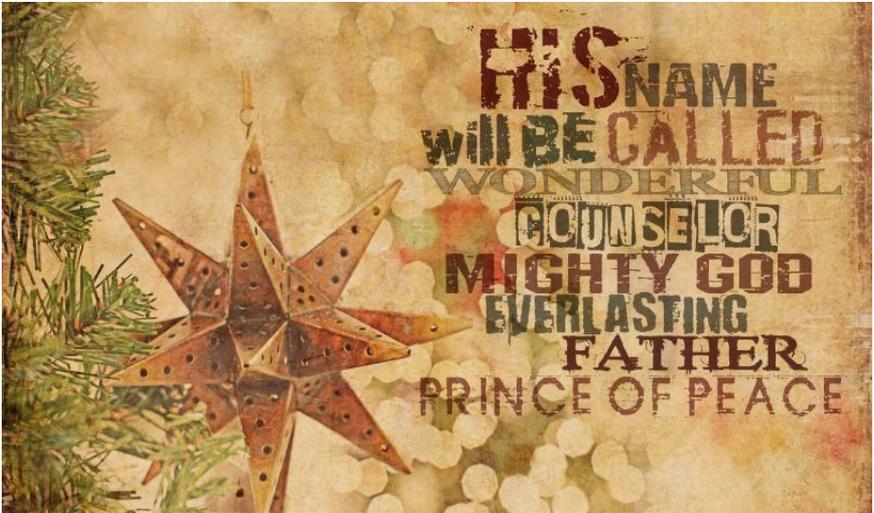


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

*The First Sunday
of
Christmas*



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey
26 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*

THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn #82** *Of the Father's Love Begotten* DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

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.*

Song of Praise #96 *Angels We Have Heard on High* (vs. 1&4) GLORIA

The Collect of the Day:

BCP, p. 213

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *All: Amen.*

The Lesson

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,

my whole being shall exult in my God;

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,

he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,

and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots,

and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,

so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual: Psalm 147:13-21 (*To be read alternating by whole verse*)

- 13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

The Epistle

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

* **Sequence Hymn #23 (LEVAS)** *Jesus Came to Earth from Glory* Doreen Potter

The Holy Gospel

John 1:1-18

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'")
From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

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.

Deacon 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 Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement His Holiness Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome; His All Holiness Archbishop Bartholomew of Constantinople, New Rome & Ecumenical Patriarch; The General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, Bishop Ivan Abrahams; the General Secretary of the World Methodist Council, The Reverend Chris Ferguson; and the General Secretary of the World Communion of Reformed Churches. 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 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.)

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Deacon 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.*

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

Offertory *The Choir of Holy Innocents'*

***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.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. 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-129 (*All sing*)

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

(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.***

Fraction Anthem S-154 (*all sing*)

David Hurd (b. 1950)

Music During Communion

Hymn #101 *Away in A Manger*

CRADLE SONG

***Postcommunion Prayer** (*Please stand*)

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 #98 *Unto Us A Boy is Born*

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

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** ~ *Barbara Bishop*

Ushers ~ *Bob Weidmann, Bill Cowper* **Chalice Bearer** ~ *Diane Carter*

Parish Prayer List – December 26, 2021

PLEASE NOTE: This is the last Sunday in December. 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 29th.

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	Lisa Cuomo	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	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

Birthdays: Florence Boulden (12/26), Curtis Logan (12/26)

Carol Hammond (12/29)

Altar Flowers: This week's Altar Flowers are given in memory of Marcello & Frank Gallo's 69th wedding anniversary by their children and grandchildren and also to the Glory of God.

WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR December 27th – January 1st

27 – Mon	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
28 – Tues	EP for Feast of The Holy Innocents (FB)	6:00 PM
30 – Thurs	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
31 – Fri	New Years Eve	
	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
	Kids Korner (FB)	7:00 PM
01 – Sat	Psalms with Dcn. Judy (FB)	7:00 PM

**Our Annual Congregational Meeting is scheduled for
Sunday, January 9, 2022!**

Today, we send best wishes for a very relaxed six weeks away to Ellen Dondero and want to thank her profusely for all the amazing work she always does - and most especially during this time of year! What a gift she gives us on a weekly basis and what love and talent she shares with our choir each week! We are truly grateful and in awe. You are a blessing to us all! We will miss you while you're gone, but hope that the time away provides some rest, relaxation, refreshment, and as much adventure as you'd like!

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