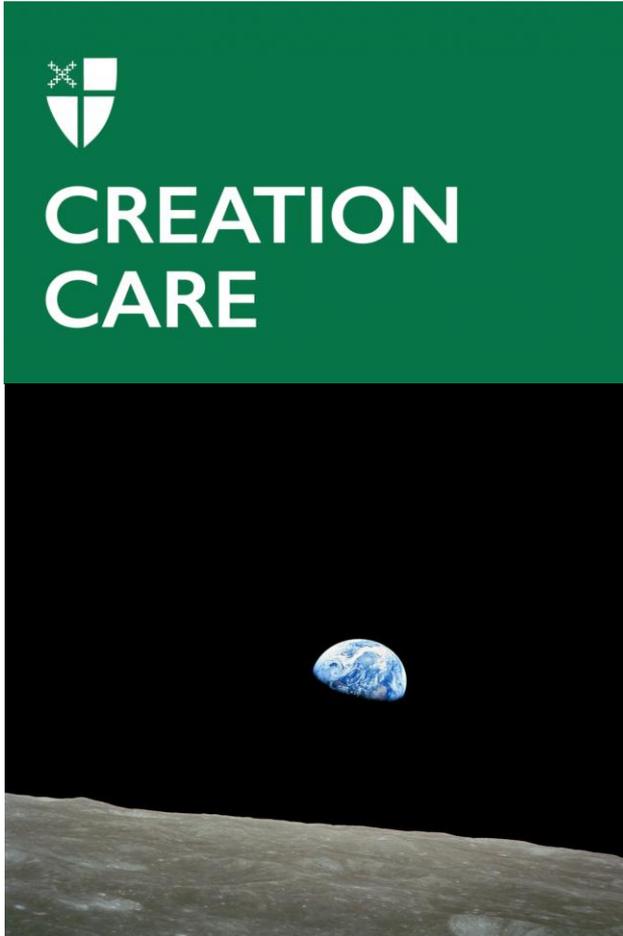


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Third Sunday of Easter



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

Prelude

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

***Hymn #193** *That Easter Day with Joy was Bright* (vs. 1,2&5) PUER NOBIS

**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 for this Day

**Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

People:* **And also with you.

**Celebrant:* Let us pray. Author of creation: In wisdom you brought forth all that is, to participate in your divine being, and to change, adapt, and grow in freedom. You make holy the matter and energy of the universe that it may delight you and give you praise. We thank you for gathering all creation into your heart by the energy of your Spirit and bringing it through death to resurrection glory; through the One in whom all things have their being, Jesus Christ, your Wisdom and your Word. *All: Amen.*

The First Lesson

Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,
when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,

they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 136:1–9, 25–26 *(Alternating by whole verse)*

BCP, p. 789

- 1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,*
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- 2 O give thanks to the God of gods,*
for his steadfast love endures forever.

- 3 O give thanks to the Lord of lords,*
for his steadfast love endures forever;
4 Who alone does great wonders,*
for his steadfast love endures forever;
5 Who by understanding made the heavens,*
for his steadfast love endures forever;
6 Who spread out the earth on the waters,*
for his steadfast love endures forever;
7 Who made the great lights,*
for his steadfast love endures forever;
8 The sun to rule over the day,*
for his steadfast love endures forever;
9 The moon and stars to rule over the night,*
for his steadfast love endures forever;
25 Who gives food to all flesh,*
for his steadfast love endures forever.
26 O give thanks to the God of heaven,*
for his steadfast love endures forever.

The Epistle

Revelation 22:1-5

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

***Sequence Hymn #213 (LEVAS)** *Children of the Heavenly Father* (vs. 1,2&5)
SWEDISH FOLK MELODY

***The Holy Gospel**

Mark 16:14–15

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

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

Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

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 Honoring God in Creation**

(The people may stand or kneel)

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

Silence

Leader: In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the waters. The water that God called into being is at the heart of all that lives. Mindful of the many ways water affects our lives, let us pray for our waters and for the life of the world around us. *Lord, in your mercy,*

People: **Hear our prayer**

Leader: I ask your prayers for all people of faith, and for the transformations in their lives that are marked by the sacredness of water: at the Red Sea, in the Jordan River, in ritual baths, in the washing of feet, and in Holy Baptism. *Lord, in your mercy,*

People: **Hear our prayer**

Leader: I ask your prayers for the leaders of nations, corporations, and communities around the world, that they may exercise wise stewardship over the waters of their lands, so that all people may have clean water to drink and may live free from waterborne diseases. *Lord, in your mercy,*

People: **Hear our prayer**

Leader: I ask your prayers for the wisdom to shape creative solutions to conflicts over water in the dry places of our planet, and for justice and peace in desert lands. *Lord, in your mercy,*

People: **Hear our prayer**

Leader: I ask your prayers for all the waters of the earth: for oceans and seas, for rivers and streams, for lakes and ponds, for watersheds, marshes, and swamps, for the waters beneath the ground; and for all creatures that live in the waters of the earth. *Lord, in your mercy,*

People: **Hear our prayer**

Leader: I ask your prayers for all who travel or work at sea or on inland waterways. *Lord, in your mercy,*

People: **Hear our prayer**

Leader: I ask your prayers for all afflicted with too much water in flood or tsunami, storm or ice; and for all people and creatures who suffer as glaciers and ice floes melt and shrink. *Lord, in your mercy,*
People: **Hear our prayer**

Leader: I ask your prayers for all who have died and for all who mourn, that their tears of grief may be turned to wellsprings of joy.
Lord, in your mercy,
People: **Hear our prayer**

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; *Lord, in your mercy,*
People: **Hear our prayer**

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
(The People may add their own petitions.)

Celebrant: Blessed God, fountain of life: Grant that we may see all water as holy, and so protect and preserve the waters of the earth and the life they sustain. In the name of Christ, the living water, we pray.
Amen.

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and creation.

Confession - Minister and People

Merciful and sustaining God, we have sinned against you. We confess our lack of gratitude for the beauty and bounty of your creation: teach us to see that your earth sustains us and all that lives. We confess that we have misused your earth: grant us amendment of life. We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites: strengthen us in self-control. We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world for granted: make us urgent now for its protection. Forgive and renew us now through our Savior Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. 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 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 C**

BCP, p. 369

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: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

All: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

All: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,

your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *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.)

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)*

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen. *(Attrib. St. Francis)*

***Blessing**

***Hymn #460** *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus* (vs. 1&4)

HYFRYDOL

Postlude

Parish Prayer List – April 18, 2021

*If you need to add or delete a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by **Wednesday, April 21st**.*

Jean & Keith Aclyn	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	Doré Family	Ella
Faye & Ed	Ken Hannah	Fran Harris
Hillary	Janet	Janine
Jules	Karen G.	Karen & DJ
Robin Koch	Alan Lee	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
Kathy Rice	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: Lisa Mack (04/20), Carroll Sheppard (04/20) Charles Miller 04/23), Margaret Degnan (04/24)

Anniversaries: Vincent and Judy Contreras (04/24)

WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR April 19th – April 23rd

19 – Monday	Morning Prayer (online)	9:00 AM
20 - Tuesday	Evening Prayer (online)	6:00 PM
21 – Wednesday	Choir Meeting	7:00 – 8:30 PM
22 – Thursday	Bible Study via Zoom	2:00 PM
	Compline (online)	9:00 PM
23 – Friday	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
	Kids Korner	7:00 PM

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