

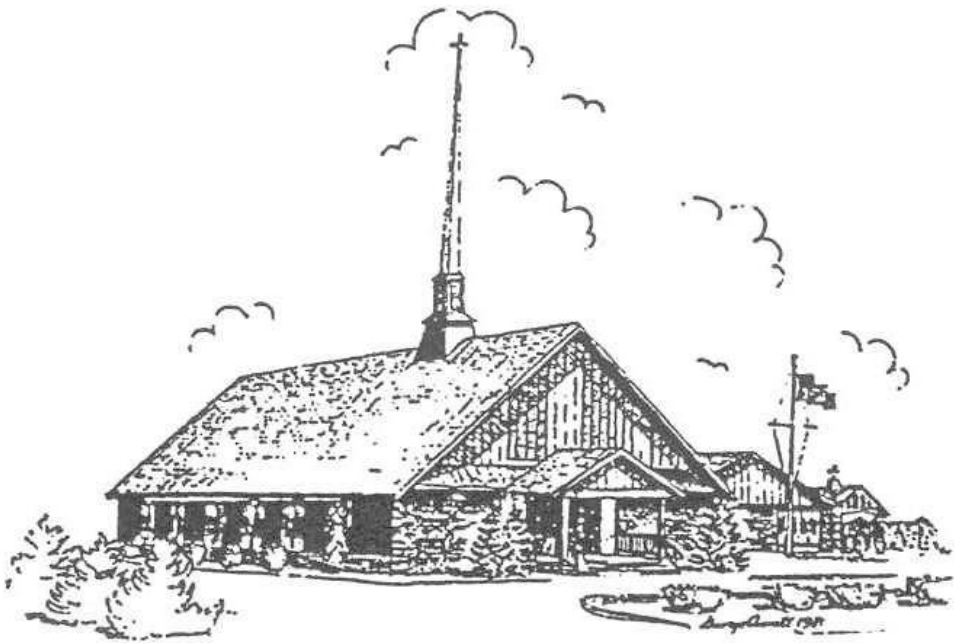
The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

*The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Proper 13*

*and*

*The Baptism of*

*Elakshi Remivasan & Veeran Remivasan*



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents*

*03 August, 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!

## The Parish Notices

**Prelude**      *Prayer from Hansel and Gretel*      Engelbert Humperdinck  
                          *Chloe Dondero, soprano Joan Melega, alto*  
                          *Please use this time for quiet prayer and contemplation*

# THE WORD OF GOD

**Entrance Hymn #296** *We Know that Christ is Raised and Dies No More* ENGLEBERG

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**  
*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People* **One God and Father of all.**

**The Collect of the Day** **BCP, p. 232**

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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 Hosea 11:1-11

When Israel was a child, I loved him,  
and out of Egypt I called my son.  
The more I called them,  
the more they went from me;  
they kept sacrificing to the Baals,  
and offering incense to idols.

Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk,  
    I took them up in my arms;  
    but they did not know that I healed them.  
I led them with cords of human kindness,  
    with bands of love.  
I was to them like those  
    who lift infants to their cheeks.  
    I bent down to them and fed them.  
They shall return to the land of Egypt,  
    and Assyria shall be their king,  
    because they have refused to return to me.  
The sword rages in their cities,  
    it consumes their oracle-priests,  
    and devours because of their schemes.  
My people are bent on turning away from me.  
    To the Most High they call,  
    but he does not raise them up at all.  
How can I give you up, Ephraim?  
    How can I hand you over, O Israel?  
How can I make you like Admah?  
    How can I treat you like Zeboiim?  
My heart recoils within me;  
    my compassion grows warm and tender.  
I will not execute my fierce anger;  
    I will not again destroy Ephraim;  
for I am God and no mortal,  
    the Holy One in your midst,  
    and I will not come in wrath.  
They shall go after the LORD,  
    who roars like a lion;  
when he roars,  
    his children shall come trembling from the west.

They shall come trembling like birds from Egypt,  
and like doves from the land of Assyria;  
and I will return them to their homes, says the LORD.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*All*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 107:1-9, 43**

*(Read in unison)*

**BCP p. 746 & 749**

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, \*  
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim \*  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.
- 4 Some wandered in desert wastes; \*  
they found no way to a city where they might dwell.
- 5 They were hungry and thirsty; \*  
their spirits languished within them.
- 6 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 7 He put their feet on a straight path \*  
to go to a city where they might dwell.
- 8 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 9 For he satisfies the thirsty \*  
and fills the hungry with good things.
- 43 Whoever is wise will ponder these things, \*  
and consider well the mercies of the LORD.

**The Epistle**

**Colossians 3:1-11**

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on

things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn #707**

*Take My Life and Let it Be*

HOLLINGSIDE

**The Holy Gospel**

**Luke 12:13-21**

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

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have

prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Homily** *(Please be seated)*

**The Rev. Peter De Franco**

## **The Baptism of Elakshi Remivasan & Veeran Remivasan**

*(Congregation remains seated for now)*

### **Presentation and Examination of the Candidates for Baptism**

*Celebrant* The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Family* **I present Elakshi Remivasan and Veeran Remivasan to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*Celebrant* Will you be responsible for seeing that the children you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Family* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Family* **I will, with God's help.**

### **The Renunciations and Affirmations**

*Celebrant* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Family* **I renounce them.**

*Celebrant* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Family* **I renounce them.**

*Celebrant* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Family* **I renounce them.**

*Celebrant* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Family* **I do.**

*Celebrant* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Family* **I do.**

*Celebrant* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Family* **I do.**

*Celebrant, Addressing the Congregation* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*All* **We will.**

*Celebrant* Let us join those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

### **The Baptismal Covenant** *(Please stand)*

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,**

**the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*(Priest, parents, godparents and children to be baptized, move to the font.)*

**Prayers for the Candidates** *(Remain standing)*

*Celebrant* Let us now pray for these children who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*A Person appointed leads the following petitions*

*Leader* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**



*Leader* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *All: Amen.*

### **Thanksgiving over the Water** *(Remain standing)*

*An Appointed person pours water into the font. The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

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

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. All: **Amen.**

**The Baptism** *(Remain standing)*

*The Parents and Godparents present the child by name to the Celebrant, who then pours water upon her/him, saying*

Elakshi, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. All: **Amen.**

Veeran, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. All: **Amen.**

*Then the Priest places a hand on the child's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying,*

Elakshi, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. All: **Amen**

Veeran, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. All: **Amen.**

*The priest lights a candle from the Paschal Candle and presents it to the newly baptized.*

Elakshi, Christ is the Light of the world. May your light shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Veeran, Christ is the Light of the world. May your light shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

*Celebrant* Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your children the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your

Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *All: Amen.*

*Celebrant* Let us welcome the newly baptized!

*Celebrant and People* - **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

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

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory Anthem**

*God is So Good*

Douglas Wagner

**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 A**

**BCP, p. 361**

*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 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 earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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

### **Music at Communion**

**LEVAS #154** *Taste and See*

James E. Moore, Jr.

**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 God give to you and to all those whom you love his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy, in this world and the next; and the blessing and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

**Hymn #405** *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

ROYAL OAK

**Dismissal**

**BCP, p. 366**

**Postlude**

*Voluntary*

### **Serving Today**

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

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

## **Parish Prayer List – August 3, 2025**

**PLEASE NOTE:** *If you need to add or remove a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by **Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**.*

Lara Sparks Deitz	Mary Ann Crewdson	Dennis
Christian Balint	Christine Hendricks	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
Tino	Florence Lamon	Melanie Harman
Pat	Kathy Rice	Jessie
Rich	Charles Sullivan	Doug Hunter
Marie Kleber	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	Margie Wilson	Nellie Riley
Adam Boulderstone	Chris Mercer	Katie Gillis
Frank, III	Will Locovare	Pilar Wolfe
Ollie	Family & Friends of Donna Kerrihard	

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

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

**Birthdays:** Robert Stevens (08/04), Connor Starr (08/09), Vincent Contreras (08/09)

**Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Candle, Altar Candles:** This week's Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Candle and Altar Candles are given by Jane Enos and Maggie Aftanis in loving memory of Janine Kleber's birthday and to the Glory of God.

## WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR August 4 – August 8

04 – Mon	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
	Yoga in MH	9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
05 – Tues	Ladies Exercise Group	9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
06 – Wed	Concerts on the Green ~ The Kootz	7:30 PM
07 – Thurs	Ladies Exercise Group	9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
	Book/Bible Study	2:00 PM
	“Clam Diggers” AA Group	7:30 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
08 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	



### **BACKPACK & SCHOOL SUPPLIES DRIVE**

**Due Date: SUNDAY, AUGUST 10<sup>th</sup>**

#### **NEEDED:**

1. Backpacks for students in Kindergarten thru High School.  
(Don't forget the Middle & HS students!)
2. School Supplies for the same age groups

**The need is great, so please, be as generous as you are able.**

Thank you, Maggie Aftanis & Alexa Fahner



### **SAVE THE DATE: Friday, August 29th**

The members of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Innocents will join members of the Jewish Community Center for their **August 29th, Friday Sabbath service at 7:30 PM at Spray Beach**. Please bring a beach chair!

We would like to purchase kippahs for the men to wear. Please call Lisa in the Office, 609-492-7571, if you plan to attend, so we can purchase enough kippahs.



## **SAVE THE DATE!**

Our Annual Auction date has been set for

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm** and we will return to the Shell.

*Thank you Tom Hughes and the Shell for hosting us!*

Tickets are \$75.00 and sales will begin in August.

Look for more information in your weekly E-Pistle and monthly Parish Post.

Contact: Maggie Aftanis at 609-492-5271



### **Donate your way.**

Give one time, anytime or  
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