

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, December 30	Morning Prayer (on your own)	9:00am
Tuesday, December 31	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	
Wednesday, January 1	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ~ <i>Happy New Year!</i>	
Thursday, January 2	Mah Jongg	1:00pm
	Evening Prayer (on your own)	5:00pm
	AA	7:00pm
Friday, January 3	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	
Saturday, January 4	Funeral Service/Interment ~ Sorensen	3:30pm
Sunday, January 5	<b>Holy Eucharist: Rite II</b>	9:30am
	Sunday School	9:30am
<i>The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day</i>	Fellowship	10:30am

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Karen Vaughan	Judith Hamilton	Robert Weidmann

Robert Meyer, Church Warden, 2019 ~ Kay DeCicco, Church Warden, 2020

Mr. Lawrence Peacock, Parish Treasurer  
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Mrs. Suzette Whiting, President, ECW  
Mrs. Jackie Sparks & Mrs. Melissa Wall, Co-Directors of the Altar Guild  
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# The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

## *The First Sunday After Christmas*

### *and*

## *Observance of The Feast of*

### *The Holy Innocents*



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents*  
*in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey*  
*29 December, 2019 ~ 9:30 AM*

## The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

**Welcome!** The liturgy is found in the **Red Book of Common Prayer (BCP)** and the Music is found in the **Blue Hymnal**. If you are a baptized Christian, regardless of denomination, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

### The Holy Innocents

Male infants slaughtered by King Herod the Great in Bethlehem in an unsuccessful attempt to kill the "king of the Jews." The Gospel of Matthew, ch. 2, records that the wise men, or Magi, from the east were seeking the child who was born king of the Jews. They had "observed his star at its rising," and came to pay him homage. They told this to Herod, which frightened him "and all Jerusalem with him." Herod feared that the young "king" would threaten his throne. The chief priests and scribes told Herod that the Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem. They also told him when the star had appeared. Herod told the wise men to search diligently for the child in Bethlehem and tell him when they found the child. He said he wanted to go to the child and pay him homage. The wise men found the child Jesus and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. But the wise men were warned in a dream not to return to Herod, and "they left for their own country by another road." Herod was furious when he realized that he had been tricked by the wise men. He ordered the death of all male children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old and under. The child Jesus was not harmed because Joseph had been warned in a dream to escape to Egypt with Jesus and Mary. The feast of the Holy Innocents has been dated from the fourth century in Bethlehem and from the fifth century in North Africa and Rome.

*It is a major feast of the Episcopal calendar of the church year.*

**9:25 am - Sacrament of Healing** (If you would like prayers for healing for yourself or in intercession for a loved one, please come forward to the altar.)

### Prelude

*(Please observe respectful quiet during the Healing & Prelude. Thank you.)*

*\* Indicates to stand as you are able*

## Parish Prayer List - Week of December 29, 2019

After the last Sunday of each month, all names will be removed from this Prayer List. If you would like a name to remain for another month, please contact the Parish Administrator in the Church Office by the Thursday before the first Sunday of each month. You may add or remove names at any time during the month. Please be sure to give us the first name of the person to be prayed for. Last names may be given as well, if desired. Thank you.

Ada	Meg Dougher	Virginia Nicholas
Aime	Carol Earl	Nicki
Annabel	Faye & Ed	Bob Prindible
Anne	Frank	Sue Pritchard
Annie	Gloria Gamache	Kathy Rice
Glen Allen	Janet	Carol Ann Renzland
The Acker Family	Javy	Lara Sparks
Diane Babiy	Johnny	Linda S.
Marie Bregler	Diane Lee	Steve
Jeannine	Charles González	Gail South
Peg Cadigan	Luis González	Robert Thomas
Chris	Gail Lovenduski	Val
Joan Connolly	Cecily Lovas	Ann White
Judy Contreras	Lynn	Mary Ann Crewdson
Joan Cunningham	Curt Martin	Frank P.
Michael Read Davis	Maryann	Sean
Donald Deacon	Maryjane O.	Bob
Carol Dobbins	Joe McCarter	Julianna
Jackson Brackett	Rebecca & Genevieve Whitley	
Barbara Hanlon	Bonnie	

### **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:** Carol Hammond (12/29), Stokes Boyd Carrigan, IV (01/04), Kneeland H. Whiting (01/04)

All: **Therefore let us keep the feast.** [*Alleluia.*]  
(*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*)

**Fraction Anthem: S-154** *Christ Our Passover* (all sing) Hurd (b. 1950)

**Postcommunion Prayer** (*Stand or kneel*) **BCP, p. 365**

**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 #213 LEVAS** *Children of the Heavenly Father* Swedish Melody

**\*Dismissal** **BCP, p. 366**

*Deacon:* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. *Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

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## THE WORD OF GOD

**Hymn #98** *Unto Us a Boy is Born* **PUER NATUS NASCITUR**

*\*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 - Hymn #96** (*vs. 1 & 4*) *Angels We Have Heard on High*  
**GLORIA**

**\*The Collect of the Day:** **BCP, p. 238**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

We remember today, O God, the slaughter of The Holy Innocents of Bethlehem by King Herod. Receive, we pray, into the arms of your mercy all innocent victims; and by your great might frustrate the designs of evil tyrants and establish your rule of justice, love, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *All: Amen.*

**The Lesson** **Jeremiah 31:15-17**

Thus says the LORD:

A voice is heard in Ramah,

lamentation and bitter weeping.

Rachel is weeping for her children;

she refuses to be comforted for her children,

because they are no more.

Thus says the LORD:

Keep your voice from weeping,

and your eyes from tears;

for there is a reward for your work,

says the LORD:

they shall come back from the land of the enemy;

there is hope for your future, says the LORD:

your children shall come back to their own country.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

**The Gradual: Psalm 124** *(To be read in unison)*

1 If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
let Israel now say;

2 If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
when enemies rose up against us;

3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
in their fierce anger toward us;

4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
and the torrent gone over us;

5 Then would the raging waters \*  
have gone right over us.

6 Blessed be the LORD! \*  
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

**The Epistle**

**Revelation 21:1-7**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them as their God;  
they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;

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 The Holy Innocents and 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**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

[*Alleluia.*] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory

Hymn #112 *In the Bleak Midwinter*

CRANHAM

### \*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 every where 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-128** *(All sing)*

William Mathias (1934-1992)

*(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

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

### Sequence Hymn #247 *Lully, Lullay, Thou Little Tiny Child*

COVENTRY CAROL

### \*The Holy Gospel

**Matthew 2:13-18**

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

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

When the wise men had departed, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

"A voice was heard in Ramah,

wailing and loud lamentation,

Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more."

*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. 388

(*The people may stand or kneel*)

*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 The Rt Revd Alexis Bilindabagabo and The Rt Revd Manasseh Gahima of Rwanda and and The Rt Revd James Allen Yaw Odico of Gambia. 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 Nancy our Mayor, Philip our Governor, and Donald 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:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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**