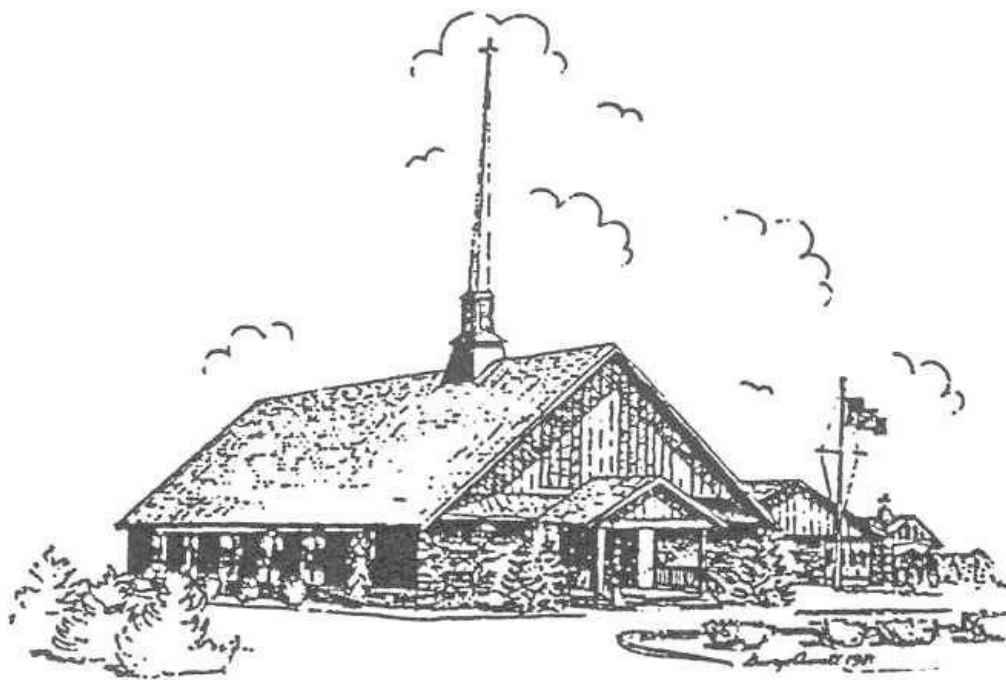


The Holy Eucharist: Rite I

*The Second Sunday in Lent*



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents  
in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey  
25 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**                      *Were You There?*    Dorothy Wells (1926-2008)

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

**Entrance Hymn #401**                      *The God of Abraham Praise* vv. 1,3&5    LEONI

*\*The Opening Acclamation*    **BCP, p. 323**

**The Collect for Purity**    **BCP, p. 323**

**Summary of the Law**    **BCP, p. 324**

*Kyrie S-96 (All sing)*                      *Lord, Have Mercy*    Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828)

**The Collect of the Day**    **BCP, p. 166**

**The First Lesson**    **Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by

her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 22:22-30** (Read alternating by whole verse)

**BCP, p. 611**

22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; \*

stand in awe of him,

O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; \*

but when they cry to him he hears them.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \* "May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

**The Epistle**

**Romans 4:13-25**

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the

adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn #675**

*Take Up Your Cross*

BOURBON

**The Holy Gospel**

**Mark 8:31-38**

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

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord**

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.** (*All are seated*)

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Martin Lavengood +**

**\*The Nicene Creed**

**BCP, p. 326**

**The Prayers of the People**

**BCP, p. 329**

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

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory Hymn #474**

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

**ROCKINGHAM**

**\*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 II**

**BCP, p. 340**

*Sanctus S-130 (all sing) Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

Schubert

**The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP, p. 364**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*Agnus Dei S-164 (all sing) Jesus, Lamb of God* Schubert  
(All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion.)

**\*Postcommunion Prayer** (*Please stand*) **BCP, p. 339**

**Blessing**

**The Parish Notices**

**Hymn LEVAS #1** *Lift Every Voice and Sing* J. Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954)

**Dismissal** **BCP, p. 366**

**Postlude** *The Old Rugged Cross* George Bennard (1873-1958)

**WELCOME The Rev. Martin Lavengood +**  
*We are happy you are with us today ☺*

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

**Serving Today:** *Crucifer ~ John Wall Lector ~ Gail Jacobsen*

**Ushers ~ Melissa Wall, Gail Jacobsen Chalice Bearer ~ Gail Jacobsen**

**Parish Prayer List – February 25, 2024**

**PLEASE NOTE: *This is the last Sunday in February. All names will be removed from the prayer list unless you have requested to leave them on. If you need to add a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.***

Judy Contreras  
Mary Ann Crewdson  
Connie Anderson  
Susan F.  
Jason  
Christine Hendricks  
Ron & Kenny  
Judy & Al  
Pierro Family

Lara Sparks Deitz  
Dennis  
Christian Balint  
Cheryl  
Kirsten Angelozzi  
Andy  
Jeannine  
Joan & Linda Kelly  
David D'Ambrosia

Joan Connolly  
Mary Timmerman  
Barney H.  
Dayton  
Bob Hendricks  
Kathy & Walter  
Priscilla  
Chris C.  
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 McCorriston
Ed & Fran Kurocka	The Flagler Family	The Blake/Carolan Families
Steve & Dawn Swarter	Anne White	Gail South
Bishop Michael Curry	TJ Patton	Beth Camarote
Austin	Barry B.	

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

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

**Birthdays:** Connie Anderson (02/26), John P. Dondero (02/26), Sherry Johnson (02/26)  
Leila Sullivan (02/27), Jo-Anne Entrikin (02/28), Barry Baxter (02/29)

**Anniversaries:** Robert & Ellen Meyer, Jr. (02/26)

**WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR February 28 – March 1**

28 – Wed	AA (Open) Women’s Meeting	6:00 PM
29 – Thurs	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
01 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
	Stations of the Cross (FB)	6:00 PM

**Musical Selection for Black History Month**

We celebrate our last service during Black History month with our final hymn *Lift Every Voice and Sing* with lyrics by James Weldon Johnson (1871–1938) and

set to music by his brother, J. Rosamond Johnson (1873–1954). Written from the context of African Americans in the late 19th century, the hymn (written for the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's Birthday) is a prayer of thanksgiving to God as well as a prayer for faithfulness and freedom, with imagery that evokes the biblical Exodus from slavery to the freedom of the "promised land." Premiered in 1900, "Lift Every Voice and Sing" was communally sung within Black American communities, while the NAACP began to promote the hymn as a *Negro national anthem* in 1917 (with the term *Black national anthem* similarly used in the present day). It has been featured in 42 different Christian hymnals, and it has also been performed by various African American singers and musicians. *Wikipedia*

## **SAVE THE DATE! 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*

### **WHILE MTR. C+ is away...**

Please reach out to your wardens first and if an emergency arises,  
the following clergy are on call.

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**Dcn. Judy Krom** – [jsk13@comcast.net](mailto:jsk13@comcast.net) and (732) 262-8072

**Warden - Dave White** – [pacsman1965@comcast.net](mailto:pacsman1965@comcast.net) and (609) 477-8709

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