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HOLY FAMILY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Laurel Springs, New Jersey

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

4 February 2024

9:30 A.M.



THE WORD OF GOD

Please stand as you are able and join us in singing.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 304 "I come with joy" Hymnal

THE WELCOMING PRAYER

Said together by all.

Holy Spirit living within us, guide our hearts and minds as we welcome today all those who worship with us at Holy Family. Give us discerning hearts so that everyone who crosses our threshold feels welcomed in the spirit of your love. Help us to recognize each person as an individual sent by you who will enrich our lives. And most of all, O God, let this be a place of love and acceptance of all your children; in the name of your Child, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ACCLAMATION BCP 413

Bishop: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Bishop: There is one Body and one Spirit

People: *There is one hope in God's call to us.;*

Bishop: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: *One God and father of all.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: *And Also with you.*

Bishop: Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

THE FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 40:21-31

Reader: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;

who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;

who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,

when he blows upon them, and they wither,
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see:

Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;

because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,

"My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God"?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,

they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 147:1-12, 21C *Laudate Domunum*

The Psalm is read responsively by verse.

1 Hallelujah!

How good it is to sing praises to our God! *
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

2 The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; *

he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted *

and binds up their wounds.

4 He counts the number of the stars *

and calls them all by their names.

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; *

there is no limit to his wisdom.

6 The Lord lifts up the lowly, *

but casts the wicked to the ground.

7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; *

make music to our God upon the harp.

8 He covers the heavens with clouds *

and prepares rain for the earth;

9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
and green plants to serve mankind.

**10 He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.**

11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

**12 But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, *
in those who await his gracious favor.**

21 Hallelujah!

NEW TESTAMENT READING: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings..

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able for the singing of the Gradual Hymn and reading of the Gospel.

GRADUAL HYMN: 711 "Seek ye first" Hymnal

THE GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ*

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Please be seated for the sermon.

SERMON.....The Rt. Rev. Sally French

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES.....BCP 415

Bishop: The Candidates will now be presented.

Priest &: I present these persons for Confirmation.

Sponsors:

Presenters: I present these persons who desire to be received and reaffirm their baptismal vows.

The Bishop asks the candidates.

Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates: I do.

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates: I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

The Bishop addresses the congregation.

Bishop: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ

People: We will.

Bishop: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT.....BCP 416

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and

fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: *I will, with God's help.*

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Bishop: Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Senior Warden: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Senior Warden: Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Senior Warden: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Senior Warden: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Senior Warden: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Senior Warden: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Senior Warden: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Bishop: Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection

of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

CONFIRMATION BCP 418

The Bishop lays hand upon each one and says:

Bishop: Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N.* with your Holy Spirit; empower *him/ her* for your service; and sustain *him/ her* all the days of *his / her* life. **Amen.**

RECEPTION BCP 418

Bishop: *N.*, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

REAFFIRMATION BCP 419

Bishop: *N.*, may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING PRAYER BCP 419

Bishop: Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able for The Peace.

THE PEACE

Bishop: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

Please stand as you are able for the Offertory Hymn

THE OFFERTORY HYMN: 335 “I am the bread of Life”..... Hymnal

THE DOXOLOGY Hymn 380 v. 3

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D.....BCP 372

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Bishop: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Bishop: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Bishop: It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify

your Name, as we sing,

Sung together by 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.

Please stand or kneel as you choose. The bishop continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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.”

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**All: *We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.***

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Justin, our Archbishop, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Sally our Bishop, Carmen our priest, Naomi, our Deacon and all who minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember all those on our prayer list.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are

yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER..... BCP 364

Bishop: And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

All: *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..... BCP 364

Bishop: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

Bishop: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are invited to receive communion. Please let us know if you need gluten-free communion. If you are unable to come to the altar, let the usher know and we will bring communion to you.

Communion Hymn: 812 "I, the Lord of sea and sky"WLP

Unison

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them, They turn a -
 poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
 Give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
 Till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my

save. I who made the stars of night,
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide

light to them? Whom shall I send? _____
 word to them. Whom shall I send? _____
 life to them. Whom shall I send? _____

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. _____ Is it I, Lord? _____ I have

heard you call-ing in the night. _____ I will go, Lord, _____

_____ if you lead me, _____ I will hold your peo - ple in my

1. 2. _____ heart. _____ 3. _____ heart. _____

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYERBCP 365

Please kneel as you are able.

All: *Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

THE BLESSING BCP 523

The Bishop blesses the people.

Bishop: Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People: *The maker of heaven and earth.*

Bishop: Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

People: *From this time forth for evermore.*

Bishop: The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you
for ever. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 473 “Lift High the Cross” Hymnal

THE DISMISSAL BCP 339

Deacon: Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the
 hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, make
 haste to be kind. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
 rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: *Thanks be to God.*



THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

CELEBRANT: The Rt. Rev'd Sally French

PRIEST-IN-CHARGE: The Rev'd. Carmen Viola

DEACON: The Revd. Naomi Cressman, DCN

ORGANIST: Jacob Davidson

USHER: Roland Cranford

ACOLYTE: Linda Macklin

OLD TESTAMENT & PSALM: Roland Cranford

NEW TESTAMENT: Cathy Brackin

ALTAR GUILD: Nicole Juliano

COFFEE HOUR: Bonnie Stoll, Nicole Juliano, and Chris Botto

COUNTERS: Chris Botto & DeSha Viola

VESTRY PERSON OF THE MONTH: Roland Cranford

HOLY FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

CONFIRMANDS:

Bridget Leigh Schwagerl

Michael Steven Coigne

Ryan Tadhg Murphy

RECEPTIONS:

Rocco Antonio Vitucci III

REAFFIRMATIONS:

Diana Forbes

Ronald Forbes

PRAYER LIST:

Ken	Jack	JoAnn	Naomi
Grace	Mary	Ryan	Steve
Anita	Greg	Margaret	Ann
Christy	Geri	Michael	Dick
Madeline	Danyella	Christine	Tyson
Gerry	John	Michelle	Betty
Roxanne	David	Matthew	Les & Terry
Annmarie	Ron	Tony	Jeff
Agnes	Audrey	Pres. Carter	Nicky
AJ	Chris	John & Chris	Dot
Nicole	Randy	Linda	Peggy
Bill	Kristan	Sylvia	
Barbara, Sr.	Jackie	Richard	
Bob	Lee	Tom	

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please fill out one of the prayer cards in the pews and place it in the offering plate. Requests can also be given to Madeline Juliano.

CARING CARDS: If you know of someone who is either sick or shut-in that could use a get well card or thinking of you card from the church, you can email Barbara Matthews, beejamathews@gmail.com and she will have one sent.

MONTHLY WEEKDAY HEALING SERVICE: The first Friday of every month. We will have a healing service in the Parish Hall, it is handicap friendly, there are no steps. All are welcome and invited.

Saturday Outreach

On the 3rd Saturday of each month, volunteers hand out 20 or more bags of household essentials and personal care items to pre-qualified recipients. These items are not covered by government assistance. Volunteers are needed to help assemble and hand out the bags. Please contact the church office by email, office@holyfamily.com or call the office at (856) 784-8666.

We are accepting donations of filled bags or items for the bags.



- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Tissues
- Shampoo
- Bar soap
- Dish soap
- Laundry Detergent
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Razors
- Shaving cream
- Toothbrush
- Powder
- Lotion
- Wipes
- Toddler diapers
- Pull Ups
- Pads (feminine)





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