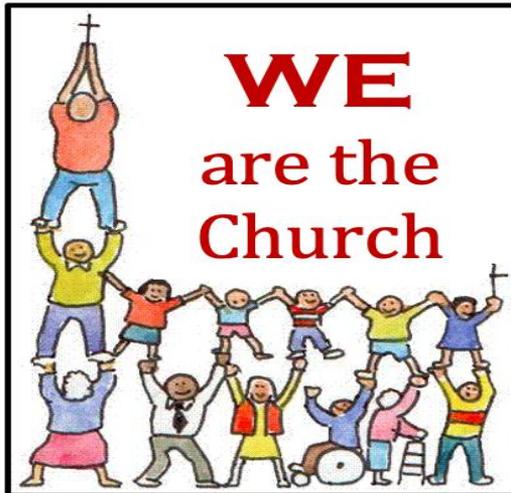


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Season After Pentecost

Proper XXI



STEWARDSHIP '21

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

27 September, 2020 ~ 9:30 AM

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Celebrant*: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People*: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.

**Celebrant*: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *All: Amen.*

**Gloria in excelsis*

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All: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

The Collect of the Day

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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. *All: Amen.*

The Lesson

Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,

whose right hand I have grasped

to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes,

to open doors before him--

and the gates shall not be closed:

I will go before you and level the mountains,

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not
know me.
I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no
god. I arm you, though you do not know me,
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual: Psalm 96:1-9 (*Read alternating by whole verse*)

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in
God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #711

Seek Ye First

SEEK YE FIRST

***The Holy Gospel**

Matthew 22:15-22

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

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not

regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Canon Karin R. Mitchell+

The Nicene Creed

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

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(The people may stand or kneel)

Celebrant: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People: **That we all may be one.**

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader: In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan The Most Revd Ezekiel Kumir Kondo - Archbishop of the Province of Sudan & Bishop of Khartoum. We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for William our Bishop; for Judith our Deacon, for Caroline, our Rector. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;.

People: **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader: For Nancy our Mayor, Philip our Governor, and Donald our President; We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader: We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially remembering all victims of climate change, and for the poor. We also remember all those mentioned in our Parish Prayer List: the sick, the shut in, and the grieving; those serving in the military and other dangerous professions, and for our enemies, that all hearts may be turned to peace. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. (*The People may add their own petitions.*)

Celebrant Gracious God, giver of all we have and hold as stewards; grant the people of this church a deep and abiding awareness that all things come from you – our health, our incomes, our jobs, our talents and our generous impulse. Send your Holy Spirit to help us When we are tempted to think of money as a private matter, remind us that you have asked for part of what we are given, to be returned to you as a symbol of our awareness that you give all we have. And further, help us to help each other in this season of grace in giving, for you are the lover of our souls and call us to nothing less than transformation in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Confession - Minister and People

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

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

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Parish Notices

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory

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 every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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 and Benedictus (All)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(The People may stand or kneel)

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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

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

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

(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Currently, our diocesan guidelines allow us to offer the Holy Sacraments in one kind only. The Bread will be offered and Wine will be placed on the altar for adoration.)

Postcommunion Prayer *(Stand or kneel)*

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that

we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

***Blessing**

***Hymn #111 (LEVAS)** *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

***Dismissal**

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Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Parish Prayer List - Week of Sept. 27, 2020

PLEASE NOTE: *This is the last Sunday in September. All names will be removed from the prayer list. If you need to add a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by **Wednesday, September 30th.***

Angela	Bob	Marie Bregler
Brooke	Matt Brown	Joan Connolly
Beth C	Stokes Carrigan	Judy Contreras
Mary Ann Crewdson	Dcn Judy	Michael Read Davis
Dennis	Donald Deacon	Carol Dobbins
Meg Dougher	Elizabeth Ann	Faye & Ed
Frank	Charles Gonzalez	Ed Gonzalez
Kendra Hall	Barbara Hanlon	Shirley Harris
Shirley Hickey	Hillary	Jeannine
Jeanne, John & Caitlin	Joe, Pat & Rich	Johnny
Barbara Josephine	Warren Lamon	Diane Lee
Cecily Lovas	Lynn	Mary Jane
Kurt Martin	Evelyn Nancy	Virginia Nicholas
Jeannette Peterson	Bob Prindible	Carol Ann Renzland
Kathy Rice	Matt Russo	Robert Thomas
Rob & Stacey	Rich Serfling	Marie Serfling
Jerry South	Lara Sparks	Greg & Ray Schwartz
Javy Vargas	Vaughan Family	Colin Walker
Ann White	Joel & Kate White	Ruth Wolf
The Kean Family	Allison, Garrett, & Leann	

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

Birthdays: Matthew Payne (09/28), Sarah Payne (09/28), Natalie Aftanis (09/29)

Altar Flowers: Today's Altar Flowers are given in honor of Robert Hunter by Deborah Hunter and to the Glory of God.

WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR September 28th-October 3rd

28 – Monday	Morning Prayer & Coffee	9:00 AM
	Compline	9:00 PM
29 – Tuesday	Sung Evening Prayer	6:00 PM
30 – Wednesday	Choir Meeting	7:00 PM
01 – Thursday	Bible Study	3:00 PM
	Compline	9:00 PM
02 – Friday	Kid's Korner	7:00 PM
03 – Saturday	Praying through the Psalms	7:00 PM

WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS to wipe down pews and items between the 7:30 service and again after the 9:30 service

REMEMBER

Masks must be worn at all times, unless aged 2 or under or your severity of health/breathing medically prevents it. No congregational singing is allowed according to diocesan guidelines.

Holy Innocents' Circles

Morning Prayer & Coffee - Sept. 28th @ 9 AM

All circles are outside~Masks must be worn and physical distancing will be strictly followed. Some activities require you to bring your own items/chair.

GIVING YOUR WAY

1 Weekly Offering

Place offering envelopes or check/cash in the plate during worship service. Mailing or dropping at church is always an option!

2 Direct Giving from Your Checking Account

If you pay your bills online, simply add HI as a payee. Most banks allow you to set this up as a recurring gift if you like.

3 Online through GivePlus+ Church NEW!

Go to our website hiecbh.com to set up an account or make a one-time gift through our safe & secure GivePlus+ service.

4 Mobile Giving NEW!

Use your cell phone. Download the GivePlus+ Church app from your iphone's App Store or android's Google Play. Search for HI using our zipcode 08008. Set up an account or donate without an account using your checking account or a credit card. Recurring payments will need an account set up.

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