

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 25	<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b> <b>Holy Eucharist Rite II: <i>Christmas Day</i></b>	10:00am
Thursday, December 26	<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b> Evening Prayer AA	5:00pm 7:00pm
Friday, December 27	<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b>	
Saturday, December 28	<b>PARISH OFFICE CLOSED</b> Evening Prayer~ <i>Feast of The Holy Innocents</i>	5:00pm
Sunday, December 29	<b>The Holy Eucharist: Rite II</b>	9:30am
The 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day	Fellowship	10:30am

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## Christmas Eve The Holy Eucharist: Rite II



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

*24 December, 2019 ~ 4:30 PM*

## The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

**Welcome!** The liturgy is found in the **Red Book of Common Prayer (BCP)** and the Music is found in the **Blue Hymnal**. If you are a baptized Christian, regardless of denomination, you are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

\* **Indicates to stand as you are able**

**Prelude** *A Child is Born* Thad Jones  
*Chloe Dondero, soloist*

### THE WORD OF GOD

**Hymn #83** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* ADESTE FIDELIS

### STATION AT THE CRECHE

*(The Clergy carry the Christ Child figure into the church during the Processional Hymn, stop and place the figure in the Creche.)*

*Celebrant:* The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

*People:* **For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.**

*Celebrant:* His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

*People:* **The Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.**

*Celebrant:* The word became flesh and dwells among us.

*People:* **Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth.**

*\*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, you have given us a new revelation of your loving providence in the Coming of your Son Jesus Christ to be born of the Virgin Mary: Grant that as he shared our mortality, so we may share his eternity in the glory of your kingdom; where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

*All: Amen.*

**Song of Praise - Hymn #96** *(vs. 1 & 4) Angels We Have Heard on High*  
GLORIA

**\*The Collect for Christmas Eve** BCP, p. 212

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you**

## Parish Prayer List - December 24, 2019

After the last Sunday of each month, all names will be removed from this Prayer List. If you would like a name to remain for another month, please contact the Parish Administrator in the Church Office by the Thursday before the first Sunday of each month. You may add or remove names at any time during the month. Please be sure to give us the first name of the person to be prayed for. Last names may be given as well, if desired. Thank you.

Ada	Meg Dougher	Virginia Nicholas
Aime	Carol Earl	Nicki
Annabel	Faye & Ed	Bob Prindible
Anne	Frank	Sue Pritchard
Annie	Gloria Gamache	Kathy Rice
Glen Allen	Janet	Carol Ann Renzland
The Acker Family	Javy	Lara Sparks
Diane Babiy	Johnny	Linda S.
Marie Bregler	Diane Lee	Steve
Jeannine	Charles González	Gail South
Peg Cadigan	Luis González	Robert Thomas
Chris	Gail Lovenduski	Val
Joan Connolly	Cecily Lovas	Ann White
Judy Contreras	Lynn	Mary Ann Crewdson
Joan Cunningham	Curt Martin	Frank P.
Michael Read Davis	Maryann	Sean
Donald Deacon	Maryjane O.	Bob
Carol Dobbins	Joe McCarter	Julianna
Jackson Brackett	Rebecca & Genevieve Whitley	
Barbara Hanlon	Bonnie	

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

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

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**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

[*Alleluia.*] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*All:* **Therefore let us keep the feast.** [*Alleluia.*]

*(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion.)*

**Fraction Anthem: S-169** (All Sing)

Ray Urwin (b. 1950)

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

**BCP, p. 365**

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*(Candles are now lit and church lights now dimmed)*

**Carol of the Holy Night** (*Silent Night*, Hymn #111) **STILLE NACHT**  
*(All sing kneeling or seated.)*

**\*A Christmas Blessing**

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the wonder of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ child be with you this Christmas; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

**\*Hymn #99** *Go Tell It on the Mountain*

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

**\*Dismissal**

**BCP, p. 366**

*Deacon:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ, *Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Postlude**

*(Please return all candles as you exit the church.)*

*Celebrant:* Let us pray. O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *All: Amen. (All are seated)*

**The Lesson**

**Isaiah 9:2-7**

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness--  
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
and all the garments rolled in blood  
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

For a child has been born for us,  
a son given to us;

authority rests upon his shoulders;  
and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

His authority shall grow continually,  
and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.

He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time onward and forevermore.

The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

### **The Gradual: Psalm 96**

- 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.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! \*  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the LORD when he comes, \*  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with his truth.

*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 [\_\_\_\_\_ and] 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.

saints, through him who is your Word made flesh, our Savior Jesus Christ.

*People:* **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: *Mary Did You Know?* Mark Lowry & Buddy Greene  
*Chloe Dondero, soloist*

**\*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.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*All:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All:* **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. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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 S-128*** (*All sing*) William Mathias (1934-1992)  
(*The People may stand or kneel*)

## The Epistle

**Titus 2:11-14**

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn #24 LEVAS** *Rise UP Shepherd and Follow* Trad. Spiritual

**\*The Holy Gospel**

**Luke 2:1-20**

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

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

"In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them."

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Caroline Carson

#### \*The Nicene Creed

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.

**Litany for Christmas Eve** *(The people may stand or kneel)*

*Deacon:* In peace let us pray for the church and the world.

*Silence*

*Leader:* Creator God, on this holy night your Son our Savior was born in human flesh. Renew your Church as the Body of Christ. Holy God,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* There was no room for your son in the inn. Protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty. Holy God,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Your Christ came as a light shining in the darkness. Bring comfort to all who suffer in our world. Holy God,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Herod's rage brought weeping and lamentation to Bethlehem. Rid our world of violence and comfort those mourning lives lost to violence in our city and across the world. Holy God,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* The angels sang, 'Peace to God's people on earth.' Strengthen those who work for peace and justice in the all the world. Holy God,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Shepherds in the field heard good tidings of joy. Give each of us grace to preach the gospel of Christ's love. Holy God,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Strangers found the Holy Family and saw the baby lying in a manger. Bless our homes and all whom we love. Holy God,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* In this holy night, heaven is come down to earth, and earth is raised to heaven. Hold in your hand all those who have passed through death in the hope of your coming kingdom. Holy God,

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Holy God, angels and shepherds worshiped at your manger. Receive the worship we offer in fellowship with Mary, Joseph and the