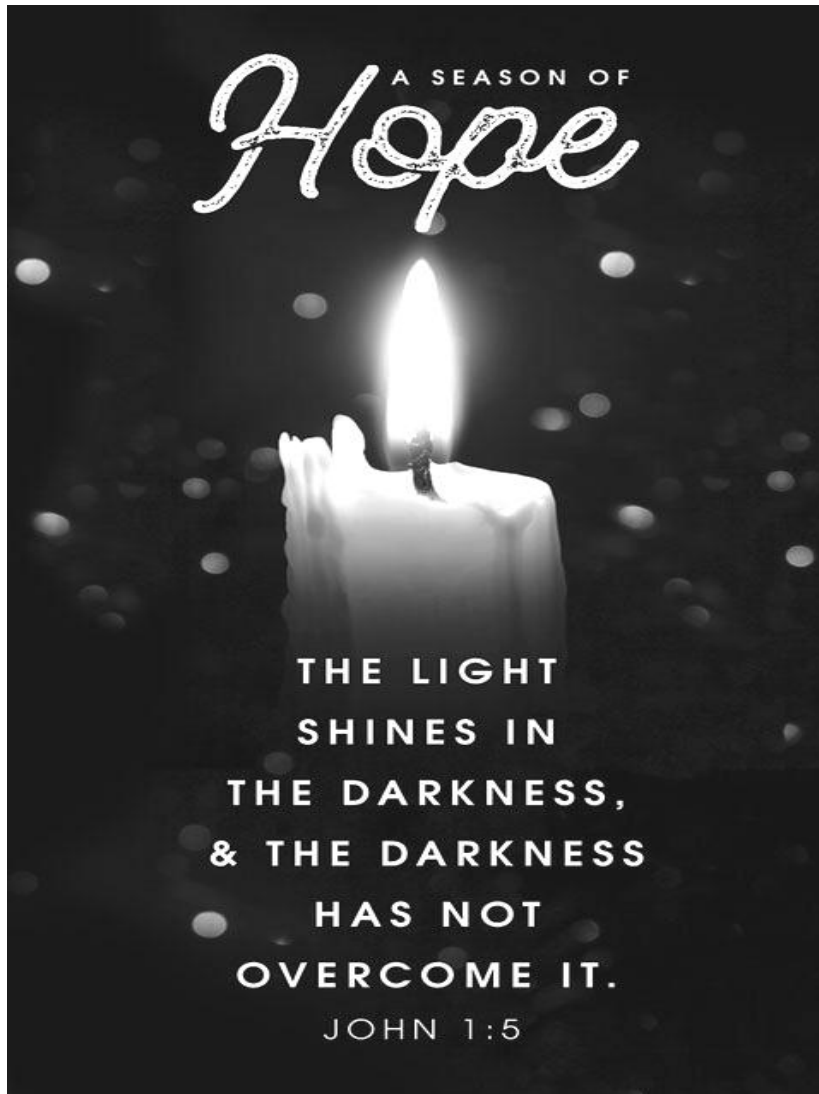


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The First Sunday of Advent



The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
30 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.

Prelude

Voluntary

The Parish Notices

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn #56 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel (verses 1 & 2)*

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*O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.
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 first Advent Candle is now lit.

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord:

Response **And grant us your salvation.**

The Great Litany in Procession (*See insert*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *All: Amen.*

The First Lesson

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122 (*Read in unison*)

BCP, p. 779

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

The Epistle

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on

the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #57 (*Please stand*) *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Ascending* HELMSLEY

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Peter De Franco

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 Peace *(All stand)*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Bethlehem Wind

Joseph Martin

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

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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 every where 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 *(all sing)*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Franz Schubert

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

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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

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)*

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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 Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of God's blessing and set you free from all sin and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn #66

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

STUTTGART

Dismissal

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Postlude

Voluntary

Please join us in Martin Hall for Coffee & Fellowship!

Serving Today

Crucifer ~ Bill Kehr **Lector** ~ Kay DeCicco

Ushers ~ Mike De Cicco, Dave White **Chalice Bearer** ~ Kay DeCicco

Parish Prayer List – November 30, 2025

PLEASE NOTE: This is the last Sunday in November. All names will be removed from the prayer list unless you have requested to leave them on. If you need to add or remove a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by **Wednesday, December 3rd**.

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
Mary Jane Mannherz	Bill O'Connell	Glenn Servetah
Mary K.	Pat Strocchia	George Balch
Barbara Wheeler	Devin Hone	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	Family & Friends of Pete White	

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

Birthdays: Jeffrey Hollis (11/30), Steve Steiner (11/30), Marjorie Anderson (12/02)

WEEKLY CALENDAR December 1-6

01 – Mon	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
	Chair Yoga in MH	9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
03 – Wed	Tai Chi Class in MH	9:30 AM
	Choir Rehearsal/Lunch	11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
	ECW Christmas Luncheon at Buckalew's	11:30 AM
04 – Thurs	Book/Bible Study in MH	2:00 PM
	"Clam-Diggers" AA Group	7:30 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
05 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
06 – Sat	MESSIAH SING	4:00 PM

THE CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES Boxes will be collected on **December 7th**.

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

THE GIVING TREE ~This year, we will support eight 7 families with 15 children varying in age, benefiting the Children's Home Society. Gifts need to be returned to church no later than **DECEMBER 14th** ~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** ends on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14th**.



FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

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 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!

CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY SERVICES

Christmas Eve

4:30pm Family Holy Eucharist

7:00pm Caroling in the Church

7:30pm Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day

10:00am Said Holy Eucharist

Our Annual Meeting & Brunch

Sun. Jan. 11th after Service

Please mark your calendars! See Pat if you want to help with Brunch.

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