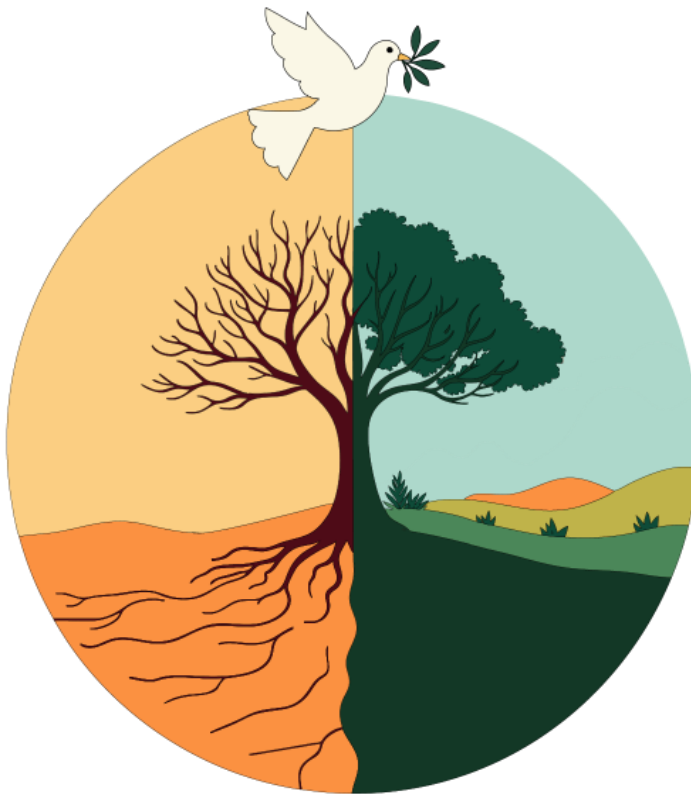


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Season of Creation ~ Animal Sunday



Garden of Peace

The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents

14 September, 2025 ~ 9:30 AM

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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!

Prelude *Voluntary*

Please use this time for quiet prayer and contemplation

Parish Notices

THE WORD OF GOD

Entrance Hymn #8 (*please stand*) *Morning Has Broken*

BUNESSAN

Celebrant Blessed be the One who creates all things.

People **The Holy One's love is new every morning.**

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.*

Song of Praise Hymn #405 (*all sing*) *All Things Bright and Beautiful* ROYAL OAK

The Collect of the Day *Web of Creation webpage*

God, our Creator, we celebrate with all living creatures today. Help us to see your presence, not only in human history but also in the stories of our kin in creation, the great animal family. Teach us to hear the good news of God's loving care ringing through the kingdoms of the wild. Rejoice with us as we behold the mysteries of your Wisdom implanted in all creatures. In the name of Christ who fills heaven and Earth. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Job 39:1-8, 26-30

"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?

Do you observe the calving of the deer?

Can you number the months that they fulfill,
and do you know the time when they give birth,
when they crouch to give birth to their offspring
and are delivered of their young?
Their young ones become strong; they grow up in the open;
they go forth and do not return to them.
“Who has let the wild ass go free?
Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass,
to which I have given the steppe for its home,
the salt land for its dwelling place?
It scorns the tumult of the city;
it does not hear the shouts of the driver.
It ranges the mountains as its pasture,
and it searches after every green thing.
“Is it by your wisdom that the hawk soars
and spreads its wings toward the south?
Is it at your command that the eagle mounts up
and makes its nest on high?
It lives on the rock and makes its home
in the fastness of the rocky crag.
From there it spies the prey;
its eyes see it from far away.
Its young ones suck up blood,
and where the slain are, there it is.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 104:14-23

(Read in unison)

14 You make grass grow for flocks and herds *
and plants to serve mankind;
15 That they may bring forth food from the earth, *

and wine to gladden our hearts,
16 Oil to make a cheerful countenance, *
and bread to strengthen the heart.
17 The trees of the LORD are full of sap, *
the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,
18 In which the birds build their nests, *
and in whose tops the stork makes his dwelling.
19 The high hills are a refuge for the mountain goats, *
and the stony cliffs for the rock badgers.
20 You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, *
and the sun knows the time of its setting.
21 You make darkness that it may be night, *
in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.
22 The lions roar after their prey *
and seek their food from God.
23 The sun rises, and they slip away *
and lay themselves down in their dens.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:10-23

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,
“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #665 *(please stand) All My Hope on God is Founded vv. 1,2,3 & 5*

MICHAEL

The Holy Gospel

Luke 12:22-31

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he

clothe you, you of little faith! And do not keep seeking what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that seek all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

(Please be Seated)

The Rev. Peter De Franco

The Nicene Creed

(Please Stand)

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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 *Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music*

(The people may stand or kneel)

Celebrant Blessed God, whose love calls the whole creation into covenant with you, and who puts in our hands responsibility for the care of the earth and its creatures: we pray for all to whom you have given life and being, saying, “Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.”

Leader For the well-being of the earth; for its resources of water, air, light, and soil, that they may be tended for the good of all creatures, we pray:

People **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader For the waters of the earth; for their careful use and conservation, that we may have the will and the ability to keep them clean and pure, we pray:

People **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader For the mineral and energy resources of the planet, that we may learn sustainable consumption and sound care of the environment from which they come, we pray:

People **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader For the animals of the earth, wild and domestic, large and very small, that they may know the harmony of relationship that sustains all life, we pray:

People **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader For the creatures of the earth who do us harm and those whose place in your creation we do not understand or welcome, that we may see them as beloved creatures of God, we pray:

People **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader For all who shape public policies affecting the planet and its creatures especially Colleen our Mayor, Philip our Governor, and Donald our President, that they may consider wisely the well-being of all who come after us, we pray:

People **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader For all those engaged in conservation, in agriculture and ranching, in aquaculture and fishing, in mining and industry, and in forestry and timber-harvesting, that the health, fruitfulness, and beauty of the natural world may be sustained alongside human activity, we pray:

People **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader For the creatures and the human beings of your world who are ill, or in danger, pain, or special need especially all those on our Parish Prayer List, and for all who suffer from the unjust, violent, or wasteful use of the earth's resources or their devastation by war, that all may one day live in communities of justice and peace, we pray:

People **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader For the gifts of science and technology and for those who practice these skills, that they may be wise, visionary, and compassionate in their work, we pray:

People **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader For the creatures and the people of the earth whose lives and deaths have contributed to the fruitful abundance of this planet. We remember those who have died. In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of South America. For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Sally our Bishop; for Peter our Supply Priest and for all bishops and other ministers, we pray:

People **Merciful God, keep your planet and people in peace.**

Leader Let us pray for the Vestry and Search Committee as they search for a new rector.

People **Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of the members of our Vestry and Search Committee who shall choose a new rector for Holy Innocents' Episcopal**

Church, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Gracious God: Grant that your people may have in them the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and guide us into harmony of relationship through loving-kindness and the wise use of all that you have given; for you are drawing all things into communion with you and with each other by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Confession *From Season of Creation for Episcopal Parishes*

The People Kneel as Able

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbor and the created order.

Celebrant and People **God of compassion, have mercy upon us. Heal our relationship with all creation. Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect of the creatures who share the earth with us. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent for what we have done to harm them, and for what we have not done to help them. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for one another and for all creatures, according to your will and in the fullness of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

Absolution

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Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace *(All stand)*

Celebrant The God of heaven has made a home on earth.

All **Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Seek Ye First

Douglas Wagner

Presentation of the Gifts *(All stand)*

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee

Eucharistic Prayer *Scottish Liturgy 1982 Holy Eucharist for the Season of Creation*

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 our thanks and praise.**

Worship and praise belong to you, O God, Creator of all things visible and invisible, Source of life and immortality, whom the heavens praise, the sun and moon and all the stars, the earth, the sea and all that is in them, in every place and at all times.

By your holy Word you brought order out of chaos. You divided light from darkness, created the heavens and established the earth; you divided the sea from the dry land, and caused all life to come into being. When you had made the plants and the animals, you formed humanity in your own image, and entrusted us with the priesthood of your Creation.

In Christ your holy Word became flesh, took our human form, lived among us, and, through dying on the cross, overcame sin and death, that your creation might be restored in him.

Through your life-giving Holy Spirit who first moved over the waters, you renew your creation, call us to new birth, in a world restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose, with all your creatures throughout space and time we offer you our praise, together with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:

The Celebrant continues (Please Kneel)

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, God our creator, for the gift of your Son born in human flesh. Christ is your holy Wisdom, existing beyond time, present at creation. Through Christ you revealed yourself in the world, and bring your saving work to its completion. Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross. By your power you raised him from the dead. He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death, knowing that his hour had come, having loved his own, he loved them to the end. At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me." We now obey your Son's command.

People **We recall his blessed passion and death,
we proclaim his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.**

Celebrant Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by the Spirit's life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptized into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary,

St. Francis, St. Hildegarde, the apostles and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.

Celebrant and People **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

The Celebrant breaks the Consecrated Bread. The congregation observes a time of silence.

Fraction Anthem: S-154 *(all sing) Christ Our Passover* David Hurd
(All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion.)

Postcommunion Prayer *(Please stand) Prayers of Intercession for Creation Time*

Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours. Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. **Amen.**

Blessing *CTI Eco-Congregation Programme*

May God who established the dance of creation, Who marveled at the lilies of the field, Who transforms chaos to order, lead us to transform our lives and the Church to listen to the voice of all creatures that reflect God's glory in creation. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn #400 *(please stand)* *All Creatures of Our God and King vv. 1,4,5&7*

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Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve God's Creation.

People **Thanks be to God the Creator.**

Postlude *Voluntary*

Serving Today

Crucifer ~ John Wall **Lector** ~ Leila Sullivan

Ushers ~ Pat Peacock, Rob Meyer **Chalice Bearer** ~ Leila Sullivan

Please join us in Martin Hall for Coffee & Fellowship!

Parish Prayer List – September 14, 2025

PLEASE NOTE: *If you need to add or remove a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by **Wednesday, September 17th**.*

Lara Sparks Deitz

Christian Balint

Ann White

Debbie & Joe Reising

Peg Appleget

Meg Neff

Florence Lamon

Kathy Rice

Charles Sullivan

Ellis Barbieri

Diane

Jeannine

Fran Iozzi

Dr. John

Mike Phillips

Katie Gillis

Mary Ann Crewdson

Christine Hendricks

Pierro Family

Connie

Dcn. Judy

Rob Meyer

Melanie Harman

Jessie

Doug Hunter

Judy Hamilton

Ray M.

Phil

Johnny Johnson, Jr.

Scott

Adam Boulderstone

Frank, III

Dennis

Warren Lamon

Lovas Family

Joe

Lynne Weidmann

Tino

Pat

Rich Cashel

JoAnn King

Cindy Wood

Gia

Frank

Bill Bentley

Nellie Riley

Chris Mercer

Will Locovare

Pilar Wolfe	Ollie	Milt
Ben Giannico	Eric C.	Bill O'Connell
Mary Jane Mannherz	Glenn Servetah	Mary K.
Tom Serpico	George Balch	Barbara Wheeler
Pat Strocchia	Family & Friends of Alycia Mullin	
Family & Friends of Marie Kleber		

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

Birthdays: Rich Southwick (09/14), Amy Nicole Lyle (09/20), Melissa Wall (09/20) Linda Beardslee (09/20)

Anniversaries: John & Sherry Johnson (09/14), Rich & Colette Southwick (09/20)



Our Annual Auction date is set for **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9th at 6:00pm** and we will return to the Shell.

Thank you Tom Hughes and the Shell for hosting us!

Tickets are \$75.00 and are now on sale from the church office or Contact: Maggie Aftanis at 609-492-5271.



Sept. 21 – Stewardship Kickoff!

Oct. 4 – St. Francis Day Annual Blessing of the Animals
6:00pm-7:00pm

Oct. 8 – Auction Preview Day in Martin Hall 2:00pm-6:00pm

Oct. 9 – Annual Silent Bid Auction at Sea Shell at 6:00 p.m.

Oct. 26th – Blessing of the Pledges

Nov. 2 – All Saints’ Sunday

Nov. 8 – Antiques Appraisal Day, hosted by the ECW 10:00am-2:00pm

Nov. 22 – Diocese of NJ Annual Convention (delegates attend)

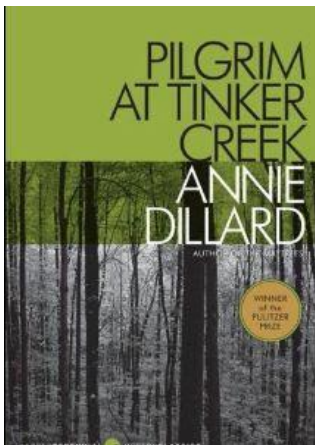
Dec. 3 – ECW Christmas Luncheon at Buckalew’s-Time TBD

Dec. 6 – Messiah Sing at 4:00 p.m.

Dec. 12 – Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols 7:00pm

WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR September 15 - September 20

15 – Mon	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
	Chair Yoga in MH	9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
16 – Tues	Ladies Exercise Group	9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
17 – Wed	Prayer Ministry	4:00 PM
18 – Thurs	Ladies Exercise Group	9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
	Book/Bible Study	2:00 PM
	“Clam Diggers” AA Group	7:30 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
19 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	
20 – Sat	Alycia Mullin Service	11:00 AM



Bible Study Thursdays at 2:00 PM in Martin Hall

Pilgrim at Tinker Creek by Annie Dillard.

Pulitzer Prize winner Annie Dillard takes us on a journey in nature through the seasons, encouraging us to see with eyes of wonder. Read chapters 4-6. Text or email Leila Sullivan, 919-280-4602, for more info or Zoom link.



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