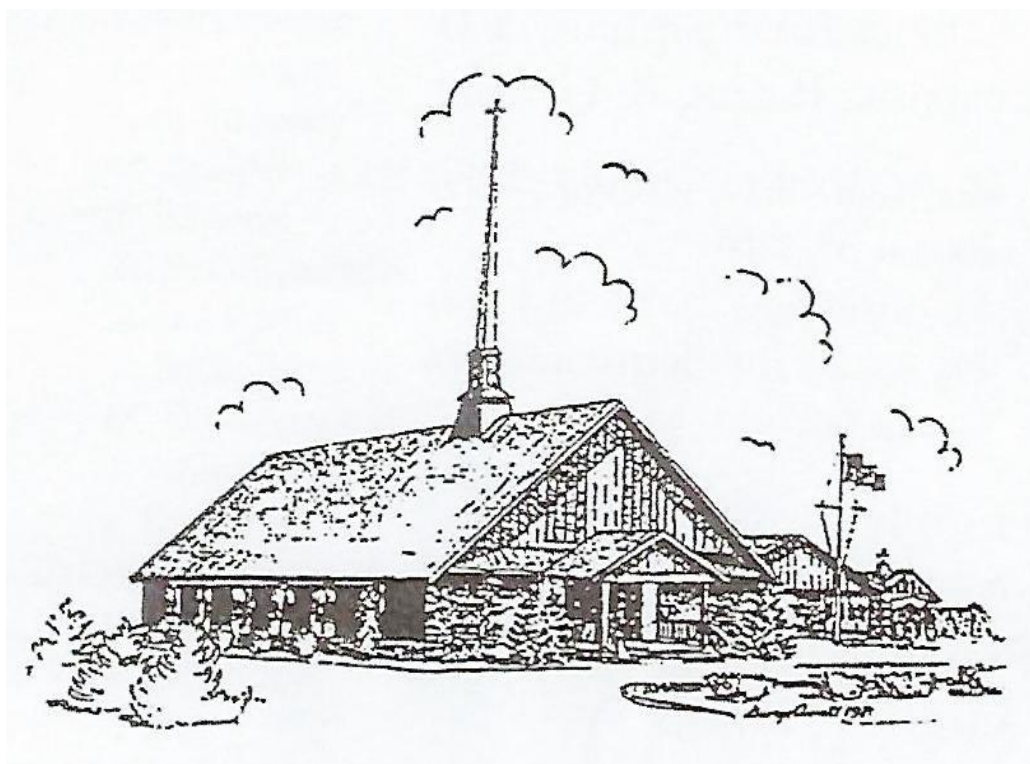


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

*The Fifteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost*



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

*Voluntary*

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

**Entrance Hymn #467** *Sing My Soul, His Wondrous Love*

ST. BEES

**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. 233

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The First Lesson**

**Ezekiel 33:7-11**

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no

pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 119:33-40** (*Alternating by whole verse*)

**BCP, p. 766**

- 33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, \*  
and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; \*  
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- 35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, \*  
for that is my desire.
- 36 Incline my heart to your decrees \*  
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; \*  
give me life in your ways.
- 38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, \*  
which you make to those who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, \*  
because your judgments are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; \*  
in your righteousness preserve my life.

**The Epistle**

**Romans 13:8-14**

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became

believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn #693** *Just as I Am Without One Plea*

WOODWORTH

**The Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 18:15-20**

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

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Dr. Henrietta L. Lavengood+**

**\*The Nicene Creed**

**BCP, p. 358**

*Celebrant* In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

*Leader* For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People* Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Church of Ireland. For Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sally our Bishop, Judith our Deacon, Caroline our Rector, and Henrietta our guest; for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People* Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People* Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For those in positions of public trust, especially Nancy our Mayor, Philip our Governor, and Joseph our President; that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People* Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People* Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People* Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

*People* **To you, O Lord our God**

### **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** *Bless Us Now this Day*

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*

**\*The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B**

**BCP, p. 367**

*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 God 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* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

***All: We remember his death,***  
***We proclaim his resurrection,***  
***We await his coming in glory;***

*Celebrant* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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** LEVAS #151 *One Bread, One Body* John B. Foley (1939)  
(*Congregation please join in on 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 #376** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

**Dismissal**

**BCP, p. 366**

**Postlude** *Trumpet Voluntary*

Jeremiah Clarke (1674-1707)

*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** ~ Pat Peacock

**Ushers** ~ Melissa Wall, Bill Kehr **Chalice Bearer** ~ Vince Contreras

### Parish Prayer List – September 10, 2023

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

Joan Connolly

Judy Contreras

Mary Ann Crewdson

Lara Sparks Deitz

Ann White

Jane Enos

Nancy & Gary Acker

Dennis

Dcn. Judy

Diane Carter

Anthony B.

Connie Anderson

Christian Balint

Barney H.

Taylor

Gordon

Susan F.

David Southwick

Cheryl

Diane D.

Dayton

Jason

Kirsten Angelozzi

Bob Hendricks

Christine Hendricks

Andy

Kathy & Walter

Ron & Kenny

Jeannine

Priscilla

Judy & Al

Joan & Linda Kelly

Muth Family

Chris C.

Pierro Family

Evleth Family

David D'Ambrosia

Barry Longenbach

Robert

Mike

Tony

Aleen

Jan

Elliott

Anne

Karen & DJ

B

Dennis Hickey

Rosanne & Bob

Juli & Dave

Tristram Family & Friends

Laura  
Rebecca  
Tom Blake

Lovas Family  
Marilyn Thomas

Debbie & Joe Reising  
Susan Hughes

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

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

**Birthdays:** Arthur Curtain, III (09/12), Rich Southwick (09/14), Brian Hala (09/14)

**Anniversaries:** John & Sherry Johnson (09/14)

**Altar Flowers:** Today's Altar Flowers are given in memory of Warren "Dick" Evleth by the Evleth Family and to the Glory of God.

**WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR Sept 11-Sept 17**

11 – Mon	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
12 – Tues	Evening Prayer (FB)	6:00 PM
14 – Thurs	Book Study @ Church	2:00 PM
	Vestry Meeting	7:00 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
15 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
17 – Sun	Annual Church Picnic	5:00 PM

**AUCTION TICKETS NOW ON SALE**

from Maggie Aftanis or from Lisa Halpin  
in the Parish Office. Contact: Maggie Aftanis  
at 609-492-5271 or [maftanis@aol.com](mailto:maftanis@aol.com)



**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC NEXT SUNDAY!!!**

- 5:00 PM til sunset (and beyond because there will be a FIREPIT and S'mores!!!)
- ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS · Bring your pets!
- Grilling out and picnicking on our grounds
- Take a walk on the beach and then enjoy a hamburger!

**IF YOU'RE INTERESTED** in volunteering, please let Mtr. Caroline+ know, via the Church Office or Mtr. Caroline's email.

- Helping serve at our food stations
- Cleaning up afterwards (taking down tables and chairs)

### **DONATIONS SOUGHT**

*(Please notify us before purchasing items so we can make sure who is doing what and not duplicate!)*

**Drinks** - bottled small waters, bottled tea, diet soda, soda

**Condiments** - mayo, mustard, ketchup, relish

**Buns** - but not until a few days before!!

**Desserts**

**Salads**



**RSVP-** *(Sign up sheets are located in the church office)*

### **NEW – Sandwich Ministry!**

Once a month, we will gather in Martin Hall to make sandwiches that we will deliver to a homeless shelter in Manahawkin, NJ. Please see Mtr. Caroline+ for details and let her know you would like to participate!

**BOOK STUDY** – Our weekly Book Study is held at 2:00 PM each Thursday and we do alternate with Bible Study. Sometimes we meet at the rectory and sometimes at the church. We are currently engaged with the book ***How We Learn to be Brave: Decisive Moments in Faith and Life*** by The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, Episcopal Bishop of Washington, D.C.

*Thank you so much to the The Rev. Dr. Henrietta L. Lavengood+ for being with us today!*

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**OFFICE HOURS – Monday thro**