

If you are not yet a member of The Episcopal Church or of Holy Innocents' in particular, and you would like to consider it, please contact one of our clergy.

Let us know how we can be here for you and please reach out to us when you need to!

~ Mtr. Caroline, Deacon Judy, Ellen, and Lisa! ~

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, April 20	Morning Prayer	9:00am
Tuesday, April 21	Sung Evening Prayer (FB Live)	6:00pm
Wednesday, April 22	Compline (FB Live)	9:00pm
Thursday, April 23	Bible Study (Zoom)	3:00pm
Friday, April 24	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	
Sunday, April 26	The Holy Eucharist: Rite II (FB Live)	9:30am
<i>The Third Sunday of Easter</i>	Fellowship: (Zoom)	10:40am

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Second Sunday of Easter

and

Earth Week Awareness



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

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*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey
19 April, 2020 ~ 9:30 AM*

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

A Collect for Earth Week

Celebrant: Let us pray. O heavenly Father, who has filled the world with beauty. Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness. For the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Lesson

Acts 2:14a,22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS~April 19, 2020

FLOWERS FOR OUR RETURN (EASTER!)

Whatever day we return to in-person services as normal, we will celebrate Easter! If you would like to memorialize loved ones with a donation toward Easter Flowers, forms will be available via our website, the weekly E-Pistle, and the Parish Post. Please complete and send in with your payment. If you do not have access to a computer or printing capabilities, please call the office and Lisa will complete a form for you and you can drop off or mail your payment. Please make sure the donor and recipient names are clearly written and please note "Altar Guild-Easter" in the check memo.

Date for all donations to be in the office has been extended until April 27th!

COMMUNICATIONS During Stay-At-Home Period

Please scour your Spam folder for lost church emails and save important dates in the E-pistles. Please also click *LIKE* on our Facebook page if you are using Facebook. That way, posts will appear in your news feed. I have asked Deacon Judy and Ellen Dondero to join me in making video posts: Mtr. Caroline = Monday, Ellen = Wednesday, and Deacon Judy = Friday. This is in addition to any live-streamed services and other posts!

ARTICLES, PHOTOS, Healthy RECIPES WANTED!

We have asked for these before, but it would especially be nice during this time to share your experiences so please send them to Mtr. Caroline or to Lisa Halpin.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED! (From Rich Cashel)

Our Church grounds need your help. It's Spring and what comes with that? "*Cleanup*". Following the recent windy storm you all have your own clean-up. However, if you have any time and can come to the church with your cleanup gear please do. The task will be raking and bagging debris (bags will be available.) **Rich will schedule** and assign work location and all scheduling will be based on your availability. We ask that all COVID-19 protection rules be followed. Please email, text, or call Rich Cashel at richcashel@comcast.net 609-276-5155

Parish Prayer List - Week of April 19, 2020

Under the current circumstances, all names will remain on the prayer list for the month of April. If you need to add or delete a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator.

Ada	Alan	Aurora
Bob	Marie Bregler	Joan Connolly
Judy Contreras	Mary Ann Crewdson	Joan Cunningham
Michael Read Davis	Donald Deacon	Dennis
Carol Dobbins	Meg Dougher	Carol Earl
Faye & Ed	Frank	Barbara Hanlon
John Hughes	Jeannine	Johnny
Diane Lee	Ceily Lovas	Gail Lovenduski
Linda M.	Susie Nee	Virginia Nicholas
Carol Ann Renzland	Sissy	Lara Sparks
Robert Thomas	Colin Walker	Barbara Wheeler
Ann White	Joel & Kate White	Maggie Degnan
Bonnie	Renny	Walter Mazzanti
The Lapinski Family	Jim Tsokanos	Hawkes Family
Tim	Vinnie	Nancy & Dave
Bill	Alicia	Jacklyn
Walter	Dave	Phillip Tracy
Javy Vargas	Kathy Rice	Marie Serfling
Rich Serfling	Marianne P.	Bob Prindible
Sam	Shelly	Rebecca
Susan	Jessica Zarnick	The Yoder Family
Trent	Mary	Ashley
Danielle	Kathleen	Erin Stewart
Alda Cumings	Rosemary	The Ward Family
Matt Russo		

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

Andrew Wall, Brandan White, Joseph Alexander, Zachary Arlin,
Paul Bailey, Justin A. Dumhart, Danny Melega

Birthdays: Lisa Mack (04/20), Carroll Sheppard (04/20)
Charles Miller (04/23), Margaret Degnan (04/24)

A Prayer for Our Nation and the World in the Light of this Pandemic

Ever-creating God, be with us as the pall of this COVID-19 pandemic falls upon this “fragile earth” which is our “island home.” We hold in our hearts and prayers all who are suffering in our nation from “sea to shining sea.” We pray for the whole world. Our common anxiety is making us one, undivided human family. We pray for world leaders as they chart these unknown waters. Strengthen them to walk into the Light of a new, healing day for the whole planet. Help us to cross our broken lands and be for each other bridges back to heaven. Lift the cares to which we cling. Descend, O God, on us all to be our Guest. Show us how to find in everything blessing and rest. May this be our prayer while we do not know how to pray and until the last light lingers in the west. Amen, in the name of our creating, redeeming and sustaining God.

freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual: Psalm 16

BCP, p. 599

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

8 I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

The Epistle

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

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

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

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

***Hymn #178** *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks*

ALLELUIA NO. 1

***Dismissal**

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2020 SPRING CONCERT SERIES

(subject to change)

Saturday, May 9 at 4pm

Jimmy Merchant Jazz Trio
Robert Bannon ~ vocalist

Saturday, June 6 at 4pm

Claudia Pellegrini ~ violinist
Mark Yurkanin ~ pianist

~ a free will offering is taken ~ reception after each concert ~

Call 609-492-7571 for more information or email

Ellen Dondero, Minister of Music

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Celebrant: O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever, **Amen.**

(Silence)

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbor.

All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution BCP, p. 360

***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

***The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C** BCP, p. 369

Sanctus S-130 Schubert (1797-1828)

The Lord's Prayer BCP, p. 364

Postcommunion Prayer (*Stand or kneel*) BCP, p. 366

Closing Earth Prayer (from New Zealand Prayer Book)

Eternal Spirit, Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name shall echoe through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed
by the peoples of the earth!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

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.

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 BCP, p. 358

***The Prayers of the People: Form VI** BCP, p. 392
(*The people may stand or kneel*)

Deacon: In peace, we pray to you, Lord 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 Nancy 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 Church of Ireland. 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 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, and the grieving; those serving in the military and other dangerous professions, and for our enemies, that all hearts may be turned to peace. We may add our own petitions either silently or aloud at this time.

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

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

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.*)

A Litany for Earth Week

Leader: We give you thanks and praise, O God of creation, for the grandeur of all that you have made, saying

People: **We thank you, God.**

Leader: For the healing waters of creation, which bring pleasure and health, purity and life,

People: **We thank you, God.**

Leader: For the richness of the good Earth that brings forth fruits and flowers, a pleasure to taste and a joy to behold,

People: **We thank you, God.**

Leader: For the soaring birds of the air, the crawling creatures on the Earth, the gliding fishes in the seas, for all creatures great and small with whom we share this precious web of life,

People: **We thank you, God.**

Leader: For the invigorating sunlight of day, the deepening mystery of night, the wonder of the stars, and the call of the unknown in the universe,

People: **We thank you, God.**

Leader: From heedless misuse and dishonoring of the wonders of your hand,

People: **Good Lord deliver us.**

Leader: From the folly of imagining ourselves free from the fate of your whole creation,

People: **Good Lord deliver us.**

Leader: For the courage and wisdom to confess how little we have cared for your gifts,

People: **Strengthen us, O Spirit.**

Leader: For the conviction that you have called us to love and restore the Earth,

People: **Strengthen us, O Spirit.**

Leader: For repentance and the determination to begin our stewardship anew,

People: **Strengthen us, O Spirit.**