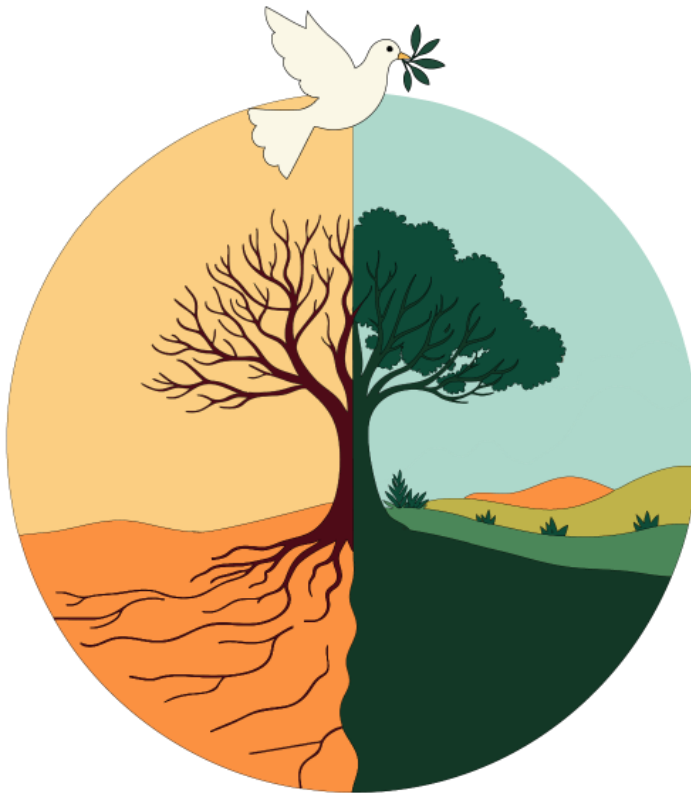


The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Season of Creation ~ Ocean Sunday



Garden of Peace

The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents

07 September, 2025 ~ 9:30 AM

Bishop Salley French granted permission to use the liturgical material in this bulletin.

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

***Proclamation of Deacon Judith Krom Day
in the Borough of Beach Haven
Read by Leila González Sullivan and Kay DeCicco***

THE WORD OF GOD

Entrance Hymn LEVAS #80 (*please stand*) *Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me* John E. Gould

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

Holy God, Creator of the world and fount of all life, you never abandon the creatures formed by your wisdom: remain with us always, we pray, working for our good, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:
“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
Gird up your loins like a man;
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.
“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.
Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?
On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone
when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?
“Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb,
when I made the clouds its garment
and thick darkness its swaddling band,
and prescribed bounds for it,
and set bars and doors,
and said, ‘Thus far shall you come and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?
“Have you commanded the morning since your days began
and caused the dawn to know its place,
so that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,
and the wicked be shaken out of it?
It is changed like clay under the seal,
and it is dyed like a garment.
Light is withheld from the wicked,
and their uplifted arm is broken.
“Have you entered into the springs of the sea
or walked in the recesses of the deep?

Have the gates of death been revealed to you,
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?
Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?
Declare, if you know all this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 104:1-9, 24-28 (*Read in unison*)

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul; *
O LORD my God, how excellent is your greatness!
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.
- 2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak *
and spread out the heavens like a curtain.
- 3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; *
you make the clouds your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind.
- 4 You make the winds your messengers *
and flames of fire your servants.
- 5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, *
so that it never shall move at any time.
- 6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; *
the waters stood higher than the mountains.
- 7 At your rebuke they fled; *
at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.
- 8 They went up into the hills and down to the valleys beneath, *
to the places you had appointed for them.
- 9 You set the limits that they should not pass; *
they shall not again cover the earth.
- 24 Man goes forth to his work *
and to his labor until the evening.
- 25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! *

in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.
27 There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.
28 All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.

The Epistle

Ephesians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #549 (*please stand*) *Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult* ST. ANDREW

The Holy Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

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 Southern Africa. 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 *Bless Us Now This Day*

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:

Sanctus S-129 (all sing) *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

Robert Powell

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 #686 *(please stand) Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

NETTLETON

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** ~ Alexa Fahner

Ushers ~ Mike Fahner, Bob Weidmann **Chalice Bearer** ~ Alexa Fahner

*Following the service today, please join us in
Martin Hall to celebrate the ministry of Dcn. Judy Krom!*

Parish Prayer List – September 7, 2025

PLEASE NOTE: *If you need to add or remove a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by Wednesday, September 10th.*

Lara Sparks Deitz

Mary Ann Crewdson

Dennis

Christian Balint

Christine Hendricks

Warren Lamon

Ann White	Pierro Family	Lovas Family
Debbie & Joe Reising	Connie	Joe
Peg Appleget	Dcn. Judy	Lynne Weidmann
Meg Neff	Rob Meyer	Tino
Florence Lamon	Melanie Harman	Pat
Kathy Rice	Jessie	Rich Cashel
Charles Sullivan	Doug Hunter	JoAnn King
Ellis Barbieri	Judy Hamilton	Cindy Wood
Diane	Ray M.	Gia
Jeannine	Phil	Frank
Fran Iozzi	Johnny Johnson, Jr.	Bill Bentley
Dr. John	Scott	Nellie Riley
Mike Phillips	Adam Boulderstone	Chris Mercer
Katie Gillis	Frank, III	Will Locovare
Pilar Wolfe	Ollie	Milt
Ben Giannico	Eric C.	Bill O'Connell
Mary Jane Mannherz	Glenn Servetah	Mary K.
Family & Friends of Marie Kleber		Tom Serpico
Family & Friends of Alycia Mullin		

Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:

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

Birthdays: Joanne Sencindiver (09/07), Arthur Curtin, III (09/12)

Anniversaries: Floss & Phil Boulden (09/08), Richard & Karen Vaughan (09/09)

Altar Flowers: This week's Altar Flowers are given in celebration of Dcn. Judy's ministry here at Holy Innocents' and to the Glory of God.



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 6 – Eucharistic Service Celebrating 40th Anniversary of the Diaconate In the Diocese of NJ @ Trinity Cathedral-2:00pm

Sept. 7 – Celebration of Dcn. Judy's Ministry during coffee hour

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. 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 8–September 12

08 – Mon Morning Prayer (FB) 9:00 AM

Chair Yoga in MH 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM

09 – Tues Ladies Exercise Group 9:15 AM – 10:15 AM

10 – Wed Sandwich Ministry 9:30AM – 11:00 AM

11 – Thurs	Ladies Exercise Group	9:15 AM – 10:15 AM
	Book/Bible Study	2:00 PM
	BHCAP Meeting	4:30 PM
	Vestry Meeting	7:00 PM
	“Clam Diggers” AA Group	7:30 PM
	Compline (FB)	9:00 PM
12 – Fri	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>	



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<i>Vestry Class of 2025</i>	<i>Vestry Class of 2026</i>	<i>Vestry Class of 2027</i>
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Bruce Hillyer	Barbara Wheeler	Melissa Wall
Bill Kehr	Leila Sullivan	Debbie Hunter

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