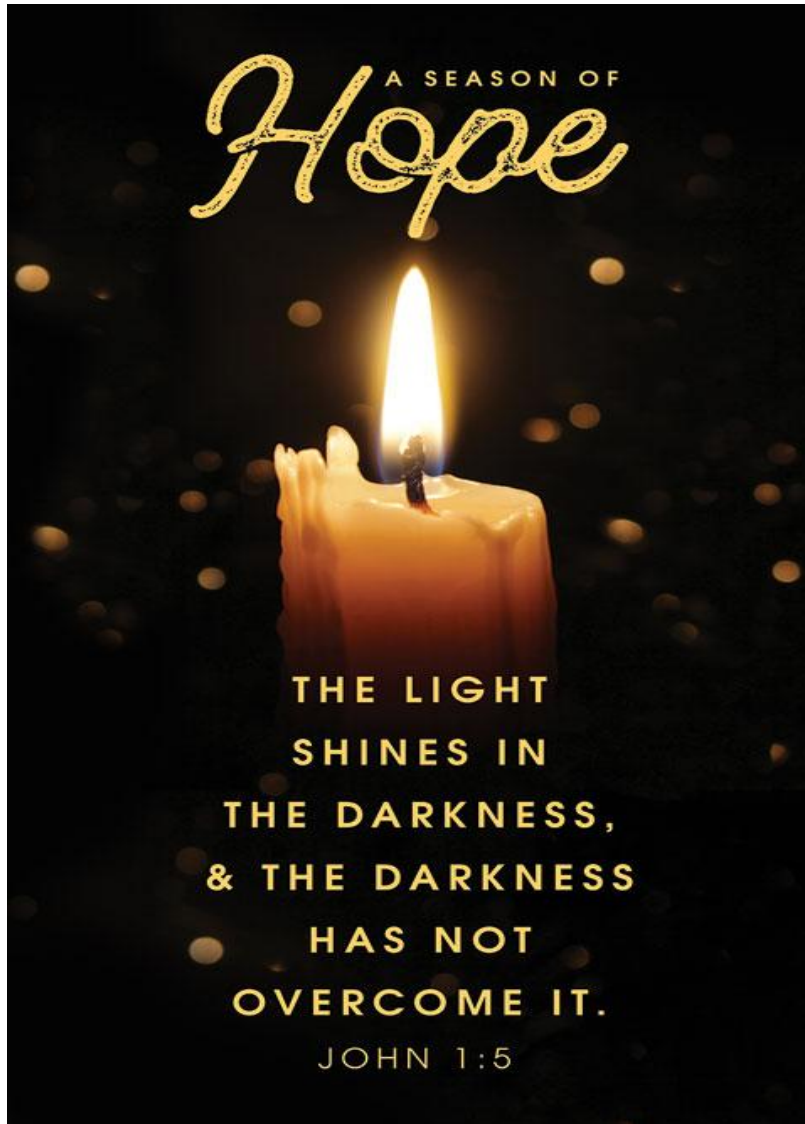


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The First Sunday of Advent



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey
3 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 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Rudolph Moser (1892-1960)

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn #56 *O Come, O Come Emmanuel (verses 1 & 2)*

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*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!*

*O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.
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 first Advent Candle is now lit.

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord:

Response **And grant us your salvation.**

The Great Litany in Procession *(See insert)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *All: Amen.*

The First Lesson

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any
God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 (*Read responsively by whole verse*)

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

I Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened

among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #9 (LEVAS) *On Jordan's Stormy Banks*
adapt. Rigdon McCoy MacIntosh (1836-1899)

The Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from
heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and
glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds,
from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and
puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these
things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you,
this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven
and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor
the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the
time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and
puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to
be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master
of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at
dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say
to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

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*)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn #57 *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending*

HELMSLEY

***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*) *Holy, Holy Holy Lord* 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

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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 #73 *The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns*

ST. STEPHEN

Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

Postlude *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*

Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)

~We welcome Barbara Wheeler as our guest organist today~

*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** ~ Bill Kehr

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

Parish Prayer List – December 3, 2023

PLEASE NOTE: *If you need to add or delete a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our
Parish Administrator by **Wednesday, December 6th**.*

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| 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 |

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| 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 | |

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

Anniversaries: Thomas & Gail Jacobsen (12/09)

Altar Candles, Sanctuary Candle: This weeks Altar Candles and Sanctuary Candle are given in celebration of Thomas and Gail Jacobsen's wedding anniversary and to the Glory of God.

WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR - Dec 4-9

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| 04 – Mon | Morning Prayer (FB Live) | 9:00 AM |
| 05 – Tues | ECW Luncheon @ Martin Hall | 12:00 PM |
| 06 – Wed | Choir Rehearsal | 10:30 – 1:30 PM |
| 07 – Thurs | Book Study @ Rectory | 2:00 PM |
| | Compline (FB) | 9:00 PM |
| 08 – Fri | <i>Parish Office closed</i> | |
| 09 – Sat | Dio NJ Financial Convention (Zoom) | 10:00 AM |
| | MESSIAH SING | 4:00 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!

ECW HOLIDAY LUNCHEON THIS TUESDAY, ALL WELCOMED!
ECW Annual Holiday Luncheon, Dec. 5th at 12:00 noon in Martin Hall.

ANNUAL MINISTRY AREA REPORTS DUE THIS FRIDAY, DEC. 8th

THE GIVING TREE ~ *This year, we will support eight (8) families with children whose ages range from 1yr.-12yrs.*

- Choose a tag that Maggie Aftanis has set up in MARTIN HALL
- Match it with the color, name, and item number on the clipboard
- Write your phone number on the opposite line
- Sign Your name on the clip board next to your choice
- Please return the gift **unwrapped**
- Tape your tag to your gift
- If you would like to include a gift bag, wrap, ribbon, and/or tape....that is greatly appreciated
- If you are shopping online, please **MAKE SURE** your delivery date is **BEFORE** the **due date of DECEMBER 10th!**



ADVENT Food Drive begins **TODAY** and will continue until **Thursday, December 21**. This annual drive will support the local St. Francis Food Pantry. Toiletry items are also welcomed. Each can be placed in labeled boxes.

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. Forms will be available in the Sunday bulletins through the 17th. Make sure the donor and recipient names are clearly written. **All donations must be in the office no later than MONDAY DECEMBER 18th.**

Give Online to Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church

It's Easy!

- Aim your camera
- Snap photo of QR code
- Open & give



Donate your way. Give one time, anytime or set up recurring donation.

Track your giving. Secure and convenient access to your giving history or change recurring donation in your account. Give faithfully anywhere, anytime.

Please get those annual pledges in!!!

FYI - Mtr. Caroline will be attending the Diocese of New Jersey Annual Clergy Conference Monday through Wednesday afternoon held in Galloway, NJ.

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