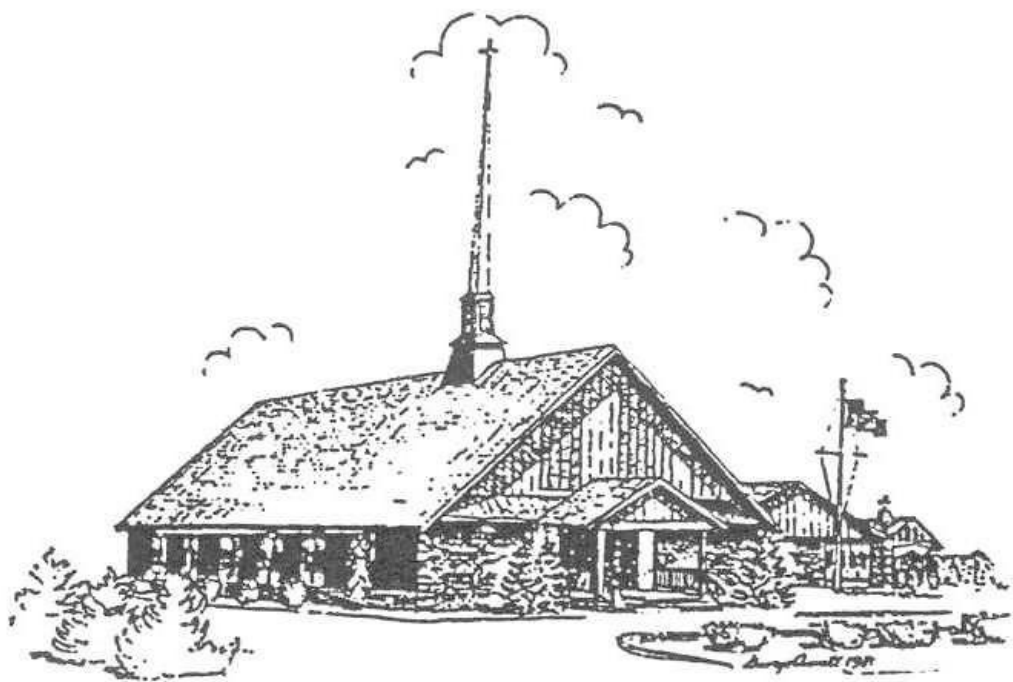


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Sixth Sunday of Easter



The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents
25 May, 2025 ~ 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!

Parish Notices

Prelude *Consecrated Lord, to Thee* arr. Douglas Wagner
Please use this time for quiet prayer and contemplation

THE WORD OF GOD

Entrance Hymn #705 *As Those of Old Their First Fruits Brought* FOREST GREEN

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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 S-280 (all sing) **Gloria in excelsis** Robert Powell

The Collect of the Day **BCP, p. 225**

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 *(Please be seated)* **Acts 16:9-15**

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the

vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #538 (*please remain seated*) *God of Mercy, God of Grace* LUCERNA LAUDONIAE

The Epistle

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing

its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #510 *(Please Stand)* Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove SAINT AGNES

The Holy Gospel

John 14:23-29

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

(Please be Seated)

The Rev. Peter De Franco

The Nicene Creed

(Please Stand)

BCP, p. 358

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 VI *(The people may stand or kneel)*

BCP, p. 392

Celebrant Let us offer our prayers to God.

Silence

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;

People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader For Colleen our Mayor, Philip our Governor, and Donald our President;
for this community, the nation, and the world;

People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Anglican Church of Kenya. We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Sally our Bishop; for Peter our Supply Priest and for all bishops and other ministers;

People **For all who serve God in his Church.**

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, all caregivers, and the grieving; those serving in the military and other dangerous professions, and for our enemies, that all hearts may be turned to peace.

(The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud at this time.)

Leader Hear us, Lord;

People **For your mercy is great.**

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life; for the beauty of your creation; for those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week, and, all the saints.

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;

People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember those who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. *(Deceased loved ones and friends may be mentioned at this time.)*

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People **Who put their trust in you.**

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 O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Peace *(All stand)*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem *A Time for All Things*

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 2 *(Enriching Our Worship)*

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.

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Sanctus S-129 (all sing)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Robert Powell

The Celebrant continues (Please Kneel)

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Mary, the Mother of God, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **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.)

Music During Communion

HYMN LEVAS #151 *(all sing) One Bread, One Body* John B. Foley, SJ

Postcommunion Prayer *(Please stand)*

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Blessing

Hymn #409 *The Spacious Firmament on High* (vv. 1&3) CREATION

Dismissal BCP, p. 366

Postlude *A Patriotic Quotation* Robert J. Hughes

Serving Today

Crucifer ~ John Wall **Lector** ~ Bill Kehr

Ushers ~ Sue Hughes & Melissa Wall **Chalice Bearer** ~ Bill Kehr

Parish Prayer List – May 25, 2025

PLEASE NOTE: This is the last Sunday in May. All names will be removed from the prayer list unless you have requested to leave them on. If you need to add or remove a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by **Wednesday, May 28th.**

Lara Sparks Deitz
Dennis
Christine Hendricks
Pierro Family
Connie
Dcn. Judy

Joan Connolly
Connie Anderson
Warren Lamon
Lovas Family
Joe
Lynne Weidmann

Mary Ann Crewdson
Christian Balint
Ann White
Debbie & Joe Reising
Peg Appleget
Alycia Mullin

Meg Neff	Rob Meyer	Tino
Florence Lamon	Melanie Harman	Pat
Kathy Rice	Jessie	Rich
Charles Sullivan	Doug Hunter	Marie Kleber
JoAnn King	Ellis Barbieri	Judy Hamilton
Cindy Wood	Diane	Linda K.
Linda M.	Ray M.	Gia
Jeannine	Phil	Frank
Ed McDaniels	Fran Iozzi	Johnny Johnson, Jr.
Bill Bentley	Dr. John	Cris Grapa
Family & Friends of Barry Longenbach		
Family & Friends of Fr. John Powell		

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

Birthdays: Don Anderson (05/25), Gail South (05/27), Meghan Horleman (05/29)
Robert Weidmann (05/30)

Anniversaries: Clifford Wymbs & Jeannette Bond (05/28)

Altar Flowers: This week's Altar flowers are given in loving memory of John Entrikin by Diane Entrikin & family and to the glory of God.

WEEKLY ONLINE CALENDAR May 26 – May 31

26 – Mon	<i>Parish Office Closed</i> – Memorial Day	
	Morning Prayer (FB)	9:00 AM
	Yoga in MH	9:15 AM-10:15 AM
	Memorial Day Observance Veteran's Memorial Park	10:30 AM
27 – Tues	Ladies Exercise Group	9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
28 – Wed	Church Grounds Clean Up Day	9:00 AM
29 – Thurs	Ladies Exercise Group	9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
	Book Study in MH	2:00 PM
	"Clam Diggers" AA Group	7:30 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM

30 – Fri *Parish Office Closed*

31 – Sat Committal Service: Robert Engle

3:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28th AT 9:00 AM CHURCH GROUNDS CLEAN UP DAY!

See Rich Cashel for more info.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, June 1st at 4:00 pm

Capital Singers of Trenton presents Lighter Fare: A Cabaret

Featuring American Songbook and Broadway selections

Free will offering ~ Reception follows



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Judy Contreras

Bruce Hillyer

Bill Kehr

Vestry Class of 2026

Larry Peacock

Barbara Wheeler

Leila Sullivan

Vestry Class of 2027

Vince Contreras

Melissa Wall

Debbie Hunter

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