

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost



Lenape men preparing soil for cultivation. Reprinted from "The Lenapes" by R. S. Grumet and F. W. Porter, 1989, New York, Chelsea House.

Oh, Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the wind, whose breath gives life to all the world. Hear me; I need your strength and wisdom. Let me walk in beauty, and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset. Make my hands respect the things you have made and my ears sharp to hear your voice. Make me wise so that I may understand the things you have taught my people. Help me to remain calm and strong in the face of all that comes towards me. Let me learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock. Help me seek pure thoughts and act with the intention of helping others.

Help me find compassion without empathy overwhelming me.

I seek strength, not to be greater than my brother, but to fight my greatest enemy, Myself. Make me always ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes. So when life fades, as the fading sunset, my spirit may come to you without shame.

*~ Lakota Prayer to The Great Spirit,
translated by Chief Yellow Lark*

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

Holy Innocents' acknowledges that we gather on the land seasonally used by the Lenni-Lenape people and we honor with gratitude the land and promote our own environmentally-aware use of it.

Welcome! *In The Episcopal Church all baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion. BCP means The Book of Common Prayer (Red Book).*

*** Indicates to stand as you are able**

Tomorrow much of this country, still after all these years, will celebrate Columbus Day. It is no secret at this point that Columbus Day, in 1492, was just the beginning of a terrible and brutal history of violence and oppression toward indigenous peoples of North America. Columbus and those who followed were obsessed with conversion, brought over diseases the natives had no way to cure, and ultimately desecrated entire peoples and cultures. Today we want to acknowledge this history. We want to be honest about the ways our faith tradition has been used to colonize, to abuse, and to oppress people. And we seek to reclaim the truth of the Gospel. That Christ came to love and to serve, not to conquer and enslave. *This service has been adapted by a Diocese of Arizona liturgy and approved for use by our Bishop.*

Prelude *Voluntary*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Christ our true and only Light: receive our prayers and songs, and illumine the secrets of our hearts with your healing goodness, that no evil desires may possess us who are made new in the light of your heavenly grace. Amen. (source: Gelasian Sacramentary)

Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving for the Land

Creator, you made all people of every land. It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect to those who first occupied this land we are upon. We give thanks the Lenni-Lenape, the first people of this land. We offer our respect to those ancestors who may be interred in this land. We are also thankful for the gifts of the People of the land. Creator let us be of good mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced. With thankful and respectful hearts we pray in Your name, Your son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. **Amen.**

***Hymn #385** *Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works*

DAKOTA INDIAN CHANT

Gathering Prayer

Celebrant Creator, we give you thanks for all that you are and all that you bring to us within your creation. In Jesus, you placed the Gospel in the Center of the Sacred Circle through which all creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your spirit, for you are God, now and forever. **Amen.**

(The Disciples Prayer Book, The Indigenous Theological Training Institute)

***Gloria in excelsis S-277** *(All sing)*

David Hurd (b. 1950)

The Collect

**Celebrant*: The Lord be with you.

People*: **And also with you.

Celebrant*: Let us pray. Creator God, you have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love: empower us by your Holy Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness; through Jesus Christ our Elder Brother, who is alive and reigns with you and the same Spirit, now and for ever. **All: Amen.

(Episcopal Church: Resources on the Doctrine of Discovery)

The First Lesson

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

Therefore, because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,

you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;

you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—

you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God
of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said.

Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;

it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:12-17 *(Read in unison)*

BCP, p. 718

- 12 So teach us to number our days *
 that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
 be gracious to your servants.
14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
 so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
 and the years in which we suffered adversity.
16 Show your servants your works *
 and your splendor to their children.
17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *
 prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

The Epistle

Hebrews 4:12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

***Sequence Hymn #684** *O For a Closer Walk with God*

CAITHNESS

***The Holy Gospel**

Mark 10:17-31

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Caroline P. Carson+

The following Creed was written by a Native American and is shared with you with their permission. You are invited to say and listen to the words as they have been offered. ~ by the Rev. Roger Scott

Native American Creed

I believe in God, Creator of our unique native languages, Who gifted us this identity as a distinct people through our native tongues, so that our native spiritual leaders could relay God's love to our native people who could not understand that foreign tongue called English. I believe in Jesus Christ, our relative, Who talked of us when he said, "I have other sheep out there, besides those I have here." I believe in Jesus Christ who knew the pain of our native people who were forced from their homeland and had no place to lay their head. I believe in Jesus Christ as our Chief Cornerstone as we begin to build a new generation of native spiritual leaders. I believe in Jesus Christ who does not say "goodbye" in any language, but says "I will come again." I believe in the Holy Spirit as tongues of fire lighting upon our native people to witness to their people and to the world, through the native song and dance. I believe in the Holy Spirit as our guide and the driving force for our native people to do a new thing as we walk a new journey, toward perfection for all humankind.

***The Prayers of the People** (*The people may stand or kneel*)

Celebrant: Grandfather we know you hear us when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore, in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:

Grandmother, enliven the Church for its mission

We are the salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people.

Through our humility we reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world

Creator of all, lead us all into the ways of justice and peace

That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it

*So that we might understand how we show honor and respect
for You and all that you made.*

We pray for those we hold close in our hearts

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom our decisions affecting others

That all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

We pray for those in need

God of hope, comfort and restore to wholeness all who suffer in
body, mind and spirit.

That balance be restored to all of creation.

We remember those who have died

Our hearts cry out in pain at their passing

We commend them back to you.

Bring peace to those who mourn

We feel their loss because we are all connected.

Celebrant: Creator, you bent the earth like a bow until it was one, round, shining planet. At your word the land was drawn into mountains and deserts, forests, and plains; the waters were gathered together into rivers, lakes and seas. The circle of your creation has been broken time and again by greed and violence and many lives have been shattered. We ask forgiveness from and reconciliation with the indigenous peoples in this country who were unjustly forced from the land of their ancestors and made to bear inequities and humiliations because of their origins. We pray that the native people who have been wronged and those who have benefited from these wrongs, come to understanding, justice and then reconciliation for

what occurred in the past. Renew the circle of the earth and turn the hearts of all your people to one another; that they and all the earth may live, and be drawn toward you and through the power of your son, Jesus Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit now and always.

Celebrant: Let us now remember our sins.

Priest and People: O Great Spirit, God of every people and every tribe, we come to you as your many children, to ask for your forgiveness and guidance. Forgive us for the colonialism that stains our past, the ignorance that allowed us to think that we could claim another's home for our own. Heal us of this history. Remind us that none of us were discovered since none of us were lost, but that we are all gathered within the sacred circle of your community. Guide us through your wisdom to restore the truth of our heritage. Help us to confront the racism that divides us as we confess the pain it has caused to the human family.

Absolution

Celebrant May God, our Creator have mercy on you, pardon you, and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. AMEN.

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

Celebrant: Greet one another with a sign of peace.

People: **And also with you.**

The Parish Notices

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

Anthem *The Choir of Holy Innocents'*

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

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

Prayer Before Communion

We thank you, Great Spirit, for the resources that made this food possible; we thank the Earth for producing it, and we thank all those

who labored to bring it to us. May the wholesomeness of the food before us, bring out the wholeness of the Spirit within us. *Amen.*

Celebrant: Creator God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let your hearts sing.

People: **We lift our voices in preparation for this ceremony.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to Creator.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: From the place of the rising sun in the East to the South where the warm winds blow, from the West where soft rain comes and to the coldness of the North we unite with all creation from the four directions to join our voices in songs of thanksgiving and praise for the gift your Son, Jesus Christ, our Elder Brother. With hearts lifted, we join with our ancestors who taught us to pray as they have prayed since the beginning of time.

Sanctus S-124 (All sing)

David Hurd (b. 1950)

(The People may stand or kneel)

Celebrant: O Great Spirit, Our Creator, you gave us the gift of ceremony, you taught us that everything is sacred and you asked us to walk with you on a path towards peace and love. Just as in generations past, like our grandfathers and grandmothers, we come humbly with arms outstretched to honor you and all that you have created for all of creation. Together with all creation we live, interdependently and marveling that when we do, creation serves as its best reflection of the awesome wonder that you are in our eyes. You have always cared for us, even when it seemed that there was no way to save our misuse of creation and mistreatment of each other. Many years ago, you came to us as a human being so that we might understand you in a way that would help us find the path you had intended for us. and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink.

Our Elder Brother, Jesus, as he was called came into creation in the same way that all humanity is born because people had turned away from you and no longer loved each other, bringing death and destruction to all.

Sharing our living and dying, our Elder Brother Jesus opened our eyes and our hearts to understand that we are all relatives and that you, our Creator, are love us all. Jesus lived in a good way. He rejected no one, fed the hungry, gave water to the thirsty and broke down the barriers that had been erected between race, class and sex. But, he paid a price for his loving ways. When it was his time, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and died. In this sacrifice our Elder Brother Jesus united us in all that is beauty, with all that has been and all that will ever be.

On the night before he died, he gave us another ceremony. He gathered those who had been closest to him for a meal. During the meal our Elder Brother Jesus took bread, gave thanks to you, blessed it, broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper our Elder Brother Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks to you, blessed it, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant of my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

We found it hard to understand these words and actions, but we followed the path celebrating this ceremony from that time until now. Through our experiences then we proclaim this mystery of our faith:

Celebrant and People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: In this ceremony that our Elder Brother Jesus gave us, we have experienced a transformation of our spirits. We have been brought into the death of Jesus and raised into his resurrection, and we eat and drink with Him in His new life. We have noticed that when we come together for this ceremony, we all leave nurtured and nourished no matter how lost we feel and no matter how hungry we have been.

We also offer our gifts in return just as our elders and ancestors teach us. It is through this sharing of what we have to give that we have found strength beyond imagining.

Celebrant and People So, now once again, we humbly call upon your Spirit, we cry for a vision. Feed us, quench our thirst, make these simple elements from your creation to be Christ's body and Christ's blood. We cry for the vision that will help us be your holy people in all that we do, in all that we see, in all that we hear, in all that we breathe and in all that we speak.

Celebrant Come Creator Spirit. Come now and be for us the holy food and drink that your people cry out for in this ceremony.

Surrounded now by our ancestor spirits, the spirits of those who have led saintly lives and all your saints and angels, we celebrate with all of creation – the two legged, the four legged, the winged, those that crawl and those that swim, those that give shade and those that offer us pleasing aromas – for together we see the awesome nature of all creation, the need to be one family living in relationship, interdependently and yet as one. May we be this unity and live as relatives to all.

Through Jesus the Christ and with Jesus the Christ and in Jesus the Christ, made possible by your Holy Spirit, we join with you our God and Creator as a community of relatives.

Celebrant and People: Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN

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As our Brother Christ has taught us, we now pray,

O Great Spirit, Creator of the universe, You are our Shepherd Chief in the most high place. Whose home is everywhere, even beyond the stars and moon. Whatever you want done, let it, also be done everywhere. Give us your gift of bread day by day. Forgive us our wrongs as we forgive those who wrong us. Take us away from wrong doings. Free us from all evil. For everything belongs to you. Let your power and glory shine forever. Amen.

~ Nez Perce tribe

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant: Whoever comes to me shall not hunger

People: **and who ever believes in me shall never thirst.**

(Invitation, St. Gregory of Nyssa)

Communion Invitation

Celebrant: This is Christ's table of love and forgiveness. 'The Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation' provide food for our souls. All are welcome to draw near and share these holy mysteries. Take Christ within your bodies and become the Body of Christ.

(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.)

Prayer After Communion (All)

We thank you Creator God for feeding us, nurturing us and reminding us that you are ever present, our Companion. As we leave this Sacred Circle, may we carry away the memory of this time together so that we may continue in the risen life of Christ, the one who comes that all people might live with dignity and in peace. Amen.

***Blessing**

***Hymn #655** *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

NYLAND

***Dismissal** Go now into the four Sacred Directions, the east, south, west, and north. Go into your communities, into unknown lands and places. Go where God's name is well known and where it has yet to be known. Go to those who welcome you and those who reject you. Go and share the Gospel with all who will hear. *People:* Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Serving Today:

Crucifer – *John Wall*

Lector ~ *Bill Kehr*

Ushers ~ *Bill Cowper, Dave White*

Parish Prayer List – October 10, 2021

*PLEASE NOTE: If you need to add or remove a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by **Wednesday, October 13th**.*

Jean & Keith Aclin	Matt Adams	Beth C.
Diane Babbi	Beverlee	Eddie Boll
Borrone Family	Jackson Brackett	Marie Bregler
Joan Connolly	Judy Contreras	Lynn Cowper
Mary Ann Crewdson	Marie Elena D.	Davis Family
Dennis	Carol Dobbins	Meg Dougher
Ella	Faye	Carol Frake
Frank	Katie Gallaher	Shirley Hickey
Hillary	Kara Hughes	Jan & Bob
Janet	Jeannine	Joan, Susan & Bob
Claire Johns	John Johnson, Jr.	Johnny
Karen G.	Karen & DJ	Marie & Carl Keller
Keough Family	Robin Koch	Chester Krom
Cyndi Lamon	Alan Lee	Diane Lee
Lauren & Ed	Lindsey	Melody Long
Lorraine & Drew	Cecily Lovas	Lucas
Kurt Martin	Mary Ann	Mary Jane
Butch McCaffrey	Scott Mitchell	Virginia Nicholas
Brian O.	Maryanne O.	Sharon Osborn
Sherry	Smith Family	TJ Patton
Patty	Lucien Picard	Pinky
Marie R.	Carol Ann Renzland	Kathy Rice
Lara Sparks Deitz	Marie Stasik	Bill Todd
Robert Thomas	Colin Walker	Wendy
Ann White	Rebecca Whitley	

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

Birthdays: Sherry Hughes (10/15)

WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR October 10th – October 16th

10 – Sun	<i>Van Hest Committal</i>	1:00 PM
11 – Mon	Morning Prayer	9:00 AM
12 – Tues	Evening Prayer (FB)	6:00 PM

13 – Wed	Auction Preview	2:00 – 6:00 PM
	Choir	7:00 – 8:30 PM
14 – Thurs	<i>Annual Silent Auction</i>	6:00 PM
15 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
	Vestry Meeting	7:00 PM
	Kids Korner (FB)	7:00 PM
16 – Sat	<i>Kloeblen Committal</i>	12:00 PM

AUCTION THIS THURSDAY

6:00 PM at The Sea Shell!

Tickets are still available! Like last year, will have both a chance auction and some items for a silent auction.

Chance Auction – You will need to purchase a card of 26 tix for \$50 and then place chances into the bag in front of the items you hope to win. Winning is by “chance.”

Silent Auction – The silent auction win goes to the highest bidder.

AUCTION PREVIEW – This Wednesday, Oct. 13th from 2-6 in Martin Hall. You may purchase your chance tickets at that time or at The Shell. Checks & Cash only. We will also have our famous Restaurant Raffle! It is a WONDERFUL event full of good food and great people and we hope you will please join us!

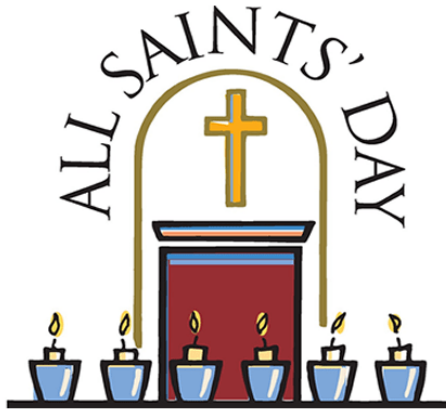
HALLOWMAS– on Sunday, October 31st, we will celebrate Hallowmas as part of *Allhallowstide* (The “triduum” of Halloween, All Saints’, and All Souls). Following the service, we will hold a FANG-tastic Nightmare on Marine Street coffee hour! Be prepared! You are also encouraged to wear a costume to the morning service and we will have a Blessing of the Costumes!

ATLANTIC CONVOCATION ANNUAL MTG. will be held at St. Stephen’s in Whiting on Tuesday, Nov. 2 at 7 PM **Convocation Delegates required** to attend in-person or via Zoom!

PASTORAL CARE

Both Mother Caroline+ and/or Deacon Judy are available for pastoral care needs. Please keep them in the loop if you need anything!

If you would like to know more about The Episcopal Church or become a member, please contact one of our clergy.



If you wish to memorialize loved ones with a donation to support our Altar Guild, please fill out the information below and place it in the offering plate or in the lockbox outside the church office.

Please **PRINT** the donor and recipient names clearly and please note **"All Saints' Day"** in the check memo.

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In order to have all the Memorials acknowledged in the All Saints' Day bulletin, return this form to the office no later than **NOVEMBER 1st**

LOOKING AHEAD

Nov. 7 – Stewardship Sunday AND Observance of All Saints’
Also, this is Daylight Saving Time!

Nov. 11 -6:00 PM Veterans Day Evening Prayer service online
7:00 Vestry Meeting

Nov. 24 -6:00 PM Thanksgiving Evening Prayer service online

Dec. 5 - 4:00 PM Messiah Sing!

Dec. 17 - 7:00 PM Lessons & Carols

Dec. 21 - 6:00 PM Winter Solstice “Longest Night” service

Dec. 24 - 4:30 PM Holy Eucharist

Dec. 24 - 7:30 Carol Sing, 8:00 PM Holy Eucharist

Dec. 25 - 10:00 AM Christmas Day Holy Eucharist

Dec. 26 - 9:30 AM Christmas I Holy Eucharist

Dec. 28 - 6:00 PM Sung Evening Prayer: *Feast of The Holy Innocents*

How has Holy Innocents’ featured in your lives with regards to Faith, Hope, and Love? What kinds of ministries are you involved in here?

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control...” – Galatians 5:22-23

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