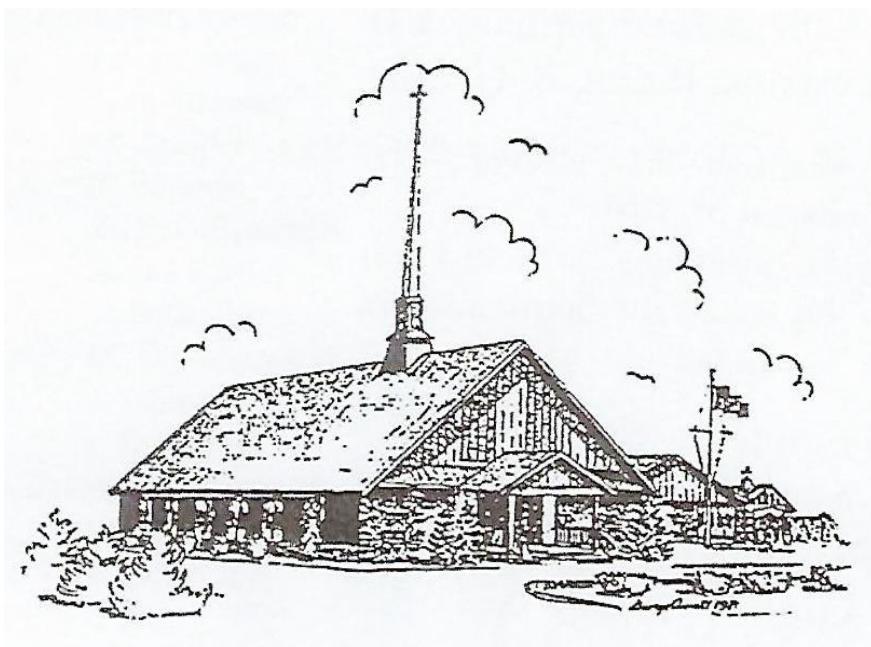


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Season After Pentecost Proper XII



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

Prelude *Voluntary*

Hymn #635 *If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee* WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Celebrant*: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People*: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.

**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*

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All: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

The Collect of the Day

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O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *All: Amen.*

The Lesson

1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have

kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual: Psalm 119:129-136 (*Read responsively by whole verse*)

129 Your decrees are wonderful; *

 therefore I obey them with all my heart.

130 When your word goes forth it gives light; *

 it gives understanding to the simple.

131 I open my mouth and pant; *

 I long for your commandments.

132 Turn to me in mercy, *

 as you always do to those who love your Name.

133 Steady my footsteps in your word; *

 let no iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, *

 and I will keep your commandments.

135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant *

 and teach me your statutes.

136 My eyes shed streams of tears, *

 because people do not keep your law.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #173 (LEVAS) *Keep Me Every Day* (vs. 1&3) E.S. Dean

*The Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** (*All are seated*)

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Caroline Carson+

The Nicene Creed

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***The Prayers of the People: Form III**
(*The people may stand or kneel*)

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Celebrant: 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 team
responsible for preparing the Lambeth Conference, which was due to
be taking place now – please pray for them as they consider the
implications of its postponement in light of the Covid-19 pandemic.
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 O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen*

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

Confession - Minister and People

ALL: 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.*

***The Peace (All stand)**

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

People: **And also with you.**

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

***The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A**

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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 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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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 and Benedictus (All)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(The People may stand or kneel)

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the

night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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

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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

Celebrant: *Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;*

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Currently, our diocesan guidelines allow us to offer the Holy Sacraments in one kind only. The Bread will be offered and Wine will be placed on the altar for adoration.)

Postcommunion Prayer (Stand or kneel)

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 #414 God, My King, Thy Might Confessing (vs. 1,5 & 6)** STUTTGART

***Dismissal**

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Parish Prayer List - Week of July 26, 2020

PLEASE NOTE: This is the last Sunday in July. All names will be removed from the prayer list. If you need to add a name for August, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by **Wednesday, July 29th.**

Ada	Dcn Judy	Aurora
Bob	Marie Bregler	Joan Connolly
Judy Contreras	Mary Ann Crewdson	Michael Read Davis
Donald Deacon	Dennis	Carol Dobbins
Meg Dougher	Angela	Faye & Ed
Frank	Barbara Hanlon	John Hughes
Jeannine	Johnny	Diane Lee
Cecily Lovas	Gail Lovenduski	Linda M.
Virginia Nicholas	Hieronymus Family	Carol Ann Renzland
Hillary	Lara Sparks	Robert Thomas
Colin Walker	Ann White	Joel & Kate White
Bonnie	Lapinski Family	Kurt Martin
Hawkes Family	Bill O'Connell	Nancy & David
Bill	Alicia	Jacklyn
Walter	Phillip Tracy	Javy Vargas
Kathy Rice	Marie Serfling	Rich Serfling
Joe, Pat & Rich	Bob Prindible	Sam
Shelly	Rebecca	Susan
Jessica Zarnick	Yoder Family	Trent
Mary	Ashley	Danielle
Kathleen	Alda Cumings	Rosemary
Ward Family	Matt Russo	Memphis Rank
Melissa & Tyler	Sullivan Family	Mariel & Alexa
Flagler Family	Theo	Joey Hinton
Sheila Frey	Carole Lee Kenney	Elizabeth Ann
Evelyn Nancy	Ladislaw Family	Steve, Jan & Mary
Marcie Barnett	Cindy Parker	Jeanette Peterson
Barbara Josephine	Ruth Wolf	Steve Alexander
Vaughan Family	Family & Friends of Pam	Stephneski Schwartz
Shirley Harris	Rob & Stacey	Anderson/Steiner Families

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: Kris Anderson (07/27), John Johnson (07/29), Emily Mrazek (08/01)

Altar Flowers: Today's Altar Flowers are given in memory of Robert Bregler by Marie Bregler for their 68th wedding anniversary and to the Glory of God.

WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR July 27th-31st

27 – Mon	Morning Prayer	9:00 AM
	Compline	9:00 PM
28 – Tues	Sung Evening Prayer	6:00 PM
30 – Thursday	Compline	9:00 PM
31 – Friday	Kid's Korner	7:00 PM

WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS to wipe down pews and items between the 7:30 service and again after the 9:30 service

REMEMBER

Masks must be worn at all times, unless aged 2 or under or your severity of health/breathing medically prevents it. No congregational singing is allowed according to diocesan guidelines.

GIVING YOUR WAY

1 Weekly Offering

Place offering envelopes or check/cash in the plate during worship service. Mailing or dropping at church is always an option!

2 Direct Giving from Your Checking Account

If you pay your bills online, simply add HI as a payee. Most banks allow you to set this up as a recurring gift if you like.

3 Online through GivePlus+ Church NEW!

Go to our website hiecbh.com to set up an account or make a one-time gift through our safe & secure GivePlus+ service.

4 Mobile Giving NEW!

Use your cell phone. Download the GivePlus+ Church app from your iphone's App Store or android's Google Play. Search for HI using our zipcode 08008. Set up an account or donate without an account using your checking account or a credit card. Recurring payments will need an account set up.

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