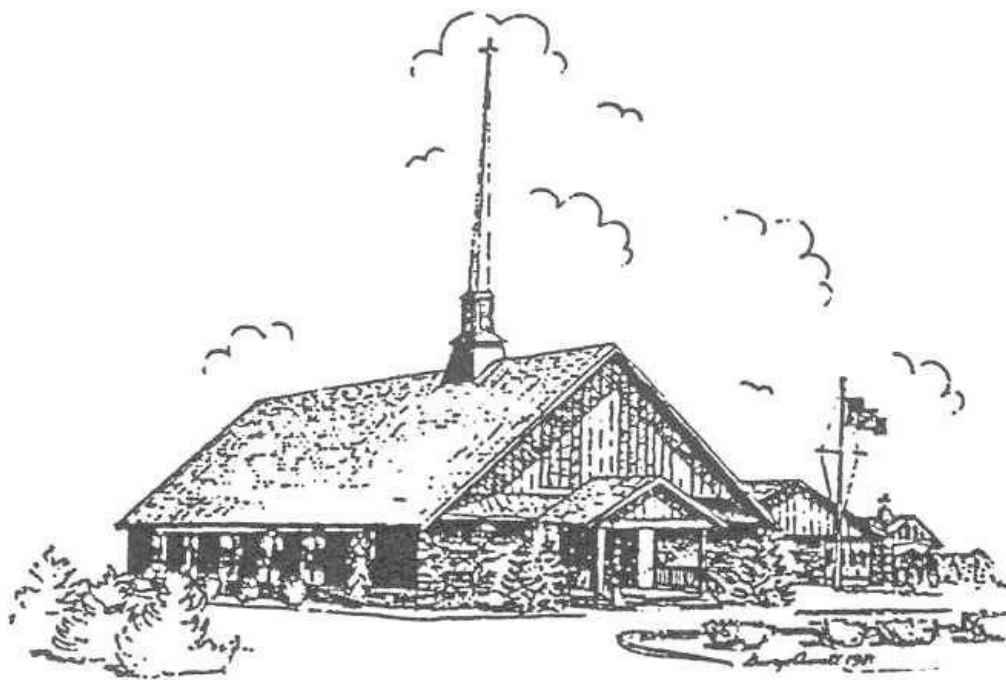


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

*The Last Sunday after The Epiphany*



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents  
in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey  
11 February, 2024 ~ 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** *Prelude on a Theme of Brahms*

Gordon Young (1919-1998)

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Entrance Hymn #75 (LEVAS)** *Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring* William B. Cooper (1920-1993)

**Opening Acclamation**

**BCP, p. 355**

*Gloria S-280 (All sing)* ***Gloria in excelsis***

Robert Powell (1932)

**The Collect of the Day:**

**BCP, p. 217**

**The First Lesson**

**2 Kings 2:1-12**

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some

distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 50:1-6** (Alternating by whole verse)

**BCP, p. 654**

### **The Epistle**

**2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn #178** *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord* ALLELUIA NO.1

## The Holy Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

*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 VI (*The people may stand or kneel*)

BCP, p. 392

*Celebrant* Let us offer our prayers to God.

*Silence*

*Leader* For all people in their daily life and work;

*People* **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

*Leader* For Nancy our Mayor, Philip our Governor, and Joseph our President; for this community, the nation, and the world;

*People* **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

*Leader* For the just and proper use of your creation;

*People* **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

*Leader* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*People* **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

*Leader* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*People* **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

*Leader* In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan. We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Sally our Bishop; for Judith our Deacon, for Caroline, our Rector and for all bishops and other ministers;

*People* **For all who serve God in his Church.**

*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.

*(The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud at this time.)*

*Leader* Hear us, Lord;

*People* **For your mercy is great.**

*Leader* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life; for the beauty of your creation; for those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week, and, all the saints.

*Leader* We will exalt you, O God our King;

*People* **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

*Leader* We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *(Deceased loved ones and friends may be mentioned at this time.)*

*Leader* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*People* **Who put their trust in you.**

*Celebrant* O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Confession and Absolution**

**BCP p. 360**

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

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory Anthem** *Seek Ye First*

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**

**BCP, p. 367**

**Sanctus S-129** (*All sing*) *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

Robert Powell (1932)

**The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP, p. 364**

**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.)*

**Music During Communion**

*Veni, Sancte, Spiritus* (Come, Holy Spirit)

Taizé Community

Verses: Joan Melega - Congregation join on refrain "*Veni, Sancte, Spiritus*"

**\*Postcommunion Prayer** (*Please stand*)

BCP, p. 365

**Blessing**

**The Parish Notices**

**Hymn #460**     *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!*

HYFRYDOL

**Dismissal**

BCP, p. 366

**Postlude**     *Alleluias*

Robert Lau (b. 1943)

*Coffee Hour is held EVERY SUNDAY - Please join us in Martin Hall!*

**Serving Today:** Crucifer ~ *John Wall*    **Lector** ~ *Kay DeCicco*

**Ushers** ~ *Bob Weidman, Sue Hughes*    **Chalice Bearer** ~ *Kay DeCicco*

**Parish Prayer List – February 11, 2024**

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

Judy Contreras

Lara Sparks Deitz

Joan Connolly

Mary Ann Crewdson

Dennis

Mary Timmerman

Connie Anderson

Christian Balint

Barney H.

Susan F.

Cheryl

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

Fiona

Graham

Bob

Sue	Melanie	Sophia
Joseph	Paris	Jim Darling
Charles Sullivan	Warren Lamon	Rachel
Louise Muth	Teri Keller	Gia
Cora	Hunter Gideon	Vic Hughes
Rick & Becky Johnson	Frank M.	Ray M.
Kate White	Joey	Diane Dreby
Cameron Sanders	Patty August	Hank Henninger
Canon Don Muller	Sue P.	Pat McCorrison
Bill Cowper		

**Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:**

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

**Birthdays:** Anita Miller (02/11), Noah James Dondero (02/12), David Thomas Hunter (02/13), Joe Johnson (02/17)

**Altar Flowers:** This week's Altar Flowers are by given by Steve & Gail Steiner in celebration of their anniversary and to the Glory of God.

**WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR February 11 – February 16**

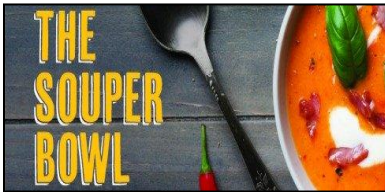
11 – Sun	SOUPER BOWL	During Coffee Hour
12 – Mon	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
13 – Tues	<i>Mardi gras</i> Pancake Supper/Playground Fundraiser	5:00 til 8:00 PM
14 – Wed	Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist with Choir	12:00 PM
	<i>Ashes to Go</i>	4:00 PM-6:00 PM
	AA (Open) Women's Meeting	6:00 PM
15 – Thurs	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
16 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
	Stations of the Cross (FB)	6:00 PM



## Musical Highlight for Black History Month

This morning we sing *Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring* by black composer and Philadelphia native William B. Cooper (1920-1993) He received his B.M. and M.M. degrees from the Philadelphia College of Performing Arts and a Doctorate of Music from Columbia Pacific University (California). In 1988, he was awarded a Doctorate of Sacred Music (honoris causa) from Christ Theological Seminary in Yonkers, New York. Cooper pursued additional music studies at the School of Sacred Music of Union Theological Seminary (New York), the Manhattan School of Music, and Trinity College of Music (London). He served on the music faculties of Bennett College (Greensboro, NC) and Hampton University (Hampton, VA) as well as 26 years in the New York City School System. Cooper also served as Minister of Music at historic Saint Philip's Episcopal Church (1953-74) and Saint Martin's Episcopal Church (1974-88) in Harlem. His musical output consists of works for organ, voice, chorus, orchestra, and ballet. Composed in 1973, *Pastorale* is one of three Cooper organ works by this title. It is a set of variations based on a melody from William Walker's 19th century compilation, *The Southern Harmony and Musical Companion*.

Source: *Pipedreams*



## DURING COFFEE HOUR TODAY!!

As is our custom, we will have two soup kettles representing the two football teams that are playing in the NFL game later that day. Put your donation in the kettle of your choice. In the past the most \$'s collected in a team's kettle will be the winning team that evening! All donations collected during SOUPER BOWL coffee hour will be sent to OPERATION SMILE.



**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13th from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m.**

***Mardi gras Celebration Pancake Supper!***

**PLAYGROUND COMMUNITY FUNDRAISER**

Gather in Martin Hall for a pancake supper and music-filled *Mardi gras* Celebration. Enjoy a costume contest, prizes, and a drawing. Please RSVP to [hichurch08008@gmail.com](mailto:hichurch08008@gmail.com) or call Lisa in the Church Office at (609) 492-7571.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

### *Holy Eucharist at 12:00 noon February 14th*

The first of the forty days of Lent, named for the custom of placing blessed ashes on the foreheads of worshipers at Ash Wednesday services. The ashes are a sign of penitence and a reminder of mortality, and may be imposed with the sign of the cross. Ash Wednesday is observed as a fast in the church year of the Episcopal Church. The Ash Wednesday service is one of the Proper Liturgies for Special Days in the BCP (p. 264). Imposition of ashes at the Ash Wednesday service is optional.

### *ASHES-to-GO!*

If you are unable to attend our noonday Ash Wednesday service, you may be interested in our *Ashes-to-go* offering. **Between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.**, Mtr. Caroline+ will be in the Narthex and at the front drive of our church to offer a short prayer and the Imposition of Ashes on-the-go!

### COFFEE HOUR

Our weekly Coffee Hours are gaining popularity and attendance! It's a marvelous opportunity for our parishioners to socialize, participate in various workshops, and welcome new members and visitors. Our committee invites you to participate in another important way by providing an EASY refreshment to accompany the coffee and tea that is provided each week. Examples include bagels, cookies, bread, cupcakes, etc. These food items can be homemade or bought, and you DO NOT have to make the coffee!



If you would like to sign up for a week during the months of February through May, please locate the Coffee Hour Schedule that is posted on the bulletin board outside Martin Hall, or contact Ellen Kehr (814)598-4973 or [bkehrfl@comcast.net](mailto:bkehrfl@comcast.net). The weeks that are unavailable are the second Sundays of each month because they are reserved for Vestry Birthday Cakes. *Thank you so much!*

**Didn't receive an Annual Report Booklet?  
Please see the church office for a copy!**

## **SAVE THE DATES!**

**Spring 2024 Concerts – reception will follow!**

**Saturday March 16** *Nocturnes* Big Band

**Saturday April 6** *Happy Together* (friends making music)

**Sunday June 9** *Capital Singers of Trenton*

**NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES** are available in the Narthex. Please call Lisa in the church office when you have any changes to your information, so that she can keep the church directory up to date!!

## **PARDON the PROGRESS**

You'll notice a large wooden structure in the nave for a few weeks! A PRAYER NOOK is coming and it will be set with candles, cards, meditations, and reflections. The structure was the old platform on which the font was placed. Because our Anglican theology centralizes Baptism, Mtr. Caroline+ moved the Baptismal font into the aisle a few years back and there it will stay for easy access to personal entrance piety (the Episcopal practice of crossing oneself after dipping your fingers into the holy water of the font as you enter a church building.)

## **Mtr. Caroline's UPCOMING TRAVEL**

Soon, on the evening of February 18<sup>th</sup>, Mtr. Caroline+ will be traveling for a couple of weeks abroad. For part of her travels, she will be visiting and working with the Anglican presence in the Republic of Georgia. That group is officially part of The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, under the pastoral oversight of Bishop Mark Edington. Mtr. C+ will have pastoral on-call information in next week's E-pistle and bulletin!

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