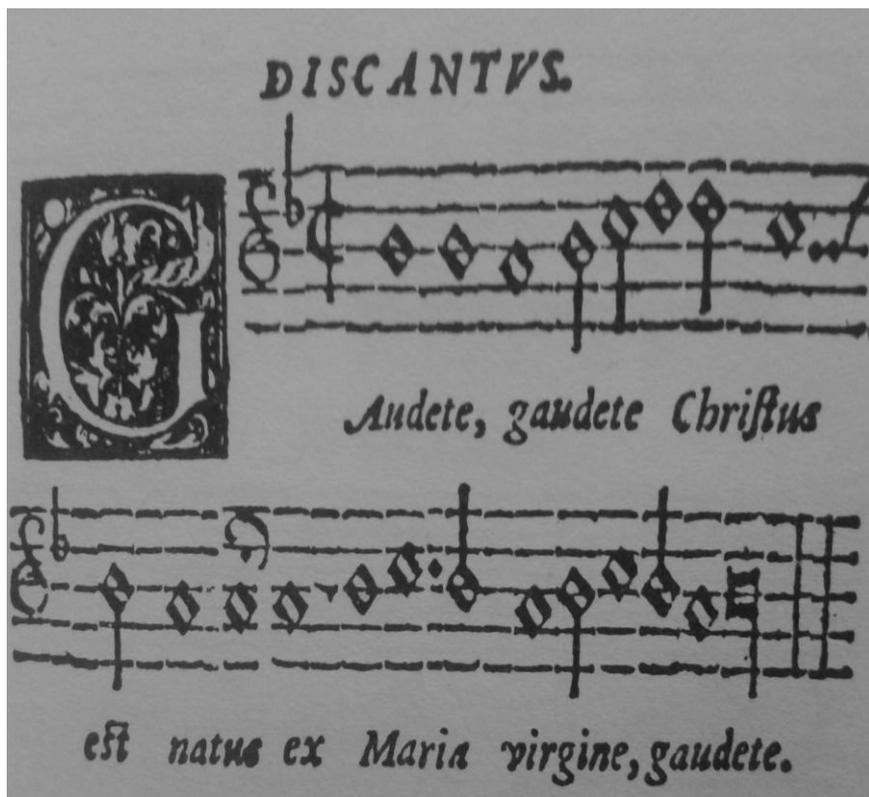


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Third Sunday of Advent
Gaudete!



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

11 December, 2022 ~ 9:30 AM

WELCOME! We are happy you are here with us today. Hymns and service music can be found in the hymnals and the liturgy in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) in your pew rack. If you'd like to learn more about us or become Episcopalian, please ask anyone and/or come talk to the clergy! **Please join us for Coffee Hour & Fellowship in Martin Hall after each service.**

** Indicates to stand as you are able*

Prelude *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* arr. Lani Smith (1934-2015)

***Hymn #56** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel (verses 5 & 6)*

VENI VENI EMMANUEL, plainsong 15th C

5 *O come, Thou Key of David,
come, and open wide our
heavenly home. Make safe the
way that leads on high, and close
the path to misery. Rejoice!
Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to
thee, O Israel!*

6 *O come, thou Dayspring from
on high, and cheer us by thy
drawing nigh; Disperse the
gloomy clouds of night, and
death's dark shadow put to
flight. 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 Advent Candle is now lit.

Celebrant Show us your mercy, O Lord:

Response **And grant us your salvation.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

***Hymn #72** *Hark the Glad Sound! The Saviour Reigns* RICHMOND

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 (All Sing) Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

The Collect of the Day:

BCP, p. 212

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *All Amen.*

The Lesson

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.
Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible
recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a
pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.
A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;
the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's
people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.
No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy
and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 15 - S-242 (All Sing) *Magnificat* Bruce E. Ford (b. 1947)

The Epistle

James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

***Sequence Hymn #76** *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* WINCHESTER NEW

***The Holy Gospel**

Matthew 11:2-11

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

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Judith S. Krom

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.

The Prayers of the People: Form V

BCP, p. 389

(The people may stand or kneel)

Deacon 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 The Anglican Church of Kenya, For Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, William 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 Colleen 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, The Holy Innocents, 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.**

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

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem *Come, Rejoice Believers* arr. 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 (*All sing*)

Franz Peter Schubert

(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-164 (*all sing*) Franz Peter Schubert
(*All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion.*)

***Postcommunion Prayer** (*Stand or kneel*)

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 #640 *Watchmen Tell Us of the Night* **ABERYSTWYTH**

Dismissal **BCP p. 366**

Postlude *God of Glory* David Paxton

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** ~ Pat Peacock

Ushers ~ Bill Kehr, Gail Jacobsen

Chalice Bearers ~ Melissa Wall, Alexa Fahner

Parish Prayer List – December 11, 2022

PLEASE NOTE: *If you need to add or remove a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by **Wednesday, December 14th**.*

Alycia	Ellis Barbieri	Charles Bishop
Kevin B. Campbell	Cynthia Clarke	Joan Connolly
Judy Contreras	Mary Ann Crewdson	Art “Jim” Curtin
Jack DiFeo	Carol Dobbins	Roseann Dolan
Dave Elfreth	Elliott	Faith
Faye	Genevieve	Gordon H.
Adam Houser	Jan	Rick Johnson
Joni	Anne Joyce	Julie
Karen & DJ	Gollihur Family	Erma Green
Karen Grossman	Kathy G.	Kevin
Ryan Koehl	Dave Lamon	Barry Longenbach
Lovas Family	Lucas	Walt Luwenduski
The McLaughlin Family	Pat Meyer	Louise Murth
Virginia Nicholas	Bill O’Connell	Ollie
Sharon Osborn	Brian O’Sullivan	TJ Patton
Lucien Picard	Pat Pritchard	Rhonda Pritchard
Marie R.	Cora Raggucci	Debbie & Joe Reising
Rebecca	Ron & Kenny	Rick Rosenbaum
Peggy	Elizabeth Mary Schade	The Scheimreif Family
Chloe Snyder	Lara Sparks Deitz	Charles Sullivan
Bill Todd	Tony	Robert Thomas
Colin Walker	Ann White	Annabelle Vaughan
Jane Enos	Nancy & Gary Acker	Floss Boulden

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

Birthdays: Francis W. Kleber, IV (12/13), Bruce Hillyer (12/14)
Richard Cashel (12/15), Meg Neff (12/16), Joanne Bray (12/17)
Colette Southwick (12/17)

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 December 12st – December 17th

12 – Mon	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
13 – Tues	Evening Prayer (FB)	6:00 PM
14 – Wed	Choir Rehearsal	6:30-8:00 PM
	Praying the Psalms (FB)	7:00 PM
15 – Thurs	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
16 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
	Lessons & Carols	7:00 PM
17 – Sat	Blue Christmas Service of Holy Eucharist	11:00 AM

If you would like to know more about The Episcopal Church or become a member, please contact one of our clergy.

GIVING TREE DONATIONS DUE TODAY!!

ADVENT Food Drive continues until next **Sunday, December 18.**
This annual drive will support the local St. Francis Food Pantry.
Toiletry items are also welcomed.

Winter Solstice Holy Hike – RSVP please! Hosted by the Environmental Education & Advocacy Committee, will begin at 3:30 PM on December 21st at CEDAR BONNET ISLAND! Dress warmly!

MINISTRY AREA REPORTS DUE DECEMBER 16

LOOKING AHEAD

- Dec. 16 Ministry Area Reports due today**
7:00 PM *Lessons & Carols*
- Dec. 17 11:00 a.m. Blue Christmas service of Holy Eucharist
- Dec. 21 Winter Solstice Walk, Choir Caroling
- Dec. 24 4:30 PM Holy Eucharist
- Dec. 24 7:30 Carol Sing, 8:00 PM Holy Eucharist
- Dec. 25 9:30 AM Christmas Day Holy Eucharist
- Dec. 26 *Parish Office closed*

- Dec. 28 6:00 PM Online Evening Prayer: *Feast of The Holy Innocents*
- Dec. 31 5:00 PM Watchnight service followed by champagne toast



*Blue Christmas
Service*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17 at 11:00 AM

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

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



**LESSONS
and
CAROLS**

Friday, December 16th, 2022 at 7:00pm

with congregational singing of traditional Christmas carols
choral anthems by Holy Innocents' Choir
guest instrumentalists and vocalists

free will offering ~ reception after ~ call 609.492.7571 for more information



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ALL ARE WELCOMED!

Christmas

EVE & DAY



Christmas Eve

~ 4:30 "Childrens service"

~ 7:30 Carols

~ 8:00 Holy Eucharist w/ special music

Christmas Day

~ 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist

Call (609) 492-7571 M-Th, 9-2
for more information!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



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.

YOUR NAME: _____

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In order to have all Memorials acknowledged in the Christmas bulletins, please return this form to the office no later than

Monday, December 19, 2022



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