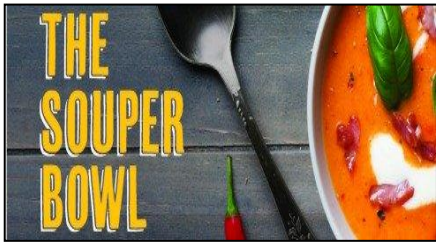
MC KEE has an interesting history. According to a letter from Charles V. Stanford (PHH 512) to Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (who arranged the tune for piano in his Twenty-Four Negro Melodies, 1905), MC KEE was originally an Irish tune taken to the United States and adapted by African American slaves. It became associated with the spiritual "I Know the Angels Done Changed My Name," which appeared in J. B. T. Marsh's The Story of the Jubilee Singers with their Songs (1876). Harry T. Burleigh (b. Erie, PA, 1866; d. Stamford, CT, 1949) arranged the tune to fit Dunkerley's text in 1939. As a setting for that text, the tune was published in The Hymnal 1940. Burleigh named the tune after Elmer M. Mc Kee, rector of St. George's Episcopal Church, New York, where Burleigh was the baritone soloist from 1894-1946. Burleigh began his musical career as a choirboy in St. Paul's Cathedral, Erie, Pennsylvania. He also studied at the National Conservatory of Music, New York City, where he was befriended by Anton Dvorak and, according to tradition, provided Dvorak with some African American musical themes that became part of Dvorak's New World Symphony. Burleigh composed at least two hundred works but is most remembered for his vocal solo arrangements of African American spirituals. In 1944 Burleigh Was honored as a Fellow of the Hymn Society in

the United States and Canada. Sing stanzas 1, 2, and 5 in unison, the others in harmony. The instruction in The Hymnal 1940 for this tune is still helpful: sing this hymn "with dignity." --Psalter Hymnal Handbook, 1988s

Also for this month *we will use A Song of Praise (in place of Gloria) & Sanctus from Lift Every Voice and Sing, an Africa American Hymnal.*

WEEKLY CALENDAR February 2 - 6

02 – Mon	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
	Chair Yoga in MH	9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
04 – Wed	Tai Chi Class in Martin Hall	9:30AM – 10:30 AM
05 – Thurs	Book Club/Bible Study in MH	1:30 PM
	"Clam-Diggers" AA Group	7:30 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
06 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	



February 8th is the SOUPER BOWL!

We hope to see lots of choices of soups, breads, and cookies to serve during coffee hour that day. As is our custom, we will have two soup kettles representing the two football teams that are playing in the NFL game later that day. This year

it will be the New England Patriots and the Seattle Seahawks. Put your donation in the kettle of your choice. In the past the most \$'s collected in a team's kettle will be the winning team that evening! All donations collected during SOUPER BOWL coffee hour will be sent to OPERATION SMILE (NJ Chapter). Anyone interested in making soup text Maggie Aftanis 609-709-6133.

WELCOME TO HOLY INNOCENTS' OUR NEW RECTOR THE REV. ERIN MOREY!!

Mother Erin's Contact Information

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Please reach out for pastoral needs or other questions.



Mother Erin arrived on LBI as the sun was setting last Wednesday (1/21) with her two dogs, Lily and Zoe



Donate your way.

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

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