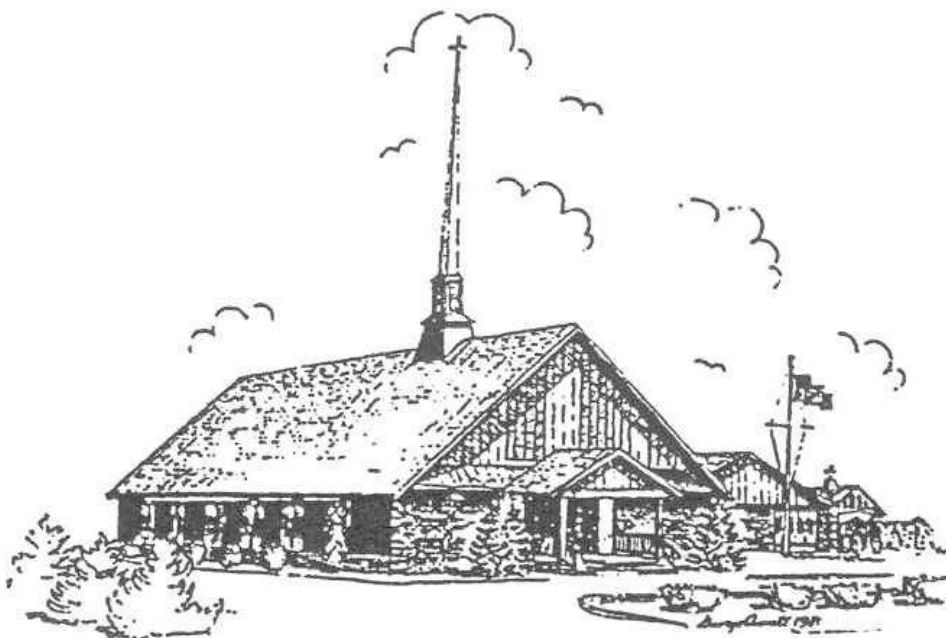


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

*The Second Sunday after Pentecost: Proper VII*



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents*

*22 June, 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. Please join us for Coffee Hour following the service!

## Parish Notices

### Prelude

*Invocation*

KIHLKEN

*Please use this time for quiet prayer and contemplation*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Entrance Hymn #411

*O Bless the Lord, My Soul*

ST. THOMAS

*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.*

**Song of Praise Hymn #245 (LEVAS)** *(all sing) We Have Come into His House*

Bruce Ballinger

### The Collect of the Day:

**BCP, p. 230**

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; 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 *(Please be seated)*

**1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a**

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." [Then he lay

down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Hymn #658**      *As Longs the Deer for Cooling Streams*

MARTYRDOM

**The Epistle**

**Galatians 3:23-29**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so

that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn #67 (LEVAS)** *(Please Stand) I Love the Lord (vv 1 & 2 then repeat v 1)*

TRADITIONAL

**The Holy Gospel**

**Luke 8:26-39**

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

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

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

*Celebrant*    The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

*(Please be Seated)*

**The Rev. Peter De Franco**

**The Nicene Creed**

*(Please Stand)*

**BCP, p. 358**

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 Prayers of the People: Form VI** *(The people may stand or kneel)*

**BCP, p. 392**

*Celebrant* Let us offer our prayers to God.

*Silence*

*Leader* For all people in their daily life and work;

*People* **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

*Leader* For Colleen our Mayor, Philip our Governor, and Donald our President;  
for this community, the nation, and the world;

*People* **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Leader* For the just and proper use of your creation;

*People* **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

*Leader* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*People* **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

*Leader* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*People* **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*Leader* In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of  
Mozambique and Angola. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Sally our

Bishop; for Peter our Supply Priest and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**People** For all who serve God in his Church.

*Leader* We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially remembering all victims of climate change, and for the poor. We also remember all those mentioned in our Parish Prayer List: the sick, the shut in, all caregivers, and the grieving; those serving in the military and other dangerous professions, and for our enemies, that all hearts may be turned to peace.

*(The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud at this time.)*

*Leader* Hear us, Lord;

*People* **For your mercy is great.**

*Leader* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life; for the beauty of your creation; for those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week, and, all the saints.

*Leader* We will exalt you, O God our King;

*People* **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Leader* We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *(Deceased loved ones and friends may be mentioned at this time.)*

*Leader* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*People* **Who put their trust in you.**

*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* Almighty and most merciful God, grant that by the indwelling of your Holy Spirit we may be enlightened and strengthened for your service; through

Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Confession** *The People Kneel as Able*

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

*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

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 Anthem**

*There is a Balm in Gilead*

SPIRITUAL

**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. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

***Sanctus* #255 (LEVAS)** *(all sing)*    *Holy, Holy, Holy*            Grayson Warren Brown

*The Celebrant continues (Please 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

*(All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion.)*

## Music During Communion

**HYMN #151 (LEVAS)** *(all sing) One Bread, One Body*

John B. Foley, SJ

## Postcommunion Prayer *(Please stand)* Enriching Our Worship 1

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

**Hymn #372**

*Praise to the Living God*

LEONI

**Dismissal**

**BCP, p. 366**

**Postlude**

*United in Faith*

RITTER

## Serving Today

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

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

## WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR June 23 – June 27

23 – Mon	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
	Yoga in MH	9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
24 – Tues	Ladies Exercise Group	9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
25 – Wed	BHCAP Concert on the Green- <i>The Pickles</i>	7:30 AM
26 – Thurs	Ladies Exercise Group	9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
	William Cowper Celebration of Life	12:00PM – 5:00 PM
	“Clam Diggers” AA Group	7:30 PM

Compline (FB)

9:00 PM

27 – Fri    *Parish Office Closed*

*Fr. Peter will offer prayers and anointing for healing in the chapel today immediately following the Holy Eucharist for anyone who would like this ministry. Persons can come into the chapel and request healing prayer for themselves or for others.*

### ***Celebration of Life for William R. Cowper***

To be held on Thursday, June 26, 2025

12:00 pm-5:00 pm at the Surf City Yacht Club

339 North 9th Street, Surf City, NJ

A Memorial Service will start at 12:10 pm, Military Honors at 1:00 pm.

**JOIN THE STREAM TEAM!!** The Holy Innocent's Stream Team is asking for volunteers to serve as an occasional back-up, for streaming the 9:30 am Sunday Service on Facebook Live, when our primary and back up team members are unavailable. Although this is a rare occasion, conflicts do occasionally come up. At this time, we are in need of someone to cover July 6<sup>th</sup> and July 13<sup>th</sup>. Please let Kim Sparks or Vince Contreras know if you are available and interested in helping out!

**Please Note:** The Prayer List, Birthday and Anniversary announcements are an insert this week.

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