

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

*The Second Sunday
of
Christmas*



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey
2 January, 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 # 107 *Good Christian Friends Rejoice

IN DULCI JUBILO

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

The Collect for Purity

***Gloria in excelsis S-280 (All sing)**

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The Collect of the Day:

BCP, p. 214

The Lesson

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry, I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84:1-8 (*To be read alternating by whole verse*)

BCP, p. 707

The Epistle

Ephesians 1:3-6. 15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

***Sequence Hymn #128 We Three Kings**

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his

star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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 III**

BCP, p. 387

(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 Anglican Province of The Congo. 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.

Confession and Absolution

BCP, p. 360

***The Peace (All stand)**

The Parish Notices

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn #247 (All Sing, seated)	COVENTRY CAROL
*Presentation of the Gifts (<i>All stand</i>)	
<i>All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee</i>	
*The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B	BCP, p. 367
Sanctus S-129 (<i>All sing</i>)	Robert Powell (b. 1932)
The Lord's Prayer	BCP, p. 364
The Breaking of the Bread	
<i>(All baptized Christians may receive Holy Communion)</i>	
*Postcommunion Prayer (<i>Please stand</i>)	BCP, p. 366
Blessing	
Hymn #93 <i>Angels from the Realms of Glory</i>	REGENT SQUARE
Dismissal	BCP, p. 366
Postlude	

~We welcome Harold Hawkes as our guest organist today~

Serving Today

Crucifer ~ John Wall **Lectors** ~ Ellen Kehr

Ushers ~ Kay DeCicco, Mike DeCicco **Chalice Bearer** ~ Bill Kehr

Parish Prayer List – January 2, 2022

PLEASE NOTE: If you need to add or delete a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by **Wednesday, January 5th**.

Beth C.	Bonnie Benoit	Beverlee
Jackson Brackett	Marie Bregler	Joan Connolly
Judy Contreras	Lynn Cowper	Mary Ann Crewdson
Marie Elena D.	Dennis	Carol Dobbins
Meg Dougher	Faye	Jan
Jeannine	Joan, Susan & Bob	Karen & DJ
Karen Grossman	Mary Keough	Kitty
Cyndi Lamon	Dave Lamon	Alan Lee

Diane Lee	Arlene LeConey	Cecily Lovas
Lucas	Kurt Martin	Virginia Nicholas
Brian O'Sullivan	Sharon Osborn	Shirley
TJ Patton	Lucien Picard	Marie R.
Debbie & Joe Reising	Kathy Rice	Ron
Lara Sparks Deitz	Bill Todd	Robert Thomas
Colin Walker	Bill Ulmer	Ann White
Jeff Zimmerman		

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

Birthdays: Stokes B. Carrigan IV (01/04), Syndey Stevens (01/05)

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WEEKLY CALENDAR January 2-9

03 – Mon	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
04 – Tues	Evening Prayer (FB)	6:00 PM
06 – Thurs	Feast of The Epiphany	6:00 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
07 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
	Kids Korner (FB)	7:00 PM
08 – Sat	Psalms with Dcn. Judy (FB)	7:00 PM
09 – Sun	Worship, followed by ANNUAL MTG	9:30 AM

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

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to pledge and donate to
Holy Innocents'!**



EPIPHANY SERVICE – Thursday, January 6 at 6:00 PM

Book Study Resumes – Thursday, January 6 at the rectory! The book we will read is: *When Bad Things Happen to Good People* by Rabbi Harold S. Kushner. You will need to buy our own book!

Parish Office is CLOSED tomorrow, Monday, January 3rd. Please feel free to call Mtr. Caroline+ if needed as she will be working from home.

MINISTRY TRAINING SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

The following ministry areas will join in this annual training:
Readers, Usher/Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers

NOTE – During COVID, we were asked to dismiss quadrants of the congregation and no one could move. We developed a happy habit of all staying to listen to the postlude in our seats. This is terrific and we can/should continue to do so, BUT please know that you CAN move about, chat softly, leave, set-up in Martin Hall, etc. if needed.

PASTORAL CARE - Please call Mother Caroline+ at 504-390-5331
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OFFICE HOURS – Monday through Thursday 9 AM to 2 PM