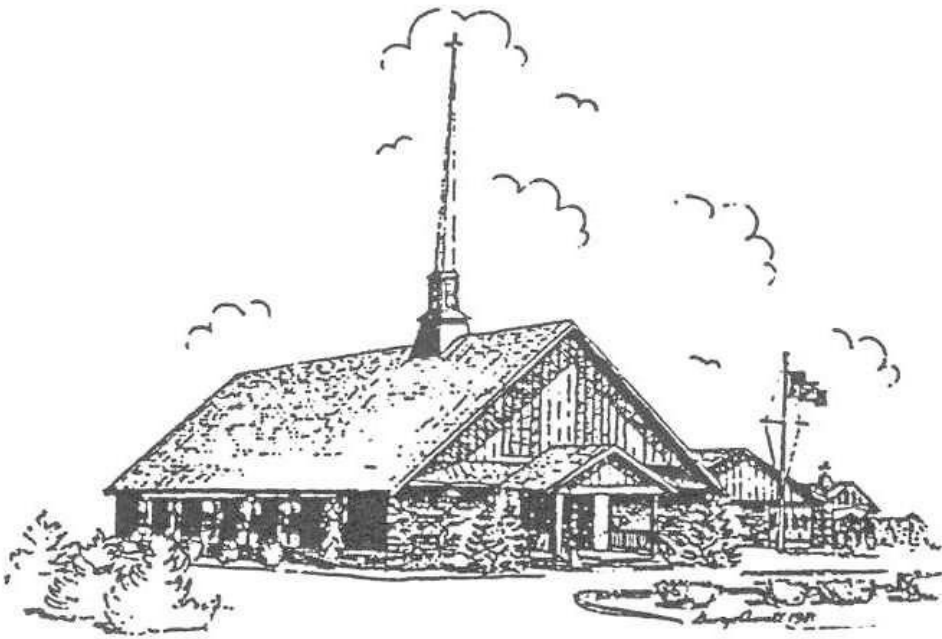


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

*The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Proper 16*



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents*  
*24 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.

## **The Parish Notices**

### **Prelude**

*Voluntary*

*Please use this time for quiet prayer and contemplation*

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

**Entrance Hymn #433** *(please stand) We Gather Together to Ask The Lord's Blessing* KREMSER

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

*People* **And blessed be God's 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.*

**Gloria S-280** *(all sing) Gloria in excelsis*

Robert Powell

### **The Collect of the Day**

**BCP, p. 232**

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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**

**Jeremiah 1:4-10**

The word of the LORD came to me saying,

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the LORD said to me,

"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';  
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,  
and you shall speak whatever I command you,  
Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you,  
says the LORD."

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth.  
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,  
to pluck up and to pull down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*All*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalms 71:1-6**

*(Read in unison)*

**BCP, p. 683**

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; \*  
let me never be ashamed.
- 2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; \*  
incline your ear to me and save me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; \*  
you are my crag and my stronghold.
- 4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, \*  
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.
- 5 For you are my hope, O Lord GOD, \*  
my confidence since I was young.
- 6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;  
from my mother's womb you have been my strength; \*  
my praise shall be always of you.

## The Epistle

Hebrews 12:18-29

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken-- that is, created things-- so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*All*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn #660** (*please stand*) *O Master Let me Walk with Thee*      MARYTON

## The Holy Gospel

**Luke 13:10-17**

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

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

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he

called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon** *(Please be seated)*

**The Rev. Peter De Franco**

**The Apostles' Creed** *(Please Stand)*

**BCP, p. 120**

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

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. *Amen.*

**The Prayers of the People:** *Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania*

*Celebrant* We pray for the flourishing of God's gifts to the Church.

*Leader* God our Father, you give us gifts that we may work together in the service of your Son: bless the leaders of your Church, especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Sally, our Bishop, Peter, our Supply Priest, that they may be firm in faith and humble before you.

*People* **Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.**

*Leader* Bless those who teach, that they may increase our understanding and be open to your word for them.

*People* **Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.**

*Leader* Bless those who minister healing, that they may bring wholeness to others, yet know your healing in themselves.

*People* **Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.**

*Leader* Bless those through whom you speak, that they may proclaim your word in power, yet open their ears to your gentle whisper.

*People* **Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.**

*Leader* Bless those who work in your world today, especially Colleen our Mayor, Philip our Governor, and Donald our President. that in the complexity of their daily lives they may live for you, fulfil your purposes, and seek your kingdom first.

*People* **Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.**

*Leader* Bless those who are uncertain of their gifts and those who are powerless in this world's eyes, that they may be made strong in your gift of the Holy Spirit.

*People* **Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.**

*Leader* Bless those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those on our Parish Prayer List, and those we remember aloud or in the silence of our hearts. (*Leader Pauses*) May they may have comfort and strength for renewal.

*People* **Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.**

*Leader* Bless all our partners in mission, especially St. Bartholomew's Church in Cherry Hill in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, and in the Anglican Communion, The Diocese of Ijebu South West – The Church of Nigeria, that they may have your love and grace as their inspiration.

*People* **Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.**

*Leader* Bless all who have died, especially that with them, we may praise you on earth and in heaven.

*People* **Jesus, Lord of your Church, in your mercy hear us.**

*Leader* Let us pray for the Vestry and Search Committee as they search for a new rector.

*People* **Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of the members of our Vestry and Search Committee who shall choose a new rector for Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Lord of all, hear our prayer and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever. **Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

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

#### **Confession**

**BCP p. 360**

*All:* **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 LEVAS #191** (*please be seated*) *His Eye is On the Sparrow* Charles H. Gabriel

**Presentation of the Gifts** (*All stand*)

*All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee*

## Eucharistic Prayer 1 (Enriching Our Worship)

*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 our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

***Sanctus S-129*** *(all sing)* *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

Robert Powell

*The Celebrant continues (Please Stand or Kneel)*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:

“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

*Celebrant and People* **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

**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** *The New Zealand Prayer Book*

Christ who has nourished us with himself, the living bread, make you one in praise and love, and raise you up at the last day and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.  
*Amen.*

**Hymn #632** *(please stand) O Christ, the Word Incarnate*

MUNICH

**Dismissal**

BCP, p. 366

**Postlude**

*Voluntary*

*Following the service today, everyone is welcome to join us in  
Martin Hall for Fellowship Together!*

**Serving Today**

**Crucifer** ~ John Wall    **Lector** ~ Ellen Kehr

**Ushers** ~ Bill Kehr, Rob Meyer    **Chalice Bearer** ~ Melissa Wall

**Parish Prayer List – August 24, 2025**

**PLEASE NOTE:** *If you need to add or remove a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by **Wednesday, August 27<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

Meg Neff	Rob Meyer	Tino
Florence Lamon	Melanie Harman	Pat
Kathy Rice	Jessie	Rich
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
Pilar Wolfe	Ollie	Milt
Ben Giannico	Eric C.	Bill O'Connell
Family & Friends of Donna Kerrihard		Mary Jane Mannherz
Family & Friends of John Hunter		Glenn Servetah
Family & Friends of Marie Kleber		
Family & Friends of Alycia Mullin		

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

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

**Birthdays:** Ellen J. Meyer (08/26), Stacey Goddard (08/26), Virginia Gottshall (08/30) Thomas Jacobsen (08/30)

**Altar Flowers:** Today's Altar Flowers are given by Carol, Amy & Sarah in memory of Gene Hammond and to the Glory of God.

**WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR August 25–August 29**

25 – Mon	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
	Yoga in MH	9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
	Hutchison Committal	11:00 AM
26 – Tues	Ladies Exercise Group	9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
27 – Wed	Concerts on the Green ~ Gypsy Moon	7:30 PM
28 – 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
29 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
	<b>JCC of LBI Friday Sabbath Service at Spray Beach</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>



### **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 are now on sale! Look for more information in your weekly E-Pistle and monthly Parish Post. Contact: Maggie Aftanis at 609-492-5271



**Donate your way.**

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set up a recurring donation.

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