

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  
29 November, 2020 ~ 9:30 AM*

**Welcome!** *If you are a baptized Christian, regardless of denomination, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

*The asterix \* indicates to stand as you are able.*

**Prelude** *Voluntary*

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

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1. *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!*
2. *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 Advent Candle is now lit.*

*Celebrant:* Show us your mercy, O Lord:

*Response:* **And grant us your salvation.**

**The Great Litany in Procession** *(See Litany leaflet)*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**\*The Collect of the Day:**

**BCP, p. 211**

*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 Lesson**

**Isaiah 64:1-9**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--as when  
fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil--  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has  
seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for  
him.  
You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in  
your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.  
We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.  
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,  
and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**The Gradual: Psalm 80:1-7,16-18** (*Read alternating by whole verse*)

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, \*  
how long will you be angered  
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**The Epistle**

**1 Corinthians 1:3-9**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**\*The Holy Gospel**

**Mark 13:24-37**

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

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

Jesus said, “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Dr. Caroline Carson+**

**The Nicene Creed**

**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.

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

### ***Minister 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**

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

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

**The Parish Notices**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory**

**\*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. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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 and Benedictus*** (*All*)

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

*(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.**

*(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Currently, our diocesan guidelines allow us to offer the Holy Sacraments in one kind only. The Bread will be offered and Wine will be placed on the altar for adoration.)*

## Postcommunion Prayer *(Stand or kneel)*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## \*Blessing

\*Hymn #454 *Jesus Came, Adored By Angels* (vs 1,2&4)

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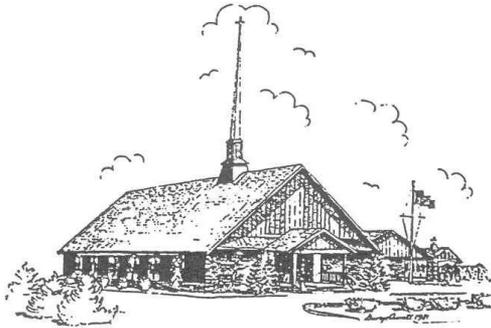
\*Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power  
of the Spirit.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude



**Parish Prayer List - Week of November 29, 2020**

***PLEASE NOTE:** This is the last Sunday in November. All names will be removed from the prayer list. If you need to add a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by **Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**.*

Barry	Beth C.	Bob
Cathy Bentivegna	Theresa Bray	Marie Bregler
Stokes Carrigan	Rich & Rosemarie Catrano	Joan Connolly
Joan Cunningham	Judy Contreras	Joe Corbin
Mary Ann Crewdson	Michael Read Davis	Dcn. Judy
Donald Deacon	Dennis	Carol Dobbins
Meg Dougher	Elizabeth Ann	Emma
Faye & Ed	Fran	Frank
Katy Gallaher	Hinderliter Family	Janet
Jeanne, John & Caitlyn	Jeannine	Warren Lamon
Larry	Diane Lee	Lily
Locke Family	Lopez-Salazar Family	Cecily Lovas
Mandel Family	Maryann	Mary Jane
Kurt Martin	Ellen Meyer	Scott Mitchell
Mower Family	Evelyn Nancy	Virginia Nicholas
Jeannette Peterson	Suzette Reese	Carol Ann Renzland
Kathy Rice	Ronnie & Harry	Rosemary
Gregory & Ray Schwartz	Lara Sparks	Jerry South
Robert Thomas	Javy Vargas	Colin Walker
Peter Wall	Ann White	Kate White
Ruth Wolf		

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

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**Birthdays:** Marjorie F. Anderson (12/02)

**WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR November 29<sup>th</sup> -December 5<sup>th</sup>**

30 Monday	Morning Prayer	9:00 AM
	Special Evening Prayer on FB	7:00 PM
01 – Tuesday	Sung EP	6:00 PM
02 –Wednesday	Choir Meeting	
03 – Thursday	Bible Study	2:00 PM
	Compline	9:00 PM
04 – Friday	Kids Korner	7:00 PM
05 – Saturday	Praying through the Psalms	7:00 PM

## **ADVENT MUSIC EVENTS**

Friday December 11<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM

- Lessons and Carols live-streamed on our Facebook page

Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> 4:00 PM

- NJ Chamber Singers live-streamed concert on YouTube

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to wipe down pews and items after the 9:30 service.

**PASTORAL CARE** - Please call Mother Caroline+ at 504-390-5331  
and Deacon Judy Krom at (732) 330-4949

## **ANNUAL REPORTS**

Annual Reports for all ministries will be due to the office by  
**December 17, 2020**. Please adjust your reports to reflect all activities  
during the pandemic.

## **SPECIAL EVENING PRAYER SERVICE**

A special Evening Prayer service will be posted on our Facebook page  
tomorrow evening at 7:00 PM

## **ADVENT FOOD DRIVE**

Each Sunday in Advent, please bring canned or boxed  
non-perishable items and/or personal products and deposit them into  
**Box A or Box B**. This drive will benefit St. Francis Community Center.  
Fresh hams, turkeys, or vegetables may be delivered to St. Francis on  
Tuesday, December 22 between the hours of 10 AM and 1 PM.

## **ADVENT RETREAT**

After much deliberation, we have decided to cancel the in-person  
Advent Retreat which was set for Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **THE GIVING TREE**

Please see Maggie Aftanis for details. Select your gift tag (in Martin Hall.)  
**The deadline is December 13<sup>th</sup>.**

## **FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS**

If you would like to memorialize loved ones with a donation  
toward Christmas Flowers, kindly send your donation to the church office or  
place it in the Sunday collection plate. Forms will be available in the  
Sunday bulletins beginning **December 6th** and also in the weekly  
E-Pistle. Make sure the donor and recipient names are clearly written and  
please note "Altar Guild-Christmas" in the check memo.

**All donations must be in the office by Tuesday, December 22nd.**

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**OFFICE HOURS – Monday through Thursday 9 AM to 2 PM**