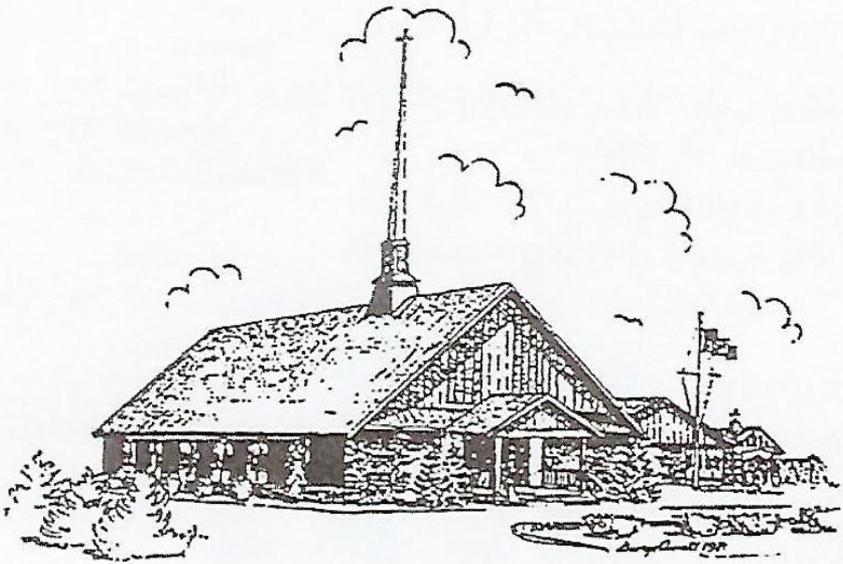


The Holy Eucharist: Rite I

*The Fourth Sunday
of Lent*



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey
14 March, 2021 ~ 9:30 AM*

Prelude *Voluntary*

(Please observe respectful quiet during this time. Thank you.)

***Entrance Hymn #686** *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* (vs. 1&3)

NETTLETON

THE WORD OF GOD

***The Opening Acclamation**

BCP, p. 323

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

All: **His mercy endureth for ever.**

The Collect for Purity

BCP, p. 323

Celebrant: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Summary of the Law

BCP, p. 324

Celebrant: Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie eleison (All) Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

BCP, p. 219

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

The Epistle

Ephesians 2:-1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

***Sequence Hymn #467** *Sing My Soul His Wonderous Love* ST. BEES

*The Holy Gospel

John 3:14-21

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

People: **Glory be to thee, O Christ**

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and

do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Judith S. Krom

***The Nicene Creed**

BCP, p. 326

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

BCP, p. 329

Deacon: Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Leader: Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine

Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, William, our bishop, Judith, our deacon, and Caroline, our rector, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Joe, our president, Philip, our governor, and Colleen, our mayor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of The Holy Innocents and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

The Confession of Sin

BCP, p. 331

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we

have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name.

The Absolution

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *All: Amen.*

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

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

All: **And with thy spirit.**

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated

The Parish Notices

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

***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**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus (All): Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(The people may kneel or stand)

Celebrant: All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *All: Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

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: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Agnus Dei (All)

O lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us,

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

All: We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of

thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. *Amen*

The Communion

(All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion. Diocesan guidelines allow the Holy Sacraments in one kind only. Bread will be offered and Wine will be placed on the altar for adoration.)

The Prayer of Spiritual Communion

St. Alphonsus Liguori

(Prayed by those who would normally receive, but are either uncomfortable due to the pandemic or availed to stay at home when normally would be with us.)

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most holy sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As if you were already there, I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you. Permit me never to be separated from you. Amen.

The Postcommunion Prayer

BCP, p. 339

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

***Blessing**

***Hymn #473** *Lift High the Cross* (vs. 1,3&4)

CRUCIFER

***Dismissal**

BCP, p. 340

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Parish Prayer List – March 14, 2021

*If you need to add or delete a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by **Wednesday, March 17th.***

Jean Aclin	Connie Anderson	Beth C.
Barry	Bob & Fran	Eddie Boll
Cathy, Claire	Bill & Lynne Cowper	Marie Bregler
Joan Connolly	Judy Contreras	Mary Ann
Mary Ann Crewdson	Michael Reed Davis	Dennis
Carol Dobbins	Meg Dougher	Dreby Family
Ella	Faye & Ed	Fran Harris
Hillary	Janet	Janine
Karen & DJ	Robin Koch	Diane Lee
Frank	Lauren & Ed	Lindsey
Cecily Lovas	Kurt Martin	Mary Jane
Rob Meyer	Scott Mitchell	Ronnie & Harry
Virginia Nicholas	TJ Patton	Paula & Abbie
Lucien Picard	Gene Pharo	Carol Ann Renzland
Lara Sparks	Lorraine & Drew	Robert Thomas
Colin Walker	Wall Family	Ann White
Kate White	Family of Virginia Banks	

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

Paul Bailey, Justin A. Dumhart, Danny Melega, Andrew Wall

Birthdays: Kevin H. Sparks (03/14), Heidi Ferringo (03/15)

Francis W. Kleber, III (03/15), Howard Dumhart (03/17)

Margaret Sherwin (03/17), Margaret Aftanis (03/18)

Adrienne R. Miller (03/20)

Anniversaries: Tino Andrade & Joanne Entrikin (03/17)

WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR March 15th – March 20th

15 – Monday	Morning Prayer (online)	9:00 AM
16 – Tuesday	Sung Evening Prayer (online)	6:00 PM
17 - Wednesday	Choir Meeting	7:00 – 8:30 PM
18 – Thursday	Lenten Series via Zoom	6:30 PM
	Compline (online)	9:00 PM
19 – Friday	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
	Stations of the Cross	6:00 PM
	Kids Korner	7:00 PM
20 – Saturday	Praying through the Psalms	7:00 PM

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