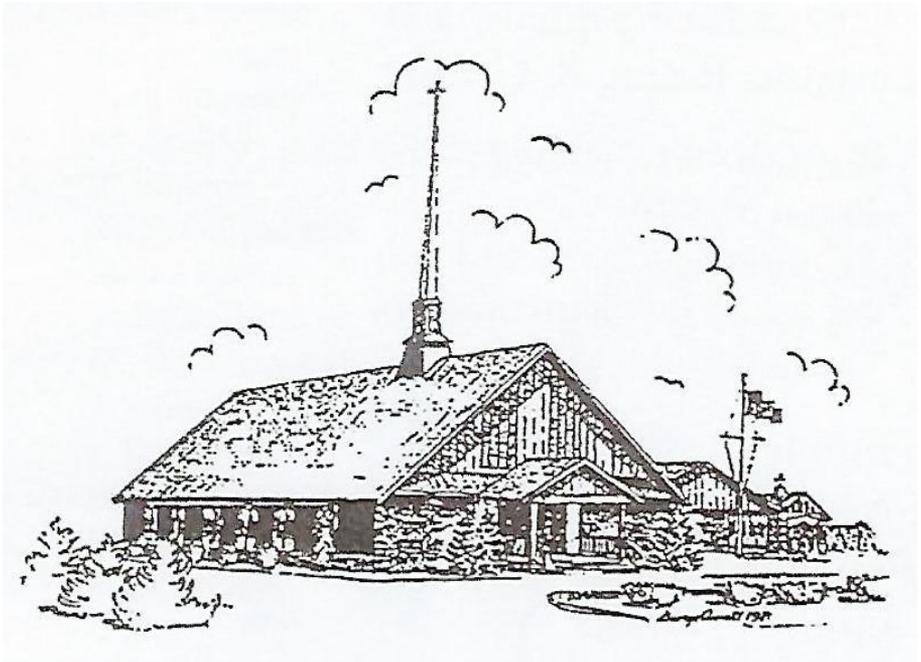


*A Public Service of Healing*  
*with*  
*The Holy Eucharist*  
*on the*  
*The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost*  
*in observance of*  
*Recovery Sunday*



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



*Celebrant* Let us pray. Loving God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: accept our prayers, and to those who seek healing, especially those who struggle with addictions of any kinds and all whom we name in our hearts, grant the power of your grace, that the weak may be strengthened, sickness turned to health, the dying made whole, and sorrow turned into joy; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *All: Amen.*

*Deacon* God our healer, whose mercy is like a refining fire: by the loving-kindness of Jesus, heal us and those for whom we pray; that being renewed by you, we may witness your wholeness to our broken world; through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Spirit. *All: Amen.*

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

David Hurd (b. 1950)

### **The First Lesson**

**James 5:14-16**

Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 145 :1-9** (*Read responsively by whole verse*)

**BCP, p. 801**

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, \*  
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you \*  
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another \*  
and shall declare your power.

- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \*  
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \*  
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great  
goodness; \*  
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 The LORD is loving to everyone \*  
and his compassion is over all his works.

**The Epistle**

**Romans 8:31-39**

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**\*Sequence #574** *Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel*

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**\*The Holy Gospel**

**Luke 13:10-13**

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Message**

**The Rev. Dot Hospador**

### **A LITANY OF HEALING**

*Presider* Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

*The People audibly and/or silently name those for whom they are interceding. A Person appointed then leads the Litany.*

Leader God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

*People We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

Leader God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

*People We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

Leader God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

*People We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

Leader Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;

*People We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

Leader Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

*People Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Leader Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

*People Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Leader Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

*People Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Leader Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

*People Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Leader Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

*People Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Leader Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

*People Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Leader You are the Lord who does wonders:

*People You have declared your power among the peoples.*

Leader With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

*People And in your light we see light.*

Leader Hear us, O Lord of life:

*People Heal us, and make us whole.*

*Presider Let us pray.*

*A period of prayer in silence and stillness follows.*

*Presider Almighty God, giver of life and health: Send your blessing on all who are sick, and upon those who minister to them, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.*

*Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.*

**Confession - Presider and People**

God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves,

and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. *Amen.*

## **Absolution**

### **The Laying on of Hands and Anointing**

*Anyone who wishes to have the laying on of hands and anointing and/or a prayer or blessing for recovery from illness of any kind or from deliverance from trouble and anxiety, please come forward to the altar rail.*

*Presider* N., I lay my hands upon you [and anoint you] in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, praying that our Savior Jesus Christ will sustain you, drive away sickness of body and mind and spirit, and give you that victory of life and peace which will enable you to serve and rejoice in God both now and evermore. *Amen.*

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

*Celebrant:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*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"*

**\*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 him 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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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-124** (*All sing*)

David Hurd (b. 1950)

*(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**

*Celebrant:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*(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.)*

**Fraction Anthem: S-154** *(all sing)*

David Hurd (b. 1950)

### **Postcommunion Prayer** *(Stand or kneel)*

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.*



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

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

**Birthdays:** Ted Johnson (09/26), Natalie Aftanis (09/29)

**Altar Flowers:** Today’s altar flowers are given in loving memory of Bob Hunter by Debbie and David Hunter and also to the Glory of God.

**WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR September 26<sup>th</sup> – October 2<sup>nd</sup>**

|            |                                 |                          |
|------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 26 - Sun   | <b>ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC</b>     | <b>5:00 PM</b>           |
| 27 – Mon   | Morning Prayer                  | 9:00 AM                  |
| 28 – Tues  | Evening Prayer (FB)             | 6:00 PM                  |
| 29 – Wed   | <i>Aspell Committal</i>         | 11:00 AM                 |
|            | Choir                           | 7:00 – 8:30 PM           |
| 30 – Thurs | Book Study (Rectory)            | 2:00 PM                  |
|            | Compline (FB Live)              | 9:00 PM                  |
| 01 – Fri   | <i>Parish Office Closed</i>     |                          |
|            | <b>Pet Blessing</b>             | <b>5:00 PM – 6:00 PM</b> |
|            | Kids Korner (FB)                | 7:00 PM                  |
| 02 – Sat   | Psalms with Dcn. Judy (FB Live) | 7:00 PM                  |

**TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!!**

Our Annual Auction date has been set for **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup>** and we will return to the Shell!! *Thank you Tom & Sherry Hughes and the Shell for hosting us!* Tickets are on sale now from Maggie Aftanis on Sundays or from Lisa Halpin in the Parish Office M-Th 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Contact: Maggie at 609-492-5271 for more info. **Deadline to purchase tickets or donate to the auction is October 10<sup>th</sup>.**



**Our Stewardship Campaign kicks-off on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Carroll Anne Sheppard will be our guest preacher! Carroll is a licensed lay preacher in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, and regularly attends St. Paul’s Church, Chestnut Hill. She has been involved with Holy Innocents’ since 1971, as a congregant, eucharistic minister, preacher and Sabbatical consultant. Many of you know Carroll from Holy Innocents’ as she and her husband, Carl, are summer parishioners and Beach Haven residents. Captain Carl runs the charter boat Star Fish out of Morrison’s Marina.

## PET BLESSING!!!

Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 p.m. ~ 6:00 p.m. on the green patch of the church. Bring all your furry, scaly and feathered friends!



**Serving Today:** *Crucifer ~ John Wall, Lectors ~ Janine Kleber*  
*Ushers ~ Bill Cowper & Bob Weidmann*

### Environmental Education & Advocacy Committee PRESENTS

On **October 3rd** immediately following the morning service, we will carpool to the Jacques Cousteau center and begin our short walk along the Grassle Marsh Trail. Mary Jane Mannherz and Rob Meyer will be your guides as we explore this beautiful area. **Please bring your own bag lunch** (picnic tables on site.) This new trail has been made possible by grants from NOAA and the NJ DEP Recreational Trails Program. For more info., contact Rob Meyer - [rmeyer1394@aol.com](mailto:rmeyer1394@aol.com) – 609-618-3914

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