

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Sixth Sunday of Easter



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

14 May, 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 *When There is Love at Home*

Roger C. Wilson

THE WORD OF GOD

Entrance Hymn #705 *As Those of Old their First Fruits Brought* FOREST GREEN

Opening Acclamation

BCP, p. 355

The Collect for Purity

Gloria S-280 (All sing)

Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 225

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from

each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 66:7-18 (*Read alternating by whole verse*)

BCP p. 674

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

The Epistle

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #455 *O Love of God, How Strong and True*

DUNEDIN

The Holy Gospel

John 14:15-21

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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 III**

BCP, p. 387

Celebrant 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 Church of the Province of West Africa. We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for William our Bishop; for Sally our Bishop-elect, 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 Nancy 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.)

Confession and Absolution

Enriching Our Worship-1, p. 56

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory *The Gift of Love*

arr. Hal Hopson (1933)

***Presentation of the Gifts** (*All stand*)

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee

*** Eucharistic Prayer I**

Enriching Our Worship-1, p. 57

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. 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-129 (*all sing*)

Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

(The People may stand or kneel)

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You

delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again

Celebrant Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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 (*All baptized Christians may receive Holy Communion*)

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

***Postcommunion Prayer** (*Please stand*) *Enriching Our Worship-1*, p. 70

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

Blessing

The Parish Notices

Hymn #292 *O Jesus, Crowned with All Renown* KINGSFOLD

Dismissal BCP, p. 366

Postlude *Fanfares on Easter Hymn* Robert Lau (b.1943)

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all the Moms out there!

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

Serving Today

Crucifer ~ John Wall **Lector** ~ Leila Sullivan

Ushers ~ Bob Weidmann, Sue Hughes **Chalice Bearer** ~ Leila Sullivan

Parish Prayer List – May 14, 2023

PLEASE NOTE: If you need to add or remove a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by Tuesday, May 16th.

Charles Bishop	Kevin B. Campbell	Joan Connolly
Judy Contreras	Mary Ann Crewdson	Faith
Joni	Kevin	Lovas Family
Ollie	Peggy	Pat Pritchard
Rhonda Pritchard	Debbie & Joe Reising	Rebecca
Chloe Snyder	Lara Sparks Deitz	Charles Sullivan
Ann White	Jane Enos	Nancy & Gary Acker
Wayne Kotter	Eileen Mitchell	Linda G.
Amie	Judy Boies	Dennis
Jo-Anne	Dave Elfreth	Karen Grossman
Rick Johnson	Louise Muth	Elliott
Faye	Adam Houser	Jan
Karen & DJ	Marie R.	Bill Todd
Ron & Kenny	Box Family	Dcn. Judy
Amy M.	Sue W.	Mike Daly
Mary Matzer	Anne	Diana
Diane Carter	Anthony B.	Connie Anderson
Christian Balint	Barney H.	Mary Jane Mannherz
Rick Bouton		

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions: Paul Bailey
Justin A. Dumhart, Joseph Alexander, Danny Melega, Andrew Wall, Brandan White

Birthdays: Daniel Ackley (05/15), Marge Hall (05/15), Angela Partridge Hala (05/16)
Jane Romanowski (05/16), Robert Bachman (05/18), Allison Goddard (05/20)

Anniversaries: Kristen & Marjorie Anderson (05/16), William & Mary Jo Martin (05/19)

WEEKLY CALENDAR May 15– May 19

15 – Mon	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
16 – Tues	Evening Prayer (FB)	6:00 PM

17 – Wed	Choir Rehearsal	10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
	Prayer Ministry	4:00 PM
18 – Thurs	Book Study at rectory	2:00 PM
	Ascension Day Mass	6:00 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
19 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	

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RECTOR’S FORUM SET FOR MAY 21 following the morning service!

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WEEKLY SERVICES

Morning Prayer – Mondays at 9:00 AM via Facebook Live, led by Bill Kehr

Evening Prayer – Tuesdays at 6:00 PM via FB Live, led by Mtr. C+

Compline – Thursdays at 9:00 PM via FB Live, led by Rob Meyer

Other? – Would you like to lead a weekly service? Let Mtr. C+ know!

PRAYER MINISTRY

Our Prayer Ministry team meets monthly and is led by Judy Contreras. Contact her if interested in joining! judyc3956@gmail.com

FYI - The 7:30 Rite I Eucharist service will begin on **MAY 28**, Memorial Weekend
Please make sure your contact information is up-to-date by contacting the Church Office with any changes or corrections!

EVENING PRAYER around the firepit at the rectory followed by a **brown-bag dinner** on **TUESDAY, MAY 23rd** beginning at **6:30 PM**. Please RSVP to Mtr. Caroline+ so that she can set out chairs etc.

ASCENSION DAY MASS, MAY 18th at 6:00 PM, in-person.

A REMINDER – Please **DO NOT** leave cash or place cash in envelopes on Lisa’s desk in the Church Office when she is not there. Please drop in the lockbox outside the office.

SEEKING DAILY OFFICE and/or WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL leaders

Mtr. Caroline+ would like to implement some weekly read/shared devotionals and/or another daily office to the mix of our Facebook OR IN-PERSON offerings. If you are interested, please see her and she can train you to lead one of these services in person or online!

THANK YOU to the team of folks who have been painting, cleaning, setting up, breaking down, and working diligently, sometimes earlier in the morning and sometimes late into the evening, on our Kitchen, Martin Hall, and Hallway / foyer areas at the church! Terrific progress is being made!

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