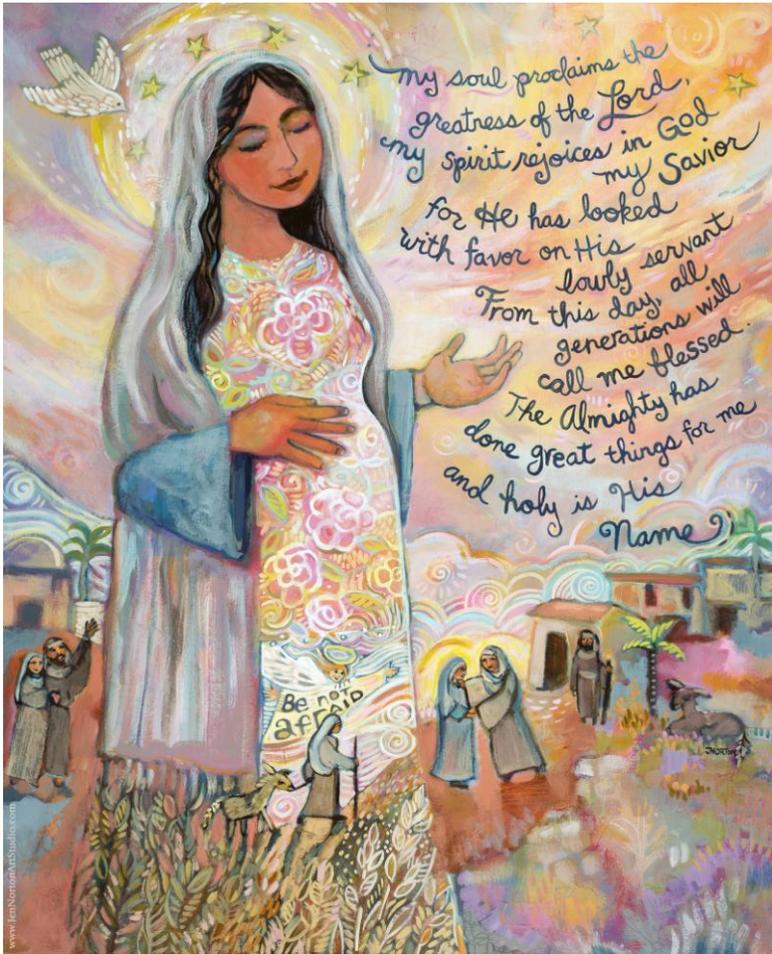


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Fourth Sunday of Advent



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey
19 December, 2021 ~ 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).

** Indicates to stand as you are able*

Prelude *Voluntary*

* **Hymn #56** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel (verses 7 & 8)*

VENI VENI EMMANUEL, plainsong 15th C

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind; bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

8 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.

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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

Hymn #66 *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

STUTT GART

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.**

The Collect of the Day:

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *All Amen.*

The Lesson

Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
 who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel,
 whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.
Therefore he shall give them up until the time
 when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
 to the people of Israel.
And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of
 the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends
 of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7

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- 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.

The Epistle

Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said,
*"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
 but a body you have prepared for me;
 in burnt offerings and sin offerings
 you have taken no pleasure.
 Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in
 the scroll of the book it is written of me)."*

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

***The Sequence Hymn #265** *The Angel Gabriel*

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

***The Holy Gospel**

Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the

sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said, *"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely,
from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in
the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."*

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Caroline Carson+

The Nicene Creed

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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 III**

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(The people may stand or kneel)

Deacon In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Leader Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church of the Province of Central Africa. We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for William our Bishop; for Judith our Deacon, and for Caroline our rector. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader For Colleen our Mayor, Philip our Governor, and Joseph our President; We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

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, and the grieving; those serving in the military and other dangerous professions, and for our enemies, that all hearts may be turned to peace. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest.

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

(The People may add their own petitions.)

Deacon 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

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

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Parish Notices

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Anthem *Christ Be In My Waking*

Arr. Shackley

The Choir of Holy Innocents' & Barbara Wheeler, Violin

***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**

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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*)

Franz Peter Schubert

(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

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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.***

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

*** Postcommunion Prayer** (Stand)

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 #437 *Tell Out My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord* BIRMINGHAM

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Serving Today

Crucifer ~ John Wall **Lectors** ~ Bill Kehr

Ushers ~ Leila Sullivan, Gail Jacobsen **Chalice Bearer** ~ Kay DeCicco

Parish Prayer List – December 19, 2021

PLEASE NOTE: If you need to add or remove a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by Wednesday, December 22nd.

Matt Adams	Beth C.	Diane Babbi
Bonnie Benoit	Beverlee	Eddie Boll
Bonnie	Jackson Brackett	Marie Bregler
Joan Connolly	Judy Contreras	Lynn Cowper
Mary Ann Crewdson	Marie Elena D.	Dennis
Carol Dobbins	Meg Dougher	Faye
Katie Gallaher	Fred Harris	Shirley Hickey
Jan	Janet	Jeannine
Joan, Susan & Bob	Claire Johns	John Johnson, Jr.

Johnny	Julie Jones	Anne Joyce
Karen D.	Karen Grossman	Karen & DJ
Marie & Carl Keller	Mary Keough	Robin Koch
Chester Krom	Cyndi Lamon	Dave Lamon
Lauren L.	Alan Lee	Diane Lee
Arlene LeConey	Lindsey	Marilyn & Bob
Melody Long	Cecily Lovas	Lucas
Kurt Martin	Mary Ann	Mary Jane
Scott Mitchell	Marianne Muir	Virginia Nicholas
Brian O'Sullivan	Maryanne O.	Ann Orth
Sharon Osborn	Sherry	Shirley
TJ Patton	Lucien Picard	Marie R.
Rachel	Debbie & Joe Reising	Kathy Rice
Ron	Lara Sparks Deitz	Marie Stasik
Ruth Snyder	Bill Todd	Robert Thomas
Colin Walker	Bill Ulmer	Ann White
Charles A.	Karen D.	Jeff Zimmerman
Sister Suzanne Elizabeth		

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR December 19th – December 25th

19 – Sun	Coffee Hour/Advent Series	
20 – Mon	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
21 – Tues	Winter Solstice Holy Hike	3:00 PM
	Evening Prayer (FB)	6:00 PM
23 – Thurs	Altar Guild to Prepare for Christmas	9:00 AM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
24 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
	<i>Christmas Service I</i>	4:00 PM
	Kids Korner (FB)	7:00 PM
	<i>Carol Sing</i>	7:30 PM
	<i>Christmas Service II</i>	8:00 PM
25 – Sat	<i>Christmas Day Service</i>	10:00 AM

**Winter Solstice Holy Hike – Hosted by the Environmental Education & Advocacy Committee and Tom & Gail Jacobsen.
3:00 PM on December 21st.**

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. Make sure the donor and recipient names are clearly written. **All donations must be in the office no later than TUESDAY, DEC. 21st.**

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