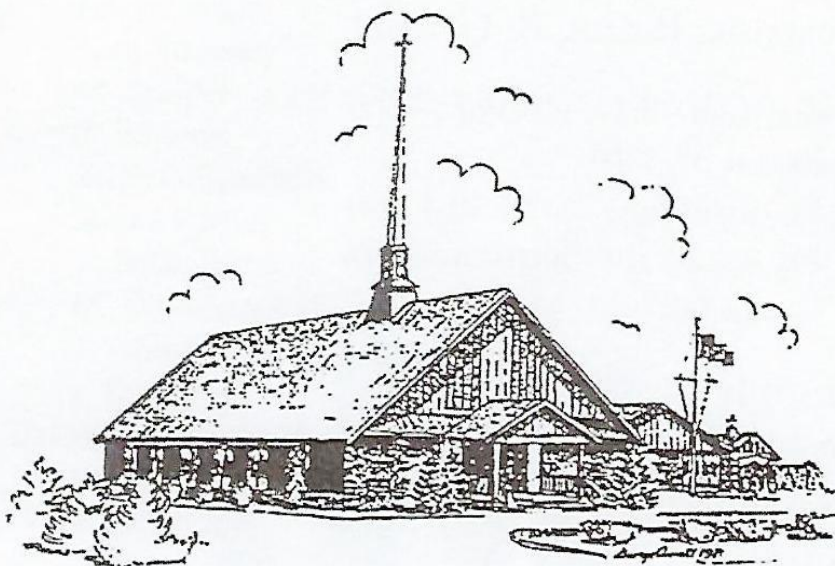


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Seventh Sunday of Easter



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

Prelude

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

***Hymn #214** *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise* (vs. 1,2&4) LLANFAIR

**Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People:* **The Lord is risen indeed.

**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*

BCP, p. 356

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

BCP, p. 226

**Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

People:* **And also with you.

**Celebrant:* Let us pray. O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *All: Amen.*

The First Lesson

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David

foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual: Psalm 1 (*To be read in unison*)

BCP, p. 585

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Epistle

1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not

believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

***Sequence Hymn #29 (LEVAS) *Near the Cross* (vs. 1&4) William H. Doane**

***The Holy Gospel**

John 17:6-19

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

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

Jesus prayed for his disciples, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into

the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

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

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**

BCP, p. 387

(The people may stand or kneel)

Deacon: 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 Diocese of Buye - The Anglican Church of Burundi. 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 Colleen our Mayor, Philip our Governor, and Joe 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.)

The presider prays the concluding collect, and the people respond, Amen.

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

Confession - Minister and People

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.*

Absolution

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

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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 A** **BCP, p. 361**

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. Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. 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

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: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

(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.

Post Communion 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 #404** *We Will Extol You, Ever Blessed Lord*

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

People : **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude

Parish Prayer List – May 16, 2021

*If you need to add or delete a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by **Wednesday, May 19th**.*

Jean & Keith Aclyn	Connie Anderson	Beth C
Barry	Bob & Fran	Eddie Boll
Jackson Brackett	Joan Connolly	Judy Contreras
Mary Ann	Mary Ann Crewdson	Michael Reed Davis
Dennis	Carol Dobbins	Meg Dougher
Dreby Family	Doré Family	Ella
Faye & Ed	Jack Halloran	Ken Hannah
Fran Harris	Shirley Harris	Shirley Hickey
Hillary	Joyce Hillyer	Janet
Janine	Jeannine	Jules
Karen G	Karen & DJ	Robin Koch
Alan Lee	Diane Lee	Frank
Lauren & Ed	Lindsey	Cecily Lovas
Kurt Martin	Mary Jane	Matthew
Melinda	Rob Meyer	Scott Mitchell
Ronnie & Harry	Virginia Nicholas	Maryanne O.
Sharon Osborn	TJ Patton	Paula & Abbie
Jessica Pervall	Lucien Picard	Gene Pharo
Carol Ann Renzland	Kathy Rice	Lara Sparks
Lorraine & Drew	Bill Todd	Robert Thomas
Roberta	Colin Walker	Wall Family
Ann White	Kate White	Kneeland Whiting
Rebecca Whitley	Family of Virginia Banks	

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

Birthdays: Angela Partridge Hala (05/16), Jane Romanowski (05/16), Robert Bachman (05/18), Allison Goddard (05/20)

Anniversaries: Kristen & Marjorie Anderson (05/16), William & Mary Jo Martin (05/19), Thomas & Sherry Hughes (05/22)

WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR May 17th – May 22nd

16 – TODAY	Virtual concert streamed (Martin Hall)	4:00 PM
17 – Monday	Morning Prayer (FB Live)	9:00 AM
18 – Tuesday	Evening Prayer (FB Live)	6:00 PM
19 – Wednesday	Choir Meeting	7:00 – 8:30 PM
20 – Thursday	Bible Study via Zoom	2:00 PM
	Compline (FB Live)	9:00 PM
21 – Friday	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
	Kids Korner (FB)	7:00 PM
22 – Saturday	BEACH CLEAN-UP	9:00 AM-noon
	Psalms with Dcn. Judy (FB Live)	7:00 PM

PASTORAL CARE – Please contact Mtr. Caroline and Dcn. Judy for your pastoral needs, house blessings, prayer, hospital visits, and other needs.

BEACH CLEAN-UP on MAY 22 from 9 AM to Noon. Meet at the Pearl Street Pavilion. Bags and gloves will be provided. Masks and required when less than 6-feet from group. Pick up as much or as little as you have time for that day and bring your bags back to the Pavilion to be sorted.

COMING IN JUNE!

- Rite I at 7:30 AM returns (June 6)
- Taizé and Evening Prayer will be offered on alternating Tuesday in-person and via FB Live, see previous E-pistles!
- Summer Circles: small, outside activities such as:
 - Hymns in the Garden
 - Evening Prayer & Firepit (June/Sept.)
 - Nature walk
 - Movies
 - Evening Mass on the Beach
 - And MORE! Stay tuned to our weekly E-pistle.

Are you interested in becoming a member of The Episcopal Church?

Please see Mtr. Caroline or Deacon Judy for more information. We will hold an Episcopal 101 class (hybrid Zoom & in-person) TBA for those moving toward Confirmation and anyone else interested.

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