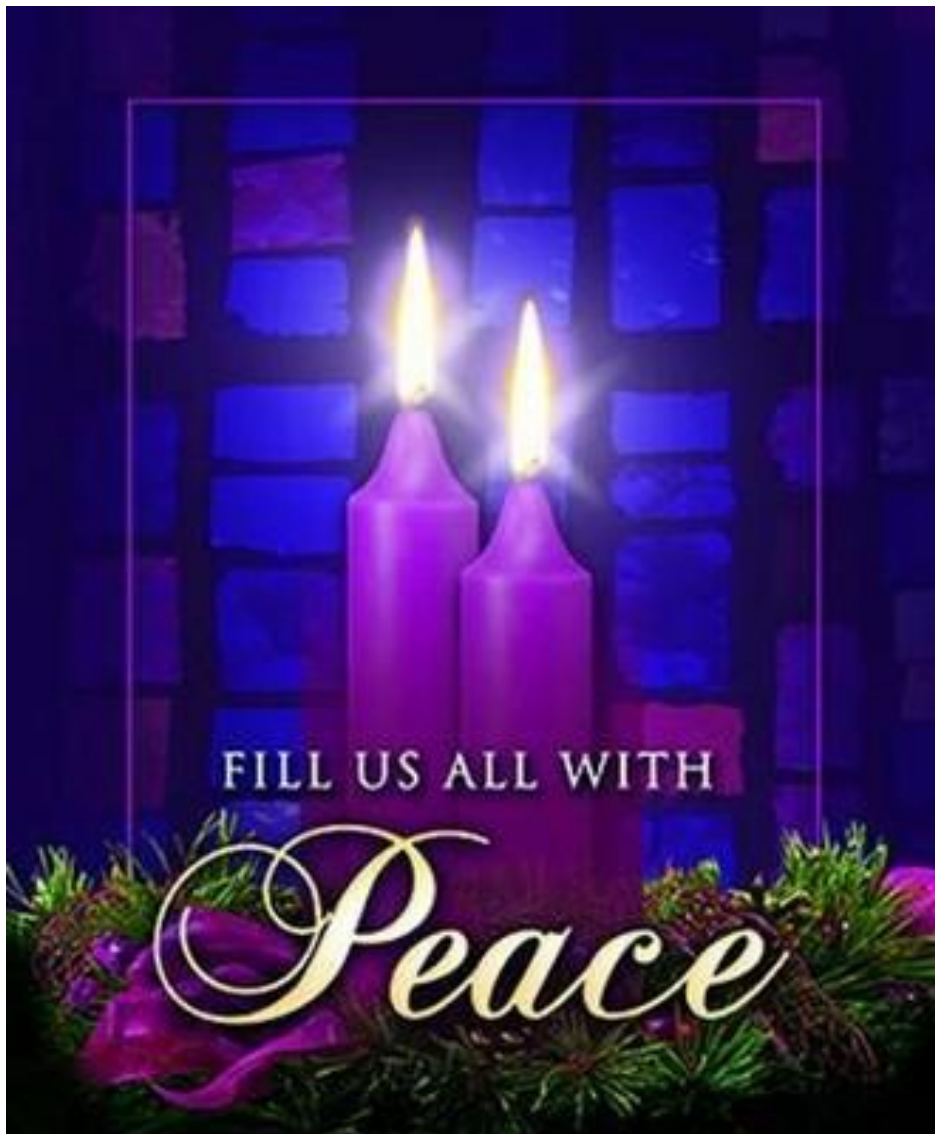


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Second Sunday of Advent



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey
08 December, 2024 ~ 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.

** Indicates to stand as you are able*

The Parish Notices

Prelude *Improvisation on Oh, Come, Oh Come Emmanuel*

Latin author unknown c. 1100; Camil Van Hulse (1897-1988)

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn #56 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel (verses 3 and 4)*

VENI VENI EMMANUEL, plainsong 15th C

*O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law,
in cloud and majesty and awe.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
free them from Satan's tyranny,
that trust thy mighty power to save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.*

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Officiant Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.

People **Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.**

Officiant Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved:

People **O Lord God of Hosts**

Officiant Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People **Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.**

The Second Advent Candle is now lit.

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord:

Response **And grant us your salvation.**

***Entrance Hymn#76** *On Jordan's Banks the Baptist Cries* WINCHESTER NEW

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

People **And blessed be his 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.*

Trisagion S-102 Holy God (All sing) Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

The Collect of the Day:

BCP, p. 211

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray. Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *All: Amen.*

The First Lesson

Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.

Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;
for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.

For God will give you evermore the name,
"Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look toward the east,

and see your children gathered from west and east
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.

For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;
but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be
made low
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God's command.

For God will lead Israel with joy,
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 16 (Read In Unison)

BCP, p. 92

The Song of Zechariah

Luke 1: 68-79

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Epistle

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

***Sequence Hymn #75** *There's A Voice in the Wilderness Crying* ASCENSION

***The Holy Gospel** Luke 3:1-6

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,

make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Canon Karin Mitchell

***The Nicene Creed**

BCP, p. 358

***The Prayers of the People: Form V**

BCP, p. 389

(The people may stand or kneel)

Celebrant In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

Leader For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for Pray for The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan, for Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean our Presiding Bishop, Sally our Bishop, for Karin, our guest priest; and the clergy that work with us during our transition; and for all bishops and other ministers; and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For those in positions of public trust, especially Nancy our Mayor, Philip our Governor, and Joseph our President; Donald our President-elect, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended; for ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People *To you, O Lord our God*

Celebrant For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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

Confession of Sin

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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

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

Greet one another with a sign of God's peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn LEVAS #87 *More Love to Thee, O Christ* William A. Doane

***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 him 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 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 S-130 *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord* (All sing) Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828)
(*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;**

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

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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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Fraction Anthem: S-154 (All sing) *Christ Our Passover* David Hurd (b. 1950)
(*All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion.*)

Music During Communion *Emmanuel* Gilbert M. Martin (b.1941)

***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

***Hymn #65** *Prepare the Way, O Zion* BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

Dismissal **BCP, p. 366**

Postlude *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying* John Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

Please join us in Martin Hall for Coffee & Fellowship!

WELCOME The Rev. Canon Karin Mitchell

We are happy you are with us today ☺

Thank you to Barbara Wheeler for playing organ for us today!

Serving Today

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

Ushers ~ Mike Fahner, Leila Sullivan **Chalice Bearer** ~ Alexa Fahner

Parish Prayer List – December 8, 2024

PLEASE NOTE: If you need to add or remove a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by Wednesday, December 11th.

Judy Contreras	Lara Sparks Deitz	Joan Connolly
Mary Ann Crewdson	Dennis	Connie Anderson
Christian Balint	Bob Hendricks	Christine Hendricks
Kathy & Walter	Ron & Kenny	Jeannine
Judy & Al	Joan & Linda Kelly	Chris C.
David D'Ambrosia	Barry Longenbach	Warren Lamon
Teri Keller	Gia	Cora
Frank M.	Ray M.	Joey
Sue P.	Ann White	George & Linda Huggler
Cindy Wood	Pierro Family	Lovas Family
Debbie & Joe Reising	Connie	Joe
Peg Appleget	Dcn. Judy	Jim Hanley
Fran	Lynne Weidmann	Alicia Magarelli
Jennifer	Keith Moore	Alycia Mullin
Diane	Florence Welharticky	Meg Neff
Rob Meyer	Chuck Hall	Leila Sullivan
Rob Greer	Tino	Phil Boulden
Florence Lamon	Debbie Lamon	Jane Goddard
Michelle Mahan	Shirley	Pat
Jessie	Fr. Matt Marino	Bob & Barb Senst
Vince Contreras	Gail J.	Rich
Family & Friends of Tim Hillyer		Charles Sullivan
Family & Friends of Gerry Lutz		Doug Hunter
Family & Friends of Cynthia Clarke		Suzette Whiting
Family & Friends of Louise Muth		Family & Friends of Mimi Dodson

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

Altar Candles: This week's Altar Candles are given in celebration of Thomas and Gail Jacobsen's wedding anniversary and to the Glory of God.

WEEKLY CALENDAR December 9-13

09 – Mon	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
	Yoga in MH	9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
11 – Wed	Sandwich Ministry	9:30AM – 11:00AM
	Choir Rehearsal/Lunch	11:00 am – 2:30 PM
12 – Thurs	Vestry Meeting	7:00 PM
	“Clam-Diggers” AA Group	7:30 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
13 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
	LESSONS & CAROLS	7:00 PM



This year, we will support nine (9) families with 15 children varying in age.

Directions:

To participate, select a Tag in Martin Hall

1. Match the color, family # and child's name to sheet and add your name & info next to correct color, family #, child's name & gift #
2. Buy gift-attach the tag you took to the gift. Do not wrap gift, please!
Rolls of gift wrap are appreciated
3. Return gifts no later than **December 15th**. If ordering online, **please confirm delivery date!**

Any questions, call or text Maggie 609-709-6133.

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

A Festival of
Nine Lessons and Carols



Friday December 13, 2024 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



FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

Please complete form in your bulletin and drop off your donation to the church office or place it in the Sunday collection plate. In order to have all Memorials acknowledged in the Christmas bulletins, please return no later than **WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18th**. Thank you!

ADVENT FOOD DRIVE

Until **Friday December 20th** supporting St. Francis Food Pantry. Non-perishables and toiletry items can be left in the Narthex.

Presented by the Education & Advocacy Committee, we will take a Holy Hike on the afternoon of "the longest day", **Saturday, December 21st from 3:15 - 4:37 PM at Edwin Forsythe Wildlife Refuge**. (Will meet at Tom Jacobsen's house at 3:00 pm). Dress warmly! Please RSVP by calling Lisa at 609-492-7571

Dec. 18 – Prayer Ministry in Chapel at 4:00 pm
Dec. 21 – Winter Solstice Holy Hike 3:15 – 4:37 p.m.
Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve:
 4:30pm Holy Eucharist
 6:30pm Caroling in the Church
 7:00pm Holy Eucharist
Dec. 31 – Watchnight Service 5:00 p.m.
Jan. 12 – Annual Meeting of the Parish
Jan. 19 – Bishop Visitation 9:30 a.m.



Donate your way.

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

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