

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, February 17	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ~ Presidents' Day	
	Morning Prayer (on your own)	9:00am
Wednesday February 19	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm-8:30pm
Thursday, February 20	Mah Jongg	1:00pm
	Bible Study at the Parsonage	3:30pm
	Evening Prayer	5:00pm
	AA Meeting	7:00pm
Friday, February 21	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	
Sunday, February 23	The Holy Eucharist: Rite II	9:30am
<i>The Last Sunday after the Epiphany</i>	Fellowship	10:30am

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

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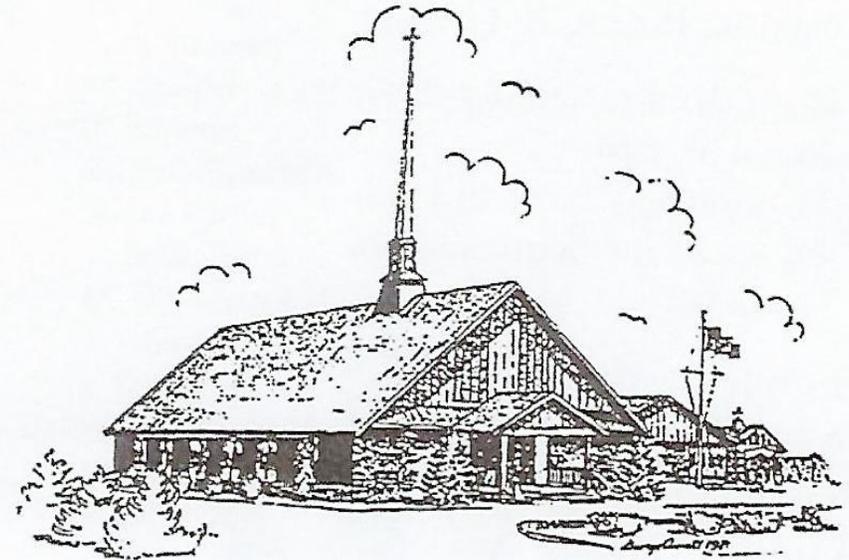
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The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey
16 February, 2020 ~ 9:30 AM*

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Welcome! The liturgy is found in the **Red** Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and the Music is found in the **Blue** Hymnal. If you are a baptized Christian, regardless of denomination, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

9:25 am - Sacrament of Healing (*If you would like prayers for healing for yourself or in intercession for a loved one, please come forward to the altar.*)

Prelude

(Please observe respectful quiet during the Healing & Prelude. Thank you.)

** Indicates to stand as you are able*

THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn #304 *I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord* LAND OF REST

**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.*

**Gloria in excelsis S280* (all sing) Robert Powell (b.1932)

***The Collect of the Day:** BCP, p. 216

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *All: Amen.*

Parish Prayer List - Week of February 16, 2020

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Ada	Alan	Carol Earl
Glen Allen	George Ambrose	Joan Cunningham
Marie Bregler	Charles González	Vanessa Maykish
Joan Connolly	Luis González	Lara Sparks
Mary Ann Crewdson	Johnny	Robert Thomas
Michael Read Davis	Diane Lee	Joel & Kate White
Dennis	Gail Lovenduski	Marcus
Donald Deacon	Carol Dobbins	Faye & Ed
Frank	Jeannine	Linda M.
Bob	Virginia Nicholas	Carol Ann Renzland
Sissy	Val	Ann White
Matt Brown	Cecily Lovas	Meg Dougher
Bob Prindible	Kurt Martin	Phil Hieronimus
Bonnie Graham	Javy Vargas	Kathy Rice
Judy Contreras	Marie Serfling	Rich Serfling
Marcus	Jim Dinnian	Kay DeCicco
Barbara Hanlon	Barbara Wheeler	Aurora

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

Birthdays: Joe Johnson (02/17), Edward Miller (02/21), Gabriella Vaughan (02/21)

Anniversaries: Philip & Marilyn Flagler (02/22)

Music During Communion

LEVAS #201 *I've Got Peace Like a River*

Traditional Spiritual

Postcommunion Prayer (*Stand or kneel*)

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

*Hymn #423 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO

*Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the
Spirit. *Alleluia! Alleluia!*

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

Today to celebrate Black History month, we sing the spiritual
"I've Got Peace Like a River" during communion. This spiritual
compares the peace of God to a placidly flowing river, the joy of
Christ to a merrily bubbling fountain, and the love of God to a deep,
wide ocean. source: Hymnary.org



The Lesson

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual: Psalm 119:1-8

Today, our choir will sing verses and the congregation will sing the response below:



- 1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, *
who walk in the law of the LORD!
- 2 Happy are they who observe his decrees *
and seek him with all their hearts!
- 3 Who never do any wrong, *
but always walk in his ways.
- 4 You laid down your commandments, *
that we should fully keep them.

5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct *
 that I might keep your statutes!
 6 Then I should not be put to shame, *
 when I regard all your commandments.
 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, *
 when I have learned your righteous judgments.
 8 I will keep your statutes; *
 do not utterly forsake me.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #440 Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

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***The Holy Gospel**

Matthew 5:21-37

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

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to

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 The Holy Innocents and 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

The Breaking of the Bread

[*Alleluia.*] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
All: **Therefore let us keep the feast.** [*Alleluia.*]
 (*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*)

Fraction Anthem: S-155 Christ Our Passover (All sing) Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
 sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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) W. Mathias (1934-1992)
(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,

judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. "Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

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

***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.

Silence

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 Central Africa The Most Revd Albert Chama - Archbishop of Central Africa & Bishop of Northern Zambia. We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for William our Bishop; for Judith our Deacon, 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 Donald 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.)*

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

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

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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Parish Notices

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Anthem *Bless Us Now This Day*

Douglas Wagner (b. 1952)

***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**

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