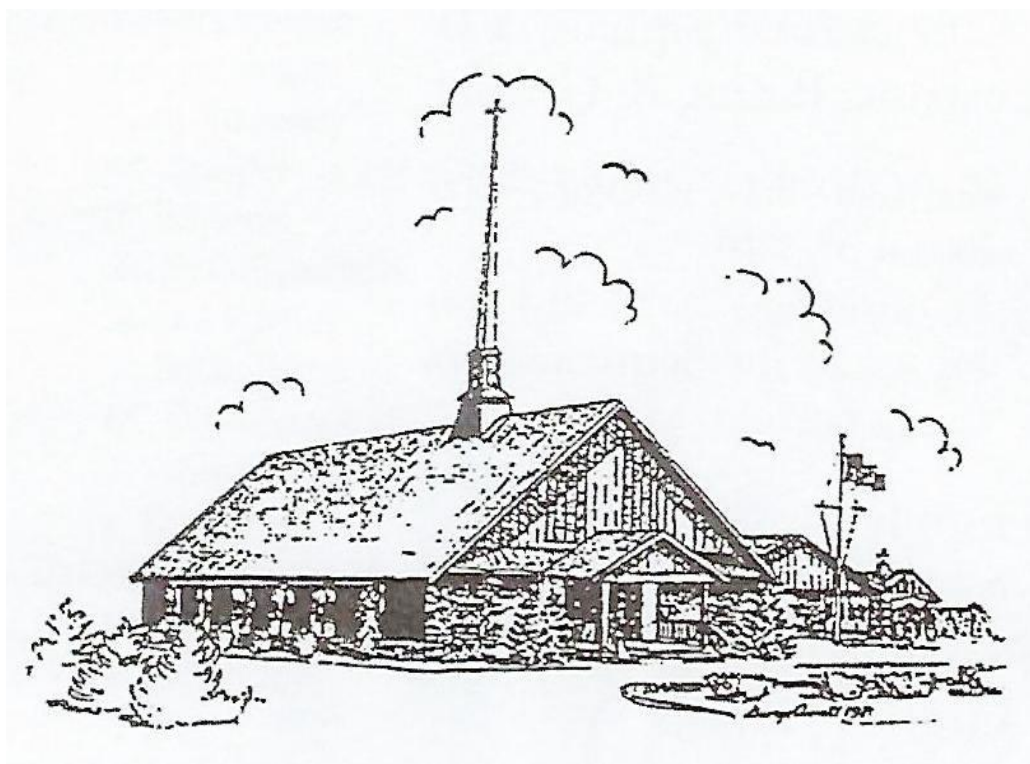


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

*The Eighteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost*



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents  
in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey  
1<sup>st</sup> October, 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**

*Chapel Echoes*

Steven Scott

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

**Entrance Hymn #574** *Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel*

ST. PETERSBURG

**Opening Acclamation**

**BCP, p. 355**

**The Collect for Purity**

*Song of Praise LEVAS #245 (All sing) We Have Come Into His House*

Bruce Ballinger (1945-2004)

**The Collect of the Day**

**BCP, p. 234**

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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**

**Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32**

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the

iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 25:1-8** (*Read responsively by whole verse*)

**BCP, p. 614**

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.

## The Epistle

## Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death--  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation

with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn LEVAS #108** *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* (omit verse 2)

William J. Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)

**The Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 21:23-32**

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

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

*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 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 Anglican Church of Japan. 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**

### **Reception**

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

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory Anthem**      *God is So Good*                      arr. 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 LEVAS #255** (Al sing) *Holy, Holy, Holy* Grayson Warren Brown (b. 1948)  
(*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**

**Hymn LEVAS #201** *I've got Peace Like A River* Traditional Spiritual

### **\*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 LEVAS #205 *Trust and Obey* (verses 1,2&5) D.B. Towner (1850-1919)

Dismissal

BCP, p. 366

Postlude

*Christ the Sure Foundation*

Tom Birchwood

*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 ~ *Bill Kehr*

Ushers ~ *Kay DeCicco, Mike DeCicco* Chalice Bearer ~ *Bill Kehr*

### Parish Prayer List – October 1, 2023

PLEASE NOTE: *If you need to add or remove a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by Wednesday, October 4<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.	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	B
Dennis Hickey	Rosanne & Bob	Juli & Dave
Laura	Lovas Family	Debbie & Joe Reising

Rebecca  
Tom Blake  
Sarah  
Sue  
Melanie  
Paris

Marilyn Thomas  
Luca Affa  
Graham  
Jack Betz  
Sophia

Susan Hughes  
Fiona  
Bob  
Hale Bailey  
Joseph

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

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

**Birthdays:** Jane Enos (10/06), Robert Romanowski (10/07)

**WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR OCT. 2-6**

02 – Mon	Morning Prayer (FB Live)	9:00 AM
03 – Tues	Evening Prayer <i>Broadcast Live from Somers Point</i>	6:30 PM
	Meet the Bishop Reception @ Christ Church Somers Point	7:00 PM
04 – Wed	Choir Rehearsal	11:30 am – 2:30 PM
	Pet Blessing	5:30 AM – 6:30 PM
05 – Thu	Book Study @ Church	2:00 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
06 – Fri	<i>Parish Office closed</i>	

**AUCTION TICKETS 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)



2024 This stewardship season, we celebrate **our GIFTS, GRACE, and GENEROSITY, with God's Help!** Stay tuned for a fun Stewardship sponsored Ministry Fair October 22.

**ANNUAL PET BLESSING & Observance of the Feast of St. Francis**  
**THIS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:30 PM**



**Bishop French's first visit to Holy Innocents', PLEASE COME!**

On Saturday, October 21st, Bishop Sally J. French will be preaching and presiding at a diocesan service of Holy Eucharist here at Holy Innocents'. While this is specifically themed to highlight the achievements of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) and is also the Diocesan Annual United Thank Offering (UTO)

Ingathering, this service is OPEN TO ALL. Mtr. Caroline+ would REALLY like to see it a packed house! Please stay tuned for more details, but as far as we know, the service begins at **10:00 a.m.** Following the service, the Diocesan ECW Annual meeting will take place in Martin Hall.

*Today we receive George Waldner into Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church! WELCOME GEORGE! Thank you for your faith in us as a community of love and faith and bless you!*

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