

HOLY INNOCENTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The First Sunday in Lent March 9, 2025 | 10:15 AM

Today

8:00 AM: Worship Christ Chapel

8:45 AM: Donuts Provided by the Men of HI Bishop Commons

9:00 AM: Formation Inglett Hall

10:15 AM: Worship Nave

1:00 PM: Spanish-speaking Worship Nave 6:00 PM: Celtic-style Worship Christ Chapel

A Season of Renewal

Lent, meaning "spring" in Old English, is a sacred season of reflection, preparation, and renewal. For 40 days, beginning on Ash Wednesday and culminating on Holy Saturday, we walk a path that mirrors Jesus' time in the wilderness—seeking clarity, deepening our faith, and opening our hearts to transformation.

At Holy Innocents', we embrace Lent as an opportunity to nurture our faith and strengthen our community. Through prayer, fasting, and acts of service, we draw closer to God and one another. Our worship takes on a contemplative tone—setting aside the Gloria and Alleluias as we prepare for the joy of Easter. This year, we pray with words both ancient and familiar, using an updated version of the traditional Rite I Eucharistic Prayer, echoing the beauty of our 1928 Prayer Book.

Whether you are a longtime member or visiting for the first time, you are welcome here. This season is an invitation—to return, to reflect, to renew. We hope you will join us in worship, in fellowship, and in this holy journey together. If you are new, we would love to connect with you. Please fill out a newcomer card in person or online so we can personally welcome you.

Let this Lent be a time of grace, growth, and deeper connection with God and community.

Children of all ages are welcome in worship! Nursery care is available for children under four during the 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM services.

We are grateful for your **generosity** that sustains our mission to follow Christ and serve others. Scan the QR code to give.

The people stand as they are able at the sound of the bell.

The peoples' responses are in bold.

Our service is taken from the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) in the pew rack.

Our music is in the blue hymnal.

Prelude

Silent Processional

A Penitential Order

Blessed be the God of our salvation:

Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Matthew 22:37-40

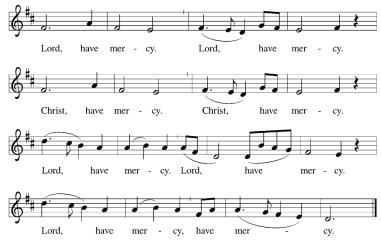
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people kneel and silence is kept.

Almighty and most merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts,
we have offended against your holy laws,
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.
O God, have mercy upon us,
spare those who confess their faults,
restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared to us
in Christ Jesus our Lord;
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may ever hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

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

Kyrie



The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

The First Lesson | Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this

The people may be seated.

response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91 | ST. NÖEL CHABANEL

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You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, say to the LORD, "My refuge and fortress, my God in whom I trust."

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No evil shall befall you, nor shall affliction come near your tent, For to his angels he has given command about you, that they guard you in all your ways.

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Upon their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone. You shall tread upon the asp and the viper; you shall trample down the lion and the dragon.

Because he clings to me, I will deliver him; I will set him on high because he acknowledges my name. He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in distress; I will deliver him and glorify him.

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The Second Lesson | Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 146 | Now let us all with one accord EX MORE DOCTI MYSTICO VV. 1-2 BEFORE: VS. 3 AFTER

Gospel | Luke 4:1-13

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

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

The people stand as able.

The Gospel Procession reminds us that it is our responsibility to carry the Good News of Jesus Christ into all the world.

During the Gospel processional, children ages Pre-K through 5th grade are invited to follow the cross to attend Children's Chapel.

The children will return during the peace.

We stand, as we are able, to listen to this reading. Some will trace a cross with their thumb over their forehead, lips, and heart. This "enacted prayer" asks that the Gospel be inscribed in our minds, spoken with our lips and loved in our hearts.

'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'

and

'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

We believe in one God.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated.

The Sermon | The Rev. T. Stewart Lucas VICAR

The people stand as able.

The Nicene Creed

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 I

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishops, clergy, vestry, school staff and for our entire community, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us, O Lord, by your grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of the Holy Innocents and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence is kept. Then the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The people are seated.

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give. An offering is received to support Holy Innocents' ministry of sharing God's love. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed or with QR code on page 1.

Offertory Anthem | Sicut cervus GIOVANNI PIERLUIGI DA PALESTRINA

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum,

As the deer longs for running water,

ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus.

so longs my soul for you, O God.

[Psalm 42:1]

The people stand as able.

Presentation Hymn | OLD 100TH



The Great Thanksgiving | RITE I, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

The Sanctus | RICHARD PROULX



All glory be to you, O Lord our God, for you created heaven and earth, and made us in your own image; and, of your tender mercy, gave your only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we your people do celebrate and make, with these your holy gifts which we now offer to you, the memorial your Son commanded us to make;

having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech you, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ.

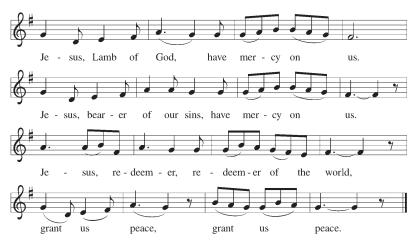
And we earnestly desire your fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present to you, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech you, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with your grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all your whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 forever. **AMEN.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray, 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 Fraction and Invitation

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.



All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Communion. Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and respond by saying "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please notify a minister. Receiving the bread is full participation in the Eucharist. Wine is also available. If you prefer to receive a blessing, indicate this by placing your hands across your chest. Those who wish to have Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.

Hymn 339 | Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness SCHMÜCKE DICH

The people stand as able.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we heartily thank you for feeding us in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and assuring us of your favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech you, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn 143 | The Glory of These Forty Days ERHALT UNS, HERR

Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Upcoming Opportunities

Learn more | holyinnocents.org/calendar

MARCH

MARCH 9

Poptarts and Pajamas 9:00 AM

Youth Group 4:00-6:00 PM

MARCH 10

Reading Connections 6:00 PM

MARCH 11

Men's Dinner and a Book 6:30 PM

MARCH 13

Art Gallery Opening 6:00-7:30 PM

MARCH 16

Masterplan Meeting 9:00 AM CCG Sandwich Build 11:15 AM Youth Group 4:00-6:00 PM

MARCH 20

Lent Class with Temple Sinai 7:00 PM

MARCH 21

Men of HI: Third Friday 7:30 AM

MARCH 23

Youth Group: Study Hall 4:00-6:00 PM

MARCH 25

Newcomers Dinner 6:00-8:00 PM

MARCH 27

Lent Class with Temple Sinai 7:00 PM

APRIL

APRIL 3

Women of HI: An Evening of Inspiration

Lent Class with Temple Sinai 7:00 PM

APRIL 6

FOMA: Song of Atlanta 4:00 PM

APRIL 13 | PALM SUNDAY

Potluck Brunch 8:45 AM Children's Choir 10:15 AM Youth Group 4:00-6:00 PM

APRIL 14

Reading Connections 6:00 PM Holy Eucharist 6:30 PM

APRIL 15

Women of the Cross & Holy Eucharist 6:30 PM

APRIL 16

GLOW 6:00 PM Holy Eucharist 6:30 PM

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Agape Meal, Communion, Stripping of the Altar 6:30 PM All Night Vigil 8:00 PM-10:00 AM

GOOD FRIDAY

Liturgy of the Day & Fauré Requiem with Orchestra 12:00 PM

APRIL 20 | EASTER

Easter Egg Hunt 9:00 AM

APRIL 25-27

Men of HI Retreat

APRIL 27

Youth Group 4:00-6:00 PM





THE WORLD AS WE SEE IT by Tina Christina and Barbara Lehman ON DISPLAY AT THE VENTULETT GALLERY FROM MARCH 4-APRIL 25 **OPENING RECEPTION MARCH 13**



Women of HI: An Evening of Inspiration

April 3, 6:00-8:00 PM

Give yourself the gift of grace.

Join us to learn from Katherine Wolf, founder of Hope Heals.

She's a disrupter in the most inspiring way:
"disrupting the myth that joy can only be found in a pain-free life."



Her story is extraordinary, and so is what she and her team have accomplished since her catastrophic stroke in 2008, at age 26.







Books by Katherine





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