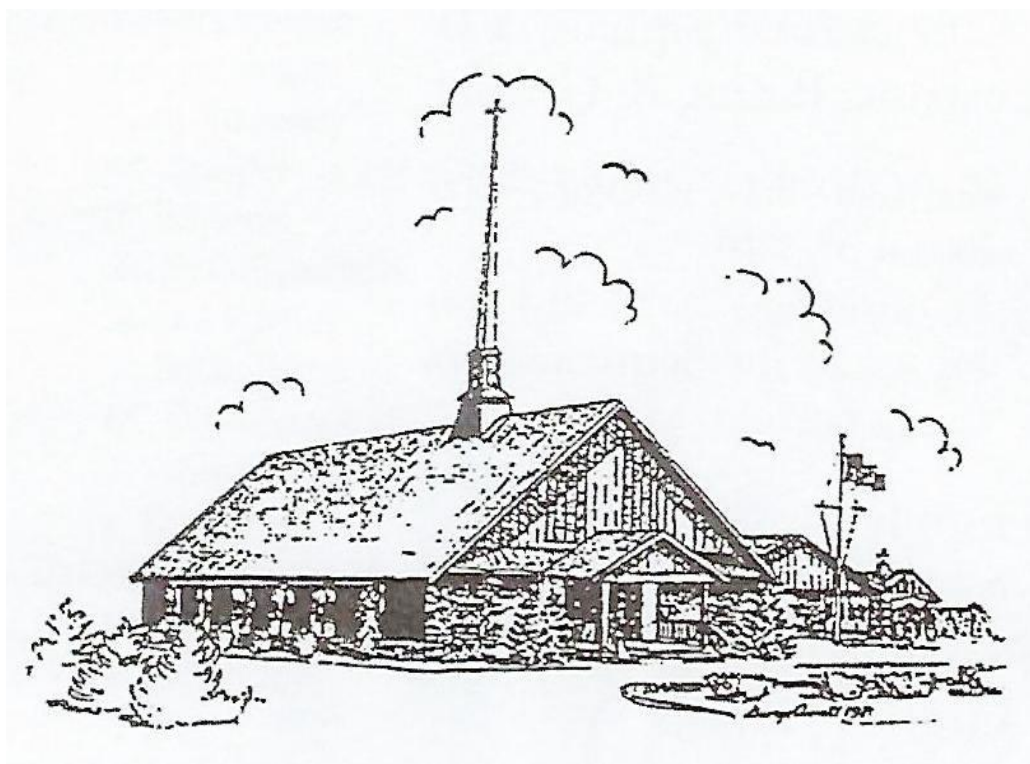


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

*The Sixteenth Sunday
after Pentecost*



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey
17 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

Jesus is Calling

Franklin Ritter

THE WORD OF GOD

Entrance Hymn #1 *Father, We Praise Thee*

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

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

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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

Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I

myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #411 *O Bless the Lord, My Soul!*

ST. THOMAS

The Epistle

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21-25

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Judith S. Krom+

***The Nicene Creed**

BCP, p. 358

***The Prayers of the People: Form V**

BCP, p. 389

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 the Province of the Indian Ocean. For Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sally our Bishop, Judith our Deacon, and Caroline our Rector; 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 *God of Mercy, God of Grace*

Joe Cox (b.1954)

***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

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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*)

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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 #596 *Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor* KOMM, O KOMM, DU GEIST DES LEBENS

Dismissal

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Postlude *Let the Whole World Go Forth*

Tom Birchwood

Please join us in Martin Hall for fellowship following the service!

Serving Today

Crucifer ~ John Wall **Lector** ~ Alexa Fahner

Ushers ~ Bill Cowper, Mike Fahner **Chalice Bearer** ~ Alexa Fahner

Parish Prayer List – September 17, 2023

PLEASE NOTE: *If you need to add or remove a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by Wednesday, September 20th.*

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.	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
Debbie & Joe Reising Rebecca
Susan Hughes Tom Blake

Lovas Family
Marilyn Thomas

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

Birthdays: Melissa Wall (09/20), Linda Beardslee (09/20), Bill Beardslee (09/21) Kerry Horleman (09/21), David White (09/22)

Anniversaries: Rich & Colette Southwick (09/20)

Altar Flowers: Today's Altar Flowers are given by John Wall in celebration of Melissa Wall's birthday and to the Glory of God.

WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR SEPT. 17-23

18 – Mon	Morning Prayer	9:00 AM
19 – Tues	Evening Prayer (FB)	6:00 PM
21 – Thu	Book Study @ Church	2:00 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
22 – Fri	<i>Parish Office closed</i>	
23 – Sat	First Day of Fall	

If you are interested in The Episcopal Church and/or becoming a member, please contact Mtr. Caroline+ theparsoncarson@gmail.com.

ANNUAL PICNIC – is TODAY at 5:00 PM

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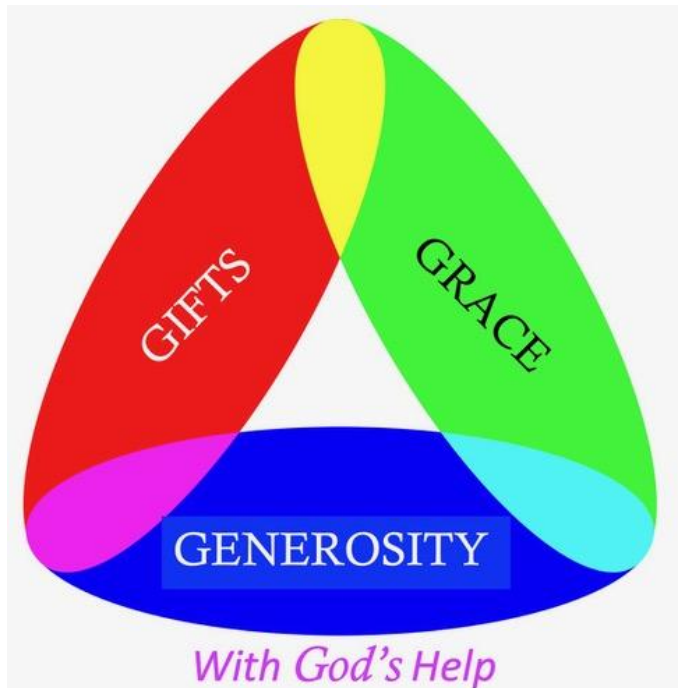


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STEWARDSHIP SEASON BEGINS NEXT WEEK!!!

As we begin our 2024 Stewardship season, we celebrate **our GIFTS, GRACE, and GENEROSITY, with God's Help!** We will welcome The Rev. Yesupatham Duraikannu as our guest preacher to kick off the season! Stay tuned for a fun Stewardship sponsored Ministry Fair coming in October.



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!

PLANNING AHEAD!

September 26 Atlantic Convocation Healing svc 6 pm St. Stephen's WHITING

October 4 Blessing of the Animals 5:30-6:30 p.m. on our Green Patch!

7 Capital Singers Mini-concert at 4:00 p.m.

12 Annual Silent Bid Auction 6:00 p.m.

21 ECW Diocesan Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m.

November 5 All Saints' Day, Blessing of the Pledges, Celebration Brunch!

22 Thanksgiving (eve) service 6:00 p.m.

23 Thanksgiving dinner at church (Open by registration), 1:00 p.m.

December 9 Messiah Sing at 4:00 p.m.

15 Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols at 7:00 p.m.

16 11:00 a.m. Blue Christmas service

24 9:30 a.m. Advent IV service

24 5:30 p.m. caroling, 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service

25 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day service

31 9:30 a.m. Christmas I service

31 5:00 p.m. Watchnight Service

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