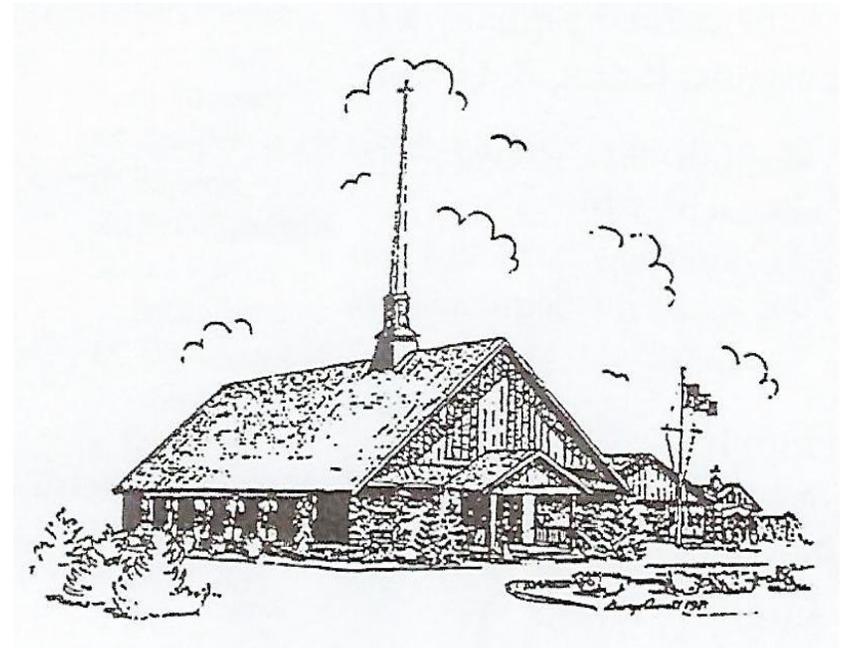


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II *The Fourth Sunday in Lent*



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in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey
22 March, 2020 ~ 9:30 AM*

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Prelude

The Penitential Order

*Hymn #440 *Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word* vs. 1&3

LIEBSTER JESU

The General Confession and Absolution

BCP, p. 352

THE WORD OF GOD

*The Collect of the Day:

BCP, p. 219

The Lesson

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS~March 22, 2020

ARTICLES WANTED

Would you be willing to write a mini-article for the Parish Post and/or E-pistle? Please let Mtr. Caroline+ or Lisa Halpin know. Also, if you would like to share an individual paragraph of how you are coping with COVID-19, what you have learned, or a positive story that you have experienced, please send to Lisa at hichurch08008@gmail.com

FLOWERS FOR EASTER

If you would like to memorialize loved ones with a donation toward Easter Flowers, forms will be available through Sunday, April 5th. You may either print a form off of our website, or via the weekly E-Pistle, complete and send in with your payment. If you do not have access to a computer or printing capabilities, please call the office and Lisa will complete a form for you and you can drop off or mail your payment. Please make sure the donor and recipient names are clearly written and please note "Altar Guild-Easter" in the check memo. **All donations must be in the office no later than April 6th!**

If you are not yet a member of The Episcopal Church or of Holy Innocents' in particular, and you would like to consider it, please contact one of our clergy.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 24	Sung Evening Prayer	6:00pm
Thursday, March 26	Lenten Series (Live-stream)	6:30pm
Friday, March 27	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED	
	Stations of the Cross (Live-stream)	6:00pm
Sunday, March 29	The Holy Eucharist: Rite II (Live-stream)	9:30am
<i>The Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>		

Parish Prayer List - Week of March 22, 2020

After the last Sunday of each month, all names will be removed from this Prayer List. If you would like a name to remain for another month, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator.

Ada	Alan	Aurora
Bob	Marie Bregler	Joan Connolly
Judy Contreras	Mary Ann Crewdson	Joan Cunningham
Michael Read Davis	Donald Deacon	Dennis
Carol Dobbins	Meg Dougher	Carol Earl
Faye & Ed	Frank	Barbara Hanlon
John Hughes	Jeannine	Johnny
Diane Lee	Ceily Lovas	Gail Lovenduski
Linda M.	Susie Nee	Virginia Nicholas
Carol Ann Renzland	Sissy	Lara Sparks
Robert Thomas	Colin Walker	Barbara Wheeler
Ann White	Joel & Kate White	Maggie Degnan
Bonnie	Renny	

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: Erin Davis Horleman (03/22), Steven Scott Miller (03/22) Peter Pierce (03/25), Joyce Hillyer (03/26), Jacob Peacock (03/27) Sarah Angelozzi (03/28), Thomas Horleman (03/28) Frank McLaughlin (03/28)

SPRING CONCERT SERIES

Saturday, April 18th at 4pm

Claudia Pellegrini ~ violinist

Saturday, May 9th at 4pm

Jimmy Merchant Jazz Trio with vocalist

Saturday, June 6th at 4pm

Capital Singers of Trenton

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him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual: Psalm 23

BCP, p. 612

The Epistle

Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

***The Holy Gospel**

John 9:1-41

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began

to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not

listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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 I

BCP, p. 383

The Parish Notices

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee

*The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

Postcommunion Prayer (*Stand or kneel*)

BCP, p. 365

Solemn Prayer Over the People

*Hymn 490 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* vs. 1&3

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*Dismissal

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Postlude