

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Third Sunday of Advent
Gaudete!



The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey
15 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

Pastorale from First Sonata

A. Guilmant

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn #56 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel (verses 5 and 6)*

VENI VENI EMMANUEL, plainsong 15th C

O come, Thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home. Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadow put to flight. 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 third Advent Candle is now lit.

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord:

Response **And grant us your salvation.**

Entrance Hymn #68 *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers*

LLANGLOFFAN

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 (all sing) Holy God Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

The Collect of the Day: **BCP, p. 212**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson **Zephaniah 3:14-20**

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;

shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,

O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,

he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;

you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;

do not let your hands grow weak.

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,

a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,

he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle HYMN #679 *Surely it is God Who Saves Me* THOMAS MERTON

The Epistle

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #59 *Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding* MERTON

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** (*All are seated*)

***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 Anglican Church of Tanzania, for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Sally our Bishop, for Mary Frances, 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, Joseph our President and 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, especially Suzette Whiting, 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

BCP p. 360

Celebrant and 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

***The Peace** (*All stand*) *Greet one another with a sign of God's peace*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Will We Know Him?

Don Besig

***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 (all sing) Holy, Holy, Holy Lord 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*

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.*)

***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 #556

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

MARION

Dismissal

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Postlude

On Our Way Rejoicing

Lani Smith (b. 1934)

Serving Today

Crucifer ~ John Wall **Lector** ~ Kay DeCicco

Ushers ~ Melissa Wall, Sue Hughes **Chalice Bearer** ~ TBD

Please join us in Martin Hall for Coffee & Fellowship following the service!

WELCOME The Rev. Mary Frances Schjonberg

We are happy you are with us today ☺

Parish Prayer List – December 15, 2024

PLEASE NOTE: *If you need to add or remove a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by Wednesday, December 18th.*

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	Shirley	Pat
Jessie	Bob & Barb Senst	Vince Contreras
Gail J.	Rich	Charles Sullivan
Doug Hunter	Family & Friends of Gerry Lutz	
Family & Friends of Cynthia Clarke		Family & Friends of Louise Muth
Family & Friends of Mimi Dodson		Family & Friends of Suzette Whiting

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

Birthdays: Ruth McLaughlin (12/10), Fran Kleber (12/13), Bruce Hillyer 12/14) Richard Cashel (12/15), Meg Neff (12/16), Collette Southwick, (12/17)

Altar & Sanctuary Candles: This week’s Altar Candles and Sanctuary Candle are given by Jeanne Cashel in celebration of Richard Cashel’s birthday and to the Glory of God.

WEEKLY CALENDAR December 16-21

16 – Mon	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
	Yoga in MH	9:15-10:15 AM
17 – Tues	Blue Christmas Contemplative Holy Eucharist	5:00 PM
18 – Wed	Choir Caroling	3:00 PM
	Prayer Ministry	4:00 PM
19 – Thurs	“Clam-Diggers” AA Group	7:30 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
20 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i> Last Day Advent Food Drive	
21 – Sat	Holy Hike @ Edwin Forsythe Wildlife Rescue	3:00 PM – 4:37 PM



Dear Parish Family,

On behalf of the entire Hillyer Family, we would like to thank you for your prayers, notes and cards during our time of grief, due to the death of our grandson Tim. We sincerely appreciate your support and thoughtfulness. ~ Bruce & Joyce



All gifts are due **TODAY!!**
Any questions, call or text Maggie 609-709-6133.



Blue Christmas Service

Tuesday, DECEMBER 17 at 5 :00 PM

*A quiet, contemplative service of healing, peace,
and prayer with an emphasis on light,
music, and silence.*

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FOR MORE DETAILS, CALL (609) 492-7571 OR
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FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

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 3:00 - 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. 20 – Advent Food Drive Last Day!

Dec. 21 – Winter Solstice Holy Hike 3:00 – 4:37 pm

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve:

4:30 pm Holy Eucharist

6:30 pm Caroling in the Church

7:00 pm Holy Eucharist

Dec. 25 – Christmas Day:

10:00 am Morning Prayer

Jan. 12 – Annual Meeting of the Parish

Jan. 19 – Bishop Visitation 9:30 am





Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church

All Are Welcomed

CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY SERVICES

Christmas Eve

- 4:30 Holy Eucharist w/congregational singing as well as special music from soloists & instrumentalists
- 6:30 Caroling in the Church
- 7:00 Holy Eucharist w/Special Music by choir as well as congregational singing

Christmas Day

- 10:00 AM Morning Prayer



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