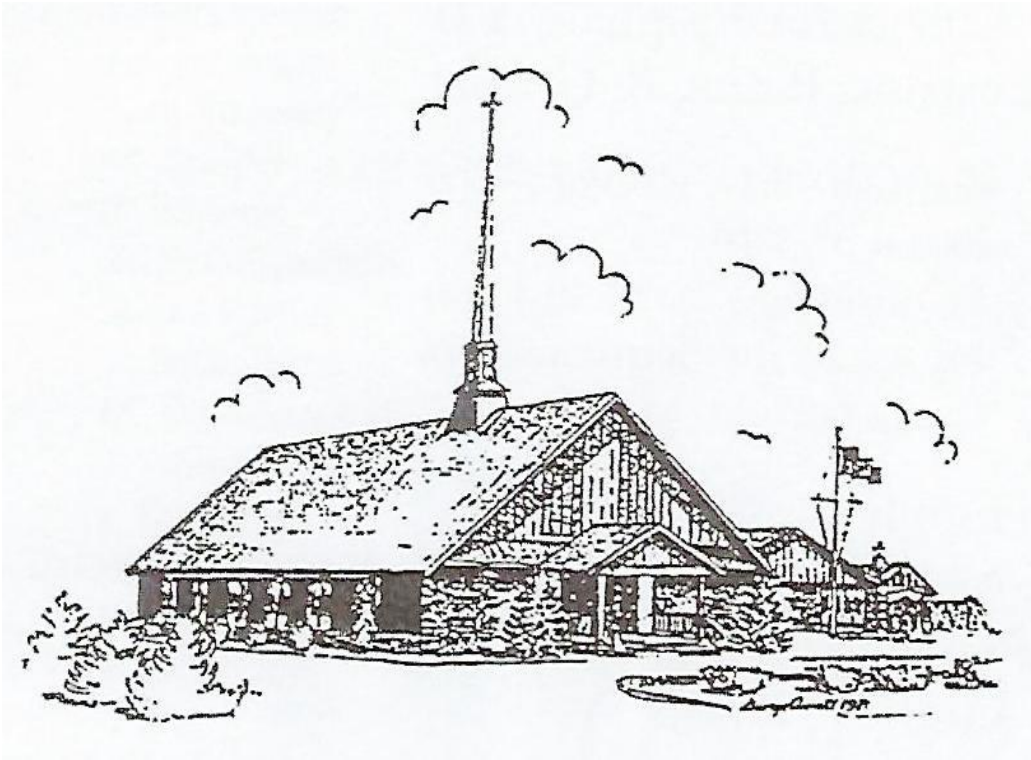


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

*The Twenty-fourth Sunday  
after Pentecost*



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents  
in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey  
12 November, 2023 ~ 9:30 AM*

*Welcome! In The Episcopal Church all baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion. BCP means The Book of Common Prayer (Red Book). You'll find the BCP and Hymnals in the pew rack in front of you. Please join us for Coffee Hour following the service.*

*\* Indicates to stand as you are able*

**Prelude**      *Safely Through Another Week*

Donald Lee Moore

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Entrance Hymn #68**

*Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers*

LLANGLOFFAN

**Opening Acclamation**

BCP, p. 355

**The Collect for Purity**

*Gloria S-280 (all sing) Gloria in excelsis*

Robert Powell (b.1932)

**The Collect of the Day**

BCP, p. 236

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The First Lesson**

**Amos 5:18-24**

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,  
and gloom with no brightness in it?  
I hate, I despise your festivals,  
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.  
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,  
I will not accept them;  
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals  
I will not look upon.  
Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.  
But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 70** (*Read responsively by whole verse*)

**BCP, p. 682**

- 1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; \*  
O LORD, make haste to help me.
- 2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed  
and altogether dismayed; \*  
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune  
draw back and be disgraced.
- 3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, \*  
because they are ashamed.
- 4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; \*  
let those who love your salvation say for ever,  
"Great is the LORD!"
- 5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; \*  
come to me speedily, O God.
- 6 You are my helper and my deliverer; \*  
O LORD, do not tarry.

## The Epistle

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn #324** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent*

PICARDY

## The Holy Gospel

**Matthew 25:1-13**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other

bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Canon Karin R. Mitchell+**

**\*The Nicene Creed**

**BCP, p. 358**

**\*The Prayers of the People: Form III**

**BCP, p. 387**

*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 Anglican Church of Mozambique and Angola. We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Sally our Bishop; for Judith our Deacon; for Caroline our Rector, and for Karin, guest priest and friend. 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 Joseph 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.*)

### **Confession**

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*)

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory Anthem** *Softly, As A Dove*

Douglas Wagner (b.1952)

**\*Presentation of the Gifts** (*All stand*)

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

*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 everywhere 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 S-129 (all sing) Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

Robert Powell (b.1932)

*(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** (*All baptized Christians may receive Holy Communion*)

*Fraction Anthem: S-154* (All sing) *Christ Our Passover* David Hurd (b. 1950)

### **Music at communion**

**Hymn #325** *Let Us Break Bread Together*

**LET US BREAK BREAD**

*(Congregation please join singing on the refrain)*

### **\*Postcommunion Prayer** (*Please stand*)

**BCP, p. 365**

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

## The Parish Notices

Hymn LEVAS #221 *This Little Light of Mine* Traditional Spiritual

Dismissal **BCP, p. 366**

Postlude *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* Henry Balcombe

*Coffee Hour is held EVERY SUNDAY and we would LOVE IT if you would join us in Martin Hall following the service!*

## Serving Today

Crucifer ~ Rob Meyer Lector ~ Kay DeCicco

Ushers ~ Bob Weidmann, Sue Hughes Chalice Bearer ~ Kay DeCicco

## Parish Prayer List – November 12, 2023

**PLEASE NOTE:** *If you need to add or remove a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>.*

Judy Contreras	Lara Sparks Deitz	Joan Connolly
Mary Ann Crewdson	Ann White	Jane Enos
Dennis	Dcn. Judy	Diane Carter
Anthony B.	Connie Anderson	Christian Balint
Barney H.	Susan F.	Cheryl
Diane D.	Dayton	Jason
Kirsten Angelozzi	Bob Hendricks	Christine Hendricks
Andy	Kathy & Walter	Ron & Kenny
Jeannine	Priscilla	Judy & Al
Joan & Linda Kelly	Chris C.	Pierro Family
David D'Ambrosia	Barry Longenbach	Robert

Mike	Tony	Aleen
Jan	Elliott	Anne
Karen & DJ	Dennis Hickey	Rosanne & Bob
Juli & Dave	Laura	Lovas Family
Debbie & Joe Reising	Rebecca	Marilyn Thomas
Tom Blake	Luca Affa	Fiona
Sarah	Graham	Bob
Sue	Hale Bailey	Melanie
Sophia	Joseph	Paris
Tom & Kathy Masilla	Jim Darling	Charles Sullivan
Warren Lamon	Stinnett Family	Timmy & Shawn Doyle
Greg Melega	Rachel	Keith Aclin
Marilyn Flagler	Mary Timmerman	Louise Muth
Debbie Lamon	Teri Keller	Gia
Cora		

**Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:**

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

**Birthdays:** Lisa Halpin (11/16), Clifford Wymbbs (11/17), Johnny Dondero (11/18)

**WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR -Nov 13-17**

13 – Mon	Morning Prayer (FB Live)	9:00 AM
14 – Tues	Evening Prayer (FB)	6:00 PM
16 – Thurs	Book Study @ Church	2:00 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
17 – Fri	<i>Parish Office closed</i>	

**THANKSGIVING DINNER AT HI – RSVP REQUIRED**

Please let Mtr. Caroline+ know if you would like to attend this dinner and/or help her prepare it. It will be Thanksgiving Day beginning at noon! We'd like to open it up for anyone, but primarily folks without family nearby or who live alone and would like to join a group that day.

**WANT TO SERVE ON THE VESTRY or as a delegate?**

***Please contact Diane today to let your interest be known!***

***Annual Meeting of the Parish*** – January 7<sup>th</sup> following the morning service

**CONTENT ALWAYS WELCOMED**

Epistle - Deadline is noon each Thursday

Parish Post – Deadline is usually one week before the first of each month

**IDEAS & SUGGESTIONS WELCOMED!**

Please contact Mtr. C or a member of the Vestry if you have any ideas, suggestions, or questions feedback about anything.

### **Upcoming Sandwich Making Ministry**

Please contact Alexa Fahner at [alexafahn@aol.com](mailto:alexafahn@aol.com)



Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child" ingathering is November 13--19. Boxes and pamphlets available in Martin Hall. Boxes will be collected on **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**, so they can reach the children by Christmas. *Any boxes that come in after the morning church service on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> will be saved for the following year. The boxes are delivered immediately after the service and loaded into a truck for departure the following morning before dawn. Late boxes are NOT able to be accepted!*

**For further information, call Ruth McLaughlin at 609-492-8135 or the Church Office.**

**ALL MINISTRY AREA REPORTS FOR THE ANNUAL REPORT WILL BE DUE TO THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>, this is one week earlier than usual!!**

**ENVIRONMENTAL** themed Service set for Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. There will N O T be bulletins printed for that day. Look on the website ( [www.hiecbh.com](http://www.hiecbh.com) ) or read your E-pistle for a PDF of the bulletin that you can use during the service or simply use your BCP and Hymnals ☺

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### WHILE MTR. C+ is away.....

Please reach out to your wardens first and if an emergency arises, the following clergy are on call.

**Mtr. Karin Mitchell** – [karmitchell@aol.com](mailto:karmitchell@aol.com) and (908) 812-2684 (Nov. 9-14)

**Mtr. Gen Bishop** – [stpeterslbi.vicar@gmail.com](mailto:stpeterslbi.vicar@gmail.com) and (914) 815-8948 (Nov. 15-18)

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