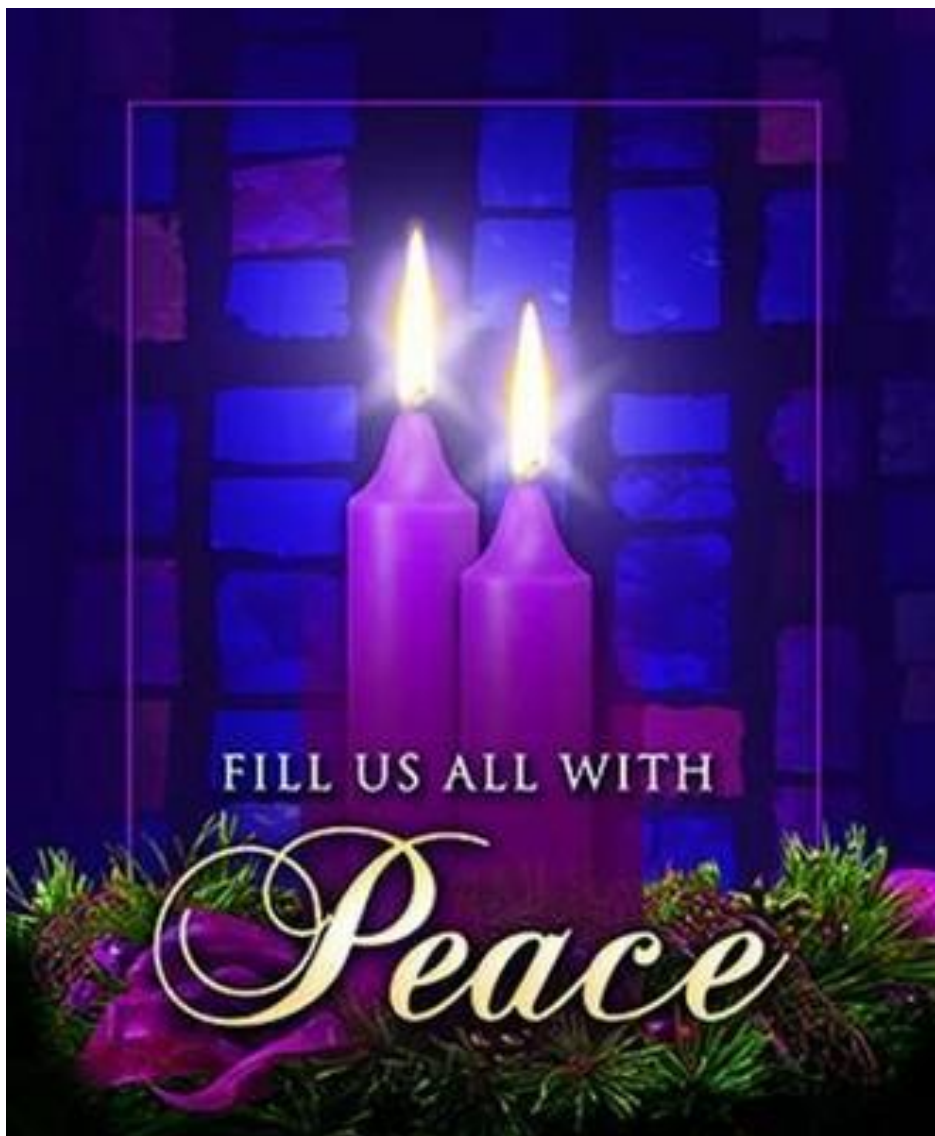


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Second Sunday of Advent



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey
10 December, 2023 ~ 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). You'll find the BCP and Hymnals in the pew rack in front of you. Please join us for Coffee Hour following the service.

** Indicates to stand as you are able*

Prelude *Es is ein Reis entsprungen* Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn #56 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel (verses 3 and 4)*

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*O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law,
in cloud and majesty and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
free them from Satan's tyranny,
that trust thy mighty power to save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel!*

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Officiant Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.

People **Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.**

Officiant Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved:

People **O Lord God of Hosts**

Officiant Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People **Come and save us, O Lord God of hosts.**

The Second Advent Candle is now lit.

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord:

Response **And grant us your salvation.**

Entrance Hymn #65 *Prepare the Way, O Zion* BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN

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.*

Trisagion S-102 Holy God (All sing) Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

The Collect of the Day: **BCP, p. 211**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray. Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *All: Amen.*

The First Lesson **Isaiah 40:1-11**

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her
that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it
together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!"

And I said, "What shall I cry?"

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The
grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows
upon it; surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.
Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"
See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 (*Read responsively by whole verse*)

BCP, p. 708

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Epistle

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #75 *There's A Voice in the Wilderness Crying*

ASCENSION

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** (*All are seated*)

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Dr. Caroline Carson+

***The Nicene Creed**

BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People: Form V

BCP, p. 389

(The people may stand or kneel)

Celebrant In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

Leader For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for Pray for The United Church of Pakistan, for Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sally our Bishop, Judith our Deacon, and Caroline our Rector; for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For those in positions of public trust, especially Nancy our Mayor, Philip our Governor, and Joseph our President; that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended; for ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, have mercy.**

Celebrant Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People **To you, O Lord our God**

Celebrant For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Confession

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

***The Peace** (*All stand*)

Greet one another with a sign of God's peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem *Come, Jesus, Holy Son of God*

Hal Hopson (b.1933)

***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.

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 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 sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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-130 *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord* (All sing) Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828)
(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) *Christ Our Passover* David Hurd (b. 1950)
(All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion.)

***Postcommunion Prayer** (*Please stand*) **BCP, p. 365**

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

The Parish Notices

Hymn #59 *Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding* MERTON

Dismissal **BCP, p. 366**

Postlude *Raise Now Your Song on High* Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

*Coffee Hour is held EVERY SUNDAY and we would LOVE IT if you would join us in
Martin Hall following the service!*

Serving Today

Crucifer ~ John Wall **Lector** ~ Alexa Fahner

Ushers ~ Bob Weidmann, Mike Fahner **Chalice Bearer** ~ Alexa Fahner

ADVENT Food Drive continues until **Thursday, December 21**. Toiletry items are also welcomed. Each can be placed in labeled boxes.

Parish Prayer List – December 10, 2023

PLEASE NOTE: *If you need to add or delete a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by Wednesday, December 13th.*

Judy Contreras	Lara Sparks Deitz	Joan Connolly
Mary Ann Crewdson	Ann White	Jane Enos
Dennis	Dcn. Judy	Diane Carter
Anthony B.	Connie Anderson	Christian Balint
Barney H.	Susan F.	Cheryl
Diane D.	Dayton	Jason
Kirsten Angelozzi	Bob Hendricks	Christine Hendricks
Andy	Kathy & Walter	Ron & Kenny
Jeannine	Priscilla	Judy & Al
Joan & Linda Kelly	Chris C.	Pierro Family
David D'Ambrosia	Barry Longenbach	Robert
Mike	Tony	Aleen
Jan	Elliott	Anne
Karen & DJ	Dennis Hickey	Rosanne & Bob
Juli & Dave	Laura	Lovas Family
Debbie & Joe Reising	Rebecca	Marilyn Thomas
Tom Blake	Fiona	Graham
Bob	Sue	Hale Bailey
Melanie	Sophia	Joseph
Paris	Tom & Kathy Masilla	Jim Darling
Charles Sullivan	Warren Lamon	Greg Melega
Rachel	Marilyn Flagler	Mary Timmerman
Louise Muth	Debbie Lamon	Teri Keller
Gia	Cora	Hunter Gideon
Sanders Baby	Jean & Keith Aclin	Vic Hughes
Rick & Becky Johnson	Brian O'Sullivan	Suzette Whiting
John Johnson, Jr.		

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

Birthdays: Ruth McLaughlin (12/10), Francis W. Kleber, IV (12/13), Bruce Hillyer (12/14), Richard Cashel (12/15), Meg Neff (12/16)

Altar Candles, Sanctuary Candle: This week's Altar Candles and Sanctuary Candle are given in celebration of Richard Cashel's birthday by Jeanne Cashel and to the Glory of God.

WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR - Dec 11-16

11 – Mon	Morning Prayer (FB Live)	9:00 AM
12 – Tues	Evening Prayer (FB)	6:00 PM
13 – Wed	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 – 11:30 AM
14 – Thurs	Book Study @ Rectory	2:00 PM
	Vestry Meeting	7:00 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
15 – Fri	<i>Parish Office closed</i>	
	LESSONS & CAROLS	7:00 PM
16 – Sat	Advent Retreat @ The DeCicco's	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

TODAY! We will decorate our wonderful Christmas Tree, given by Marilyn Flagler in honor and memory of Phil Flagler, our on our Green Patch. Pick up a warm cuppa and grab your jacket to head out for decorating!

Winter Solstice Holy Hike – RSVP please! Hosted by the Environmental Education & Advocacy Committee, from 3:00-5:00 PM on December 21st at ENO'S POND in LACEY TOWNSHIP! Dress warmly!

Flowers for Christmas If you would like to memorialize loved ones with a donation toward Christmas Flowers, kindly send your clearly-designated donation to the church office or place it in the Sunday collection plate. Please note "**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**" on the outside of the envelope and "**Flower Guild-Christmas**" in the check memo. Make sure the donor and recipient names are clearly written. **All donations must be in the office no later than MONDAY DECEMBER 18th.**

ANNUAL MEETING of the PARISH - January 7th



Lessons and Carols

Friday December 15, 2023 at 7pm

choral and congregational singing
featuring vocal and instrumental soloists

free will offering will be taken at each event
a reception will follow

for more information please call 609.492.7571

or email ejdondero@comcast.net

*Blue Christmas
Service*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19 at 5 :00 PM

*A quiet, contemplative service of healing,
peace, and prayer with an emphasis on
light, music, and silence.*

FOR MORE DETAILS, CHECK OUR WEEKLY
E-PISTLE OR OUR FACEBOOK PAGE.

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WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

FOLLOWED BY
CHAMPAGNE TOAST

5:00 PM

SUNDAY **31st** DEC 2023

NEW YEAR'S EVE

DECEMBER 24th – Christmas Eve

@ 9:30 Advent IV Holy Eucharist

@ 5:30 Caroling

@ 6:00 Holy Eucharist with special music

DECEMBER 25th – Christmas Day

@ 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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