

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

*The Seventeenth Sunday
after Pentecost*



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey
24 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

Autumn Song

Donald F. Calendar

THE WORD OF GOD

Entrance Hymn #408 *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN ZART

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. 234

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Jonah 3:10-4:11

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and

made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #404 *We Will Extol You, Ever Blessed Lord*

OLD 124th

The Epistle

Philippians 1:21-30

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For

he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #699 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

ABERYSTWYTH

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to

do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Yesupatham Duraikannu+

***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 Ireland.

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 *Word of God, Come Down to Earth* John A. Behnke (b. 1953)

***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 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 Robert Powell (b.1932)
(The People may stand or kneel)

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 #154 *Taste and See* James E. Moore, Jr (1951-2022)
(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 #571 *All Who Love and Serve Your City*

CHARLESTOWN

Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

Postlude *Glory to God on High*

George Blake

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 ~ *Bob Weidmann, Dave White* **Chalice Bearer** ~ *Kay DeCicco*

Parish Prayer List – September 24, 2023

PLEASE NOTE: *This is the last Sunday in September. 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, September 27th.*

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	Lovas Family
Debbie & Joe Reising	Rebecca	Marilyn Thomas
Susan Hughes	Tom Blake	Luca Affa
Fiona	Sarah	Graham
Bob	Sue	Jack Betz

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

Birthdays: Barbara Bachman (09/24), Ben Condon (09/28), Natalie Aftanis (09/29)

Altar Flowers: This week's Altar Flowers are given in memory of Robert Hunter by Debbie & David Hunter and to the Glory of God.

WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR SEPT. 24-29

24 - Sun	Hamilton Committal	2:00 PM
25 - Mon	Morning Prayer (FB Live)	9:00 AM
26 - Tues	Atlantic Convocation Healing Service @ St. Stephen's in Whiting	6:00 PM
28 - Thu	Book Study @ Church	2:00 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
29 - Fri	<i>Parish Office closed</i>	

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

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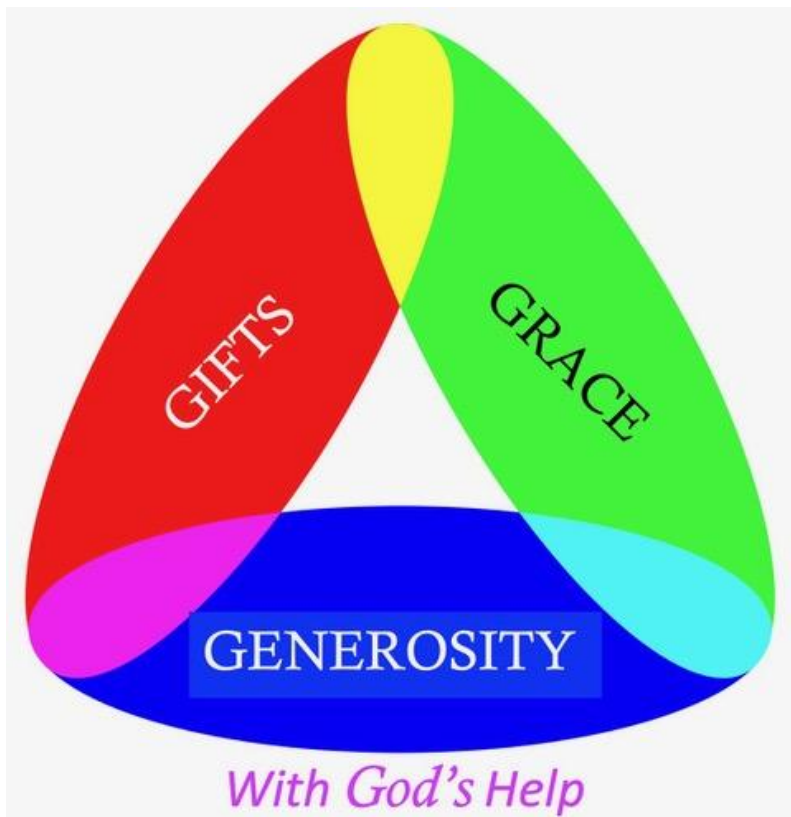
from Maggie Aftanis or from Lisa Halpin in the Parish Office. Contact: Maggie Aftanis at 609-492-5271 or maftanis@aol.com



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!

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



ANNUAL PET BLESSING & Observance of the Feast of St. Francis
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4th from 5:30-6:30 PM



All in the community are invited to our annual Blessing of the Animals and celebration of the Feast of St. Francis on Wednesday, October 4 at 5:30-6:30 pm on the Green Patch of the church. Invite a friend and their pet and join us! Whether they hiss, meow, bark, neigh, chirp, or make no sound at all, all pets are welcomed to be blessed. In the case of rain, please join us in the parish hall (Martin Hall.) Bluebell says **GET THEE TO THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS! She is so excited that she can barely stay awake!!**

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