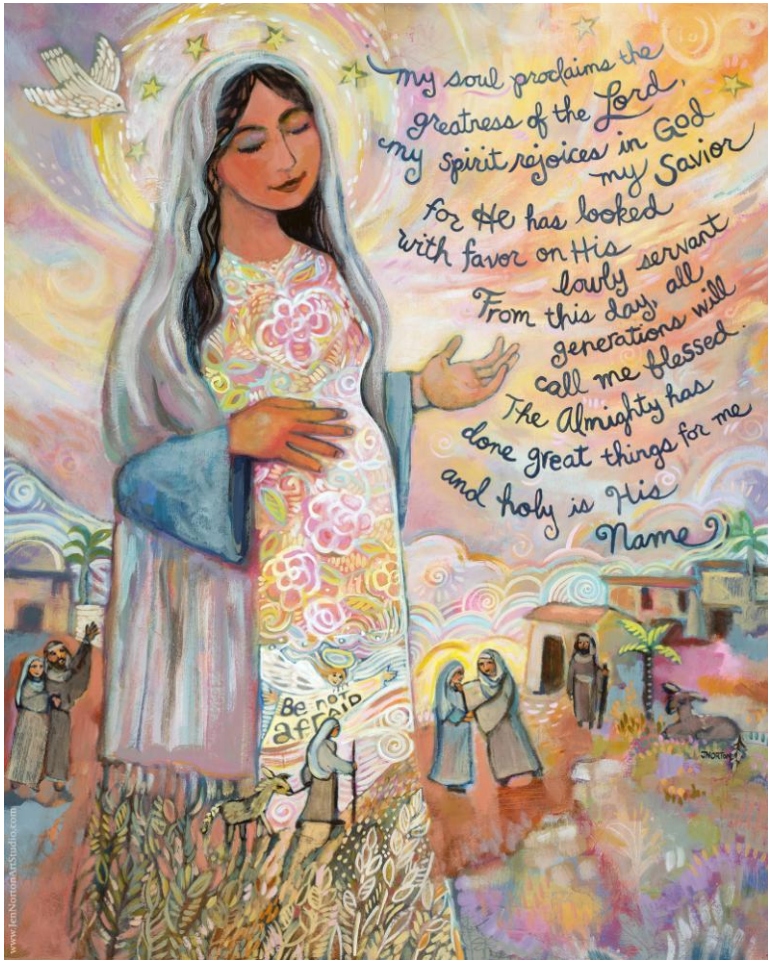


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

*The Fourth Sunday of Advent*



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents  
in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey  
18 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**      *To A Virgin Meek and Mild*      trad. Spanish Carol

**\*Hymn #56** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel (verses 7 & 8)*

VENI VENI EMMANUEL, plainsong 15<sup>th</sup> C

*7 O come, Desire of nations, bind in one the hearts of all mankind; bid thou our sad divisions cease, and be thyself our King of Peace. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

*8 O come, O Come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. 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 #66** *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

STUTT GART

*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.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *All Amen.*

**The Lesson**

**Isaiah 7:10-16**

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18**

**BCP, p. 702**

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, \*

how long will you be angered  
 despite the prayers of your people?  
 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
 you have given them bowls of tears to drink.  
 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
 and our enemies laugh us to scorn.  
 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.  
 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
 the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.  
 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
 give us life, that we may call upon your Name.  
 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; \*  
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

## The Epistle

**Romans 1:1-17**

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for  
 the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his  
 prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who  
 was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared  
 to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by  
 resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we  
 have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of  
 faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including  
 yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,  
 To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to  
 you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**\*The Sequence Hymn #265** *The Angel Gabriel*

GABRIEL'S MESSAGE

**\*The Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 1:18-25**

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

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his  
 mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived

together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

"Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,"  
which means, "God is with us."

When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

*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.

**\*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 Anglican Church of Korea. 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.

**Priest 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 Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory Anthem** *Will We Know Him?*

Don Besig (b.1936)

**\*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-154** (*all sing*)

David Hurd (b. 1950)

*(All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion.)*

### **\*Postcommunion Prayer** (*Stand*)

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**      *People Look East (insert)*      BESANCON CAROL

**Dismissal**      BCP, p. 366

**Postlude**      *Raise Now Your Song on High*      arr. Todd Kendall

*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** ~ Gail Jacobsen

**Ushers** ~ Melissa Wall, Sue Hughes

**Chalice Bearers** ~ Vince Contreras, Kay DeCicco

### Parish Prayer List – December 18, 2022

**PLEASE NOTE:** *If you need to add or remove a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by **Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**.*

Alycia Alycia	Ellis Barbieri	Charles Bishop
Kevin B. Campbell	Cynthia Clarke	Joan Connolly
Judy Contreras	Mary Ann Crewdson	Art "Jim" Curtin
Jack DiFeo	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 Muth	Nicholas Family
Bill O'Connell	Ollie	Sharon Osborn
Brian O'Sullivan	TJ Patton	Peggy
Lucien Picard	Pat Pritchard	Rhonda Pritchard
Marie R.	Cora Raggucci	Debbie & Joe Reising
Rebecca	Ron & Kenny	Rick Rosenbaum
Elizabeth Mary Schade	The Scheimreif Family	Chloe Snyder
Lara Sparks Deitz	Charles Sullivan	Tantum Family

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

**WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR December 19<sup>th</sup> – December 24<sup>th</sup>**

19 – Mon	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
20 – Tues	Evening Prayer (FB)	5:00 PM
21 – Wed	Solstice Holy Hike at Cedar Bonnett	3:30-4:34 PM
	Choir Caroling	4:00 PM
	Praying the Psalms (FB)	7:00 PM
22 – Thurs	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
23 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
	Altar & Flower Guild to prepare for Christmas	9:30 AM
24 – Sat	<i>Christmas Eve</i>	
	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>4:30 PM</b>
	<b>Carol Sing</b>	<b>7:30 PM</b>
	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>

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

**ADVENT Food Drive** items due TODAY.

**LOOKING AHEAD**

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

Jan. 6 6:00 Feast of the Epiphany Service

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

**ANNUAL MEETING of the PARISH** - January 8<sup>th</sup> following the morning Eucharist. Light breakfast of Muffin Madness provided!

**BOOK STUDY** to resume on Thursday, January 5



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