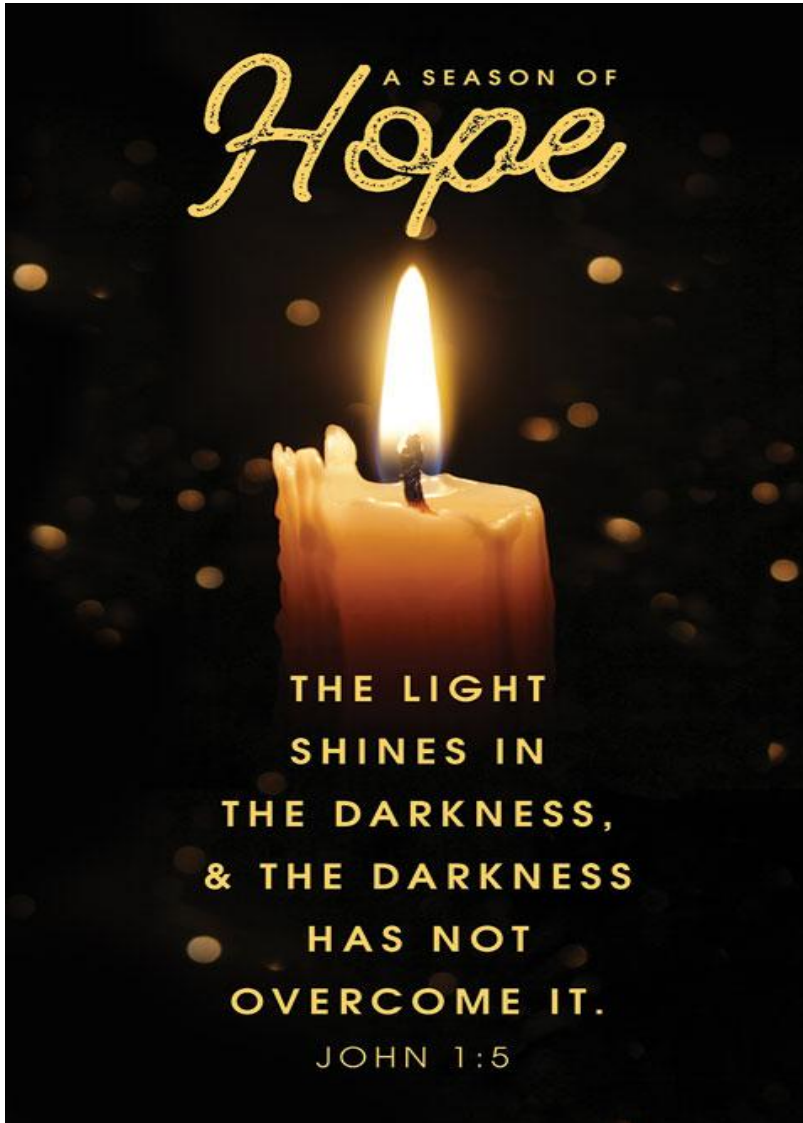


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II  
*The First Sunday of Advent*



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents  
in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey  
1 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*

**Prelude**

*The King Shall Come*

Edward Boughton

**The Parish Notices**

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

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

VENI VENI EMMANUEL, plainsong 15<sup>th</sup> C

*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**

**Jeremiah 33:14-16**

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 25:1-9** (*Read responsively by whole verse*)

**BCP, p. 614**

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.

- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

## The Epistle

**1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn #57** *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Ascending*

HELMSLEY

## The Holy Gospel

**Luke 21:25-36**

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

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the

waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Martin Lavengood**

**\*The Nicene Creed**

**BCP, p. 358**

**Confession** 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**

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

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory Anthem**

*Softly, As A Dove*

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 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.*

### **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

*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 #66** *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus* STUTTGART

**Dismissal** BCP, p. 366

**Postlude** *Rejoice! Rejoice!* Phil Lehenbauer

*Please join us in Martin Hall for Coffee & Fellowship!*

**WELCOME The Rev. Martin Lavengood**  
*We are happy you are with us today ☺*

## Serving Today

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

**Ushers** ~ Dave White, Bob Weidmann **Chalice Bearer** ~ Kay DeCicco

## Parish Prayer List – December 1, 2024

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you need to add or remove a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

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		
Micheline (Mimi) Dodson		

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

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

**WEEKLY CALENDAR December 1-6**

01 - Sun	MESSIAH SING	4:00 PM
02 - Mon	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
	Yoga in MH	9:15 AM - 10:15 AM
03 - Tues	ECW Christmas Luncheon in MH	12:00 PM

04 – Wed	Choir Rehearsal/Lunch	11:00 am – 2:30 PM
05 – Thurs	“Clam-Diggers” AA Group	7:30 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
06 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	

## ANNUAL MINISTRY AREA REPORTS DUE THIS FRIDAY, DEC. 6<sup>th</sup>

### THE GIVING TREE

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 15<sup>th</sup>. If ordering online, **please confirm delivery date!**

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

### ADVENT FOOD DRIVE

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

### FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

If you would like to memorialize loved ones with a donation toward Christmas Flowers, kindly send your clearly-designated donation to the church office or place it in the Sunday collection plate. 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 starting today through December 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 **WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you!

Join us for the annual  
**MESSIAH SING with NJ Chamber Singers**  
TODAY 12/1 at 4:00 PM. ~ Reception after

- Dec. 13 – Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols
- Dec. 17 – “Blue Christmas” service at 5:00 p.m.
- Dec. 21 – Winter Solstice Holy Hike 3:15 – 4:37 p.m.
- Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Services: 4:30 pm Holy Eucharist  
6:30 Caroling; 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist
- Jan. 19 – Bishop Sally French visits: Communicants confirmed & received



**Donate your way.**

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

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## **VESTRY & WARDENS**

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Pat Peacock, Junior Warden

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Diane Carter

Vince Contreras

Matt Starr

### **Vestry Class of 2025**

Judy Contreras

Bruce Hillyer

Bill Kehr

### **Vestry Class of 2026**

Larry Peacock

Barbara Wheeler

Leila Sullivan