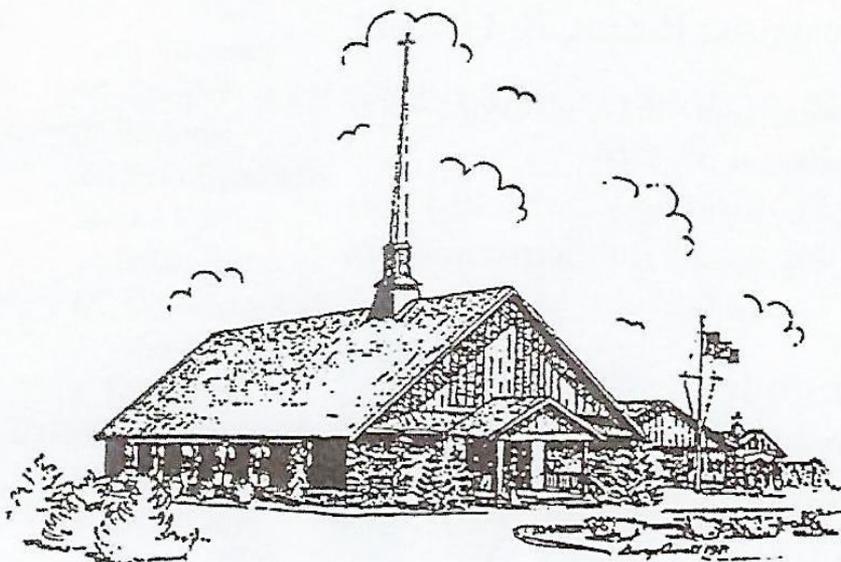


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

*The Fifth Sunday of Easter*



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

## Prelude

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**\*Hymn #704** *O Thou Who Camest from Above* (vs. 1,2&3)

HEREFORD

*\*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Christ is risen!

*\*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*\*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. 225

*\*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*\*People:* **And also with you.**

*\*Celebrant:* Let us pray. Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **All: Amen.**

**The First Lesson**

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an

Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

*"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.*

*In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth."*

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:*       **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 22: 24-30**    *(Alternating by whole verse)*

**BCP, p. 612**

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*I will perform my vows  
in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek  
the LORD shall praise him: \*"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*he rules over the nations.  
28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.  
29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.  
30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

## The Epistle

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:*     **Thanks be to God.**

\***Sequence Hymn #379** *God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him*     ABBOT'S LEIGH

**\*The Holy Gospel**

**John 15:1-8**

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

*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 Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East. 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.*

Deacon: 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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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 #471 *We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died* (vs. 1,2&3) BRESLAU

### \*Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

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

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

### Postlude

## Parish Prayer List – May 2, 2021

*If you need to add or delete a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.*

Jean & Keith Aclin	Dave B.	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	Doré Family	Ella
Faye & Ed	Ken Hannah	Fran Harris
Hillary	Janet	Janine
Jules	Karen G.	Karen & DJ

Robin Koch	Alan Lee	Diane Lee
Frank	Lauren & Ed	Lindsey
Cecily Lovas	Kurt Martin	Mary Jane
Melinda	Rob Meyer	Scott Mitchell
Ronnie & Harry	Virginia Nicholas	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	Colin Walker
Wall Family	Ann White	Kate White
Kneeland Whiting	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:** John Johnson, Jr. (05/02), Samuel Mitchell (05/03)

John Wall (05/07), Ellen Kehr (05/08)

**Anniversaries:** Stokes Carrigan, III and Diane Carter (05/05)

**WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR May 3<sup>rd</sup> – May 8<sup>th</sup>**

03 – Monday	Morning Prayer (online)	9:00 AM
04 – Tuesday	Evening Prayer (online)	6:00 PM
05 – Wednesday	Choir Meeting	7:00 – 8:30 PM
06 – Thursday	Bible Study via Zoom	2:00 PM
	Compline (online)	9:00 PM
07 – Friday	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
	Kids Korner	7:00 PM
08 – Saturday	Psalms with Dcn. Judy	7:00 PM

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

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** for the Altar Guild, Usher/Greeters, & Readers.

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