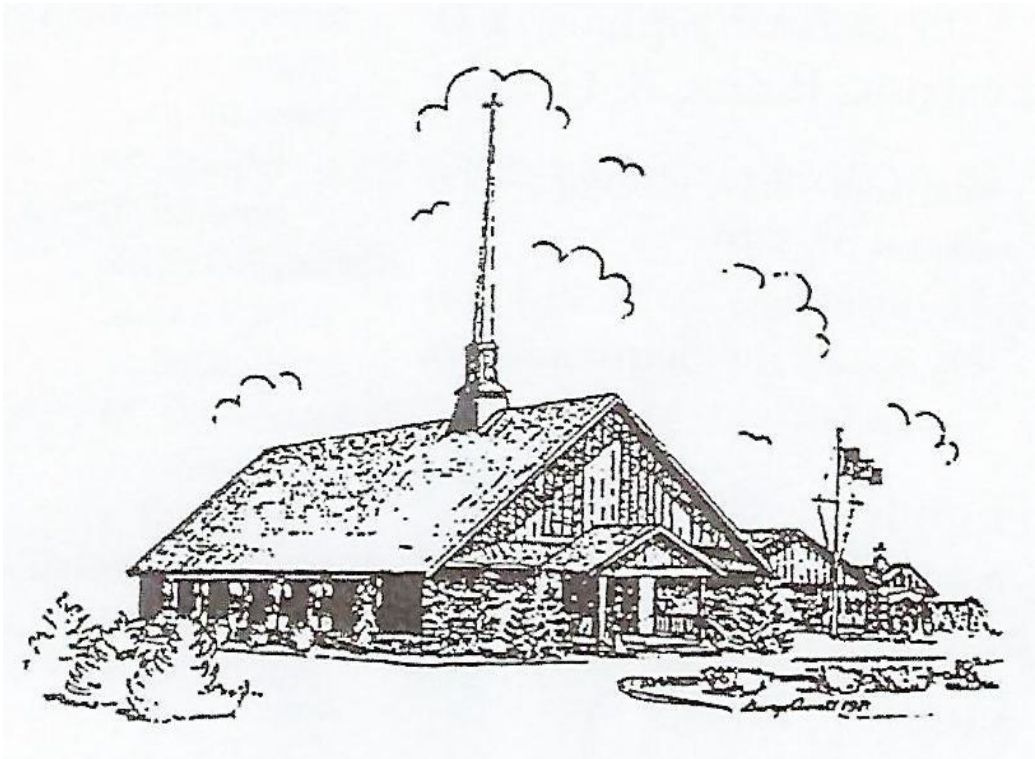


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Last Sunday after Pentecost

Christ the King



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey
26 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

Nazareth

arr. Todd Kendall

THE WORD OF GOD

Entrance Hymn #494 *Crown Him with Many Crowns* (vv. 1,2,4,5) **DIADEMATA**

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

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on

the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #399 *To God with Gladness Sing*

CAMANO

The Epistle

Ephesians I:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** (*All are seated*)

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Dr. Caroline Carson+

*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

Nigeria. We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Sally our Bishop; for Judith our Deacon; and 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 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 *O Jesus King Most Wonderful*

Lani Smith (1934-2015)

***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 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*
(*The People may stand or kneel*)

Robert Powell (b.1932)

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 LEVAS #201 I've Got Peace Like a River TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL
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 #555 *Lead On, O King Eternal*

LANCASHIRE

Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

Postlude *Joyous Morning*

Gerald Peterson

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 ~ John Wall **Lector** ~ Kay DeCicco

Ushers ~ Melissa Wall, Bill Kehr **Chalice Bearer** ~ Kay DeCicco

Parish Prayer List – November 26, 2023

PLEASE NOTE: *This is the last Sunday in November. All names will be removed from the prayer list unless you have requested to leave them on. If you need to add a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by Wednesday, November 29th.*

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	Fiona	Graham
Bob	Sue	Hale Bailey
Melanie	Sophia	Joseph
Paris	Tom & Kathy Masilla	Jim Darling
Charles Sullivan	Warren Lamon	Timmy & Shawn Doyle
Greg Melega	Rachel	Marilyn Flagler
Mary Timmerman	Louise Muth	Debbie Lamon
Teri Keller	Gia	Cora
Hunter Gideon	Sanders Baby	

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

Birthdays: Carl Sheppard (11/27), Jeffrey Hollis (11/30), Steve Steiner (11/30)
Marjorie Anderson (12/02)

WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR - Nov 27-Dec 2

27 – Mon	Morning Prayer (FB Live)	9:00 AM
28 – Tues	Evening Prayer	6:00 PM
30 – Thurs	Book Study @ Rectory	2:00 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
01 – Fri	<i>Parish Office closed</i>	
02 – Sat	Beach Haven Community Arts Prog. TREE LIGHTING	7:00 PM



Hear Ye, Hear Ye, ECW Members Join us to kick-off the Christmas Season. On December 5th at 12:00pm, we will be enjoying a delicious luncheon. There will also be a gift exchange in the form of a game! Bring a wrapped gift of no more than \$10.00.

Don't forget to wrap the gift in an enticing way! As a reminder, please call Sue Hughes at (609) 744-0890 to reserve your place at the party! **RSVP BY DEC. 1st!**

THE GIVING TREE ~This year, we will again support eight (8) families with children whose ages range from 1yr-12yrs. Collection deadline December 10th. See Maggie Aftanis or Ellen Dondero for more information!

ADVENT FOOD DRIVE! It's that time of year again! Each Sunday in Advent, including Christmas Eve (morning), please bring non-perishable food items to church and drop them in the Narthex. These will be delivered to St. Francis Food Pantry. You may also donate a bag of toiletry items. Make sure that these items are clearly separated from the food items!

Holy Innocents' Tree Decorating NEXT SUNDAY during Coffee Hour!

Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church
Marine Street, Beach Haven, NJ
please join us - all are welcome

Messiah Sing

Saturday December 9, 2023 at 4pm

featuring

New Jersey Chamber Singers

come to sing along or listen
bring your own score, or borrow one of ours



Lessons and Carols

Friday December 15, 2023 at 7pm

choral and congregational singing
featuring vocal and instrumental soloists

free will offering will be taken at each event
a reception will follow

for more information please call 609.492.7571

or email ejdondero@comcast.net

PLEDGES - It is still Stewardship season so please continue to turn in your annual pledges. Your pledges ensure that Holy Innocents' is able to run smoothly with clergy, staff, mission, lights, heat, and more. If you need to discuss pledging with Mtr. Caroline+ or a Stewardship team member, please let them know.

MINISTRY Annual Reports DUE DEC. 8 from ALL AREAS!

RECTOR'S FORUM TODAY during Coffee Hour

Please RSVP for our **Annual Winter Solstice Holy Hike** on Dec. 21st (3-5)

Sandwich Ministry - Thank you to everyone that responded to the request for pies. Thirty pies were picked up by Bright Harbor to support their Friendsgiving dinner on November 21st at the Nook (Nourishing Others Opportunity Kitchen). Seven were baked in our new, beautiful kitchen. More opportunities to support the food insecure will be coming in 2024 (including making sandwiches!) Stay tuned for planning meeting info. ~ *I am grateful for all of you! Alexa Fahner*

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