

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The First Sunday after The Epiphany
The Baptism of Our Lord



~ painting by Andrea del Verrocchio (1472-1476)

The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey
7 January, 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 *We Three Kings* J. H. Hopkins (1820-1891), arr. Steven Scott

THE WORD OF GOD

Entrance Hymn #76 *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry* WINCHESTER NEW

Opening Acclamation **BCP, p. 355**

Gloria in excelsis S-280 (All sing) Robert Powell (1932)

The Collect of the Day: **BCP, p. 214**

The First Lesson **Genesis 1:1-5**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29 **BCP, p. 620**

The Second Lesson **Acts 19:1-7**

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have

not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied — altogether there were about twelve of them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #120 *The Sinless One* vv. 1,2,3 & 6 SOLEMNIS HAEC FESTIVITAS

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

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

(The people may stand or kneel)

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 Scottish Episcopal Church. We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Sally our Bishop; 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

BCP p. 360

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn #295 *Sing Praise to Our Creator* CHRISTUS, DER IST MEIN LEBEN

***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

As With Gladness Men of Old

Henry J. Markworth (1900-1953)

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

BCP, p. 366

Blessing

The Parish Notices

Hymn #141 (LEVAS) *Shall We Gather at the River* Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

Dismissal BCP, p. 366

Postlude *Variations on "Winchester New"* David Lasky (b. 1957)

*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** ~ TBA

Ushers ~ Kay DeCicco, Mike DeCicco **Chalice Bearer** ~ TBA

Parish Prayer List – January 7, 2024

PLEASE NOTE: *If you need to add or remove a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our
Parish Administrator by Wednesday, January 10th.*

Judy Contreras	Lara Sparks Deitz	Joan Connolly
Mary Ann Crewdson	Dennis	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	Fiona	Graham
Bob	Sue	Melanie
Sophia	Joseph	Paris
Jim Darling	Charles Sullivan	Warren Lamon
Greg Melega	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

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

Birthdays: Caroline Carson (01/12), Justin Dumhart (01/12), Judith Krom (01/13)

Altar Flowers: This week's Altar Flowers are given in memory of Doris Deacon and Donald Deacon by Ruth McLaughlin and to the Glory of God.

WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR January 8 – January 12

08 - Mon	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
09 – Tues	Evening Prayer (FB)	6:00 PM
11 – Thurs	Book Study at church	2:00 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
12 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	

***Please join us for our Annual meeting after this worship service!
A light fare of breakfast foods is provided!***

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