

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

*The Second Sunday of Easter*



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents  
in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey  
11 April, 2021 ~ 9:30 AM*

\***Hymn #178** *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord* (vs. 1&4)

ALLELUIA NO. 1

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

\**Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen!

\**People:* **The Lord is risen indeed.**

\**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 in excelsis*

BCP, p. 356

*All:* Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

**The Collect of the Day**

BCP, p. 224

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *All: Amen.*

**The First Lesson**

Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and

brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:*     **Thanks be to God.**

**The Gradual: Psalm 133**     *(To be read in unison)*

**BCP, p. 787**

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
    when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
    that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
    and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
    that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: \*  
    life for evermore.

**The Epistle**

**1 John 1:1-2:2**

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and

cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:*     **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Sequence Hymn #209** *We Walk By Faith, and Not by Sight*   ST. BOTOLPH

**\*The Holy Gospel**

**John 20:19-31**

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these

are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*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.

**\*The Prayers of the People: Form III**

**BCP, p. 387**

*(The people may stand or kneel)*

*Celebrant:* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

*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 the Indian Ocean. We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for William our Bishop; for Judith our Deacon, 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 Joe 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.)*

*The presider prays the concluding collect, and the people respond, Amen.*

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

### **Confession - 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.*

*The presider offers absolution and the people respond, Amen.*

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

*Celebrant:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated*

## **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 A** **BCP, p. 361**

*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 every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising

to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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:* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

*Celebrant:* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the

last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 welcomed to receive Holy Communion. Diocesan guidelines allow the Holy Sacraments in one kind only. Bread will be offered and Wine will be placed on the altar for adoration.)*

### **The Prayer of Spiritual Communion**

**St. Alphonsus Liguori**

*(Prayed by those who would normally receive, but are either uncomfortable due to the pandemic or availed to stay at home when normally would be with us.)*

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most holy sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As if you were already there, I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you. Permit me never to be separated from you. Amen.

### **Post Communion Prayer** *(Stand or kneel)*

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 #195 *Jesus Lives!* (vs. 1,2&4)

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\*Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

Postlude

**Parish Prayer List – April 11, 2021**

*If you need to add or delete a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by **Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**.*

Jean Aclin	Dave B.	Connie Anderson
Beth C.	Barry	Bob & Fran
Eddie Boll	Cathy, Claire	Bill & Lynne Cowper
Marie Bregler	Joan Connolly	Judy Contreras
Mary Ann	Mary Ann Crewdson	Michael Reed Davis
Dennis	Carol Dobbins	Meg Dougher
Dreby Family	Ella	Faye & Ed
Ken Hannah	Fran Harris	Hillary
Janet	Janine	Jules
Karen & DJ	Robin Koch	Diane Lee
Frank	Lauren & Ed	Lindsey
Cecily Lovas	Kurt Martin	Mary Jane
Melinda	Rob Meyer	Scott Mitchell
Ronnie & Harry	Virginia Nicholas	Sharon Osborn
TJ Patton	Paula & Abbie	Jessica Pervall
Lucien Picard	Gene Pharo	Carol Ann Renzland
Lara Sparks	Lorraine & Drew	Bill Todd
Robert Thomas	Colin Walker	Wall Family
Ann White	Kate White	Family of Virginia Banks

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

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

**Birthdays:** Wesley Heilman, III (04/13), Thomas Hughes (04/13),

Launa Ruoff (04/13), Tino Andrade (04/14), Judith Hamilton (04/15),

Larry Peacock (04/17), Susan Wilson (04/17)

**Anniversaries:** Kneeland and Suzette Whiting (04/12)

**WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR April 12<sup>th</sup> – April 16<sup>th</sup>**

12 – Monday	Morning Prayer (online)	9:00 AM
13 – Tuesday	Evening Prayer (online)	6:00 PM
14 – Wednesday	Choir Meeting	7:00 – 8:30 PM
15 – Thursday	Bible Study via Zoom	2:00 PM
	Compline (online)	9:00 PM
16 – Friday	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
	Kids Korner	7:00 PM

**Deacon Judy** is away for a couple of weeks on vacation and we wish her a restful and wonderful time!

**BIBLE STUDY via Zoom** on Thursdays at 2:00 PM. Please contact Mtr. Caroline+ for the link and/or more information!

**EARTH WEEK AT HOLY INNOCENTS'** is coming! **April 18-24**, look for activities (online and in-person) for each day or evening of the week and try to participate in some of them! We will begin on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> with a liturgy themed by nature and followed with an outdoor coffee hour and tree-planting on the edge of our property! Contact Rob Meyer at [rmeyer1384@aol.com](mailto:rmeyer1384@aol.com) for more information!

**PASTORAL CARE** – Please contact Mtr. Caroline and Dcn. Judy for your pastoral needs, house blessings, prayer, hospital visits, and other needs.

**CHURCH & RECTORY GROUNDS CLEAN-UP DAY** will be Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Rich Cashel at [RichCashel@comcast.net](mailto:RichCashel@comcast.net) if you can help.

**MEMORIAL GARDEN** – Did you know our grounds are open from sunrise to sunset? Now is a beautiful time of year to visit the garden for a walk, some calm sit-down time, a prayer, and to see the beginning of Spring blossoms. *Take advantage of this gorgeous and peaceful opportunity!*

**Your Rector** has been appointed by Bishop Stokes as the Interim Dean of the Atlantic Convocation!

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped in the many preparations for Holy Week and Easter services!

**DID YOU KNOW?** The Parish Office is undergoing a makeover. Stay tuned for updates.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for the Altar Guild, Usher/Greeters, & Readers.

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