



HOLY INNOCENTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER
MAY 18, 2025

Today

8:00 AM: WORSHIP CHRIST CHAPEL

8:45 AM: BREAKFAST PROVIDED BY THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE 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

Welcome

Holy Innocents is a place to gather as a faith community, where we sing and celebrate, think and talk, laugh and cry, and pray. Together we discover that we are all beloved children of God. With open minds and full hearts, we grow closer to God and to one another. We know we do not have all the answers. We are comfortable with the mystery of the Holy Spirit, alive and active in every person and in the world. Join us as we gather to worship God and serve our neighbors.

Newcomers

If this is your first time with us, we invite you to fill out a newcomer card in the pew rack or online and come by the welcome table near the front door and introduce yourself. No matter your age, gender, orientation, or political or sports team affiliation, you are welcome at communion. Our clergy are always available to answer any questions. We're so glad you're here.

Giving

Jesus understood the power of gratitude and sharing all that God has gifted to us. Your generosity enables us to continue our programs to follow the way of Jesus and to love God by serving our neighbors. Use this QR code to give.



Childcare

We love children of all ages in worship. You may prefer to let our attentive professional Nursery staff care for your young ones under four years old. The nursery is available from 8:00 AM through 10:15 AM worship.

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

*Our music is in the
blue hymnal.*

*The peoples' responses
are in bold.*

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

Prelude | "Prelude" WILLIAM H. HARRIS

Hymn 410 | Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven LAUDA ANIMA

Easter Acclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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. **Amen.**

Gloria S278 | WILLIAM MATHIAS

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:
re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A collect (pronounced "call-ect") is a short prayer that sums up, or "collects together," many petitions into one request by placing it in the context of who God is.

The Word of God

The First Lesson | Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them

The people stand.

the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sung by the choir.

Psalm 148 | DAVID WILLCOCKS

Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you angels of his;
praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars.

Praise him, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord;
for he commanded, and they were created.

He made them stand fast for ever and ever;
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;

Wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and winged birds;

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;

Young men and maidens,
old and young together.

Let them praise the Name of the Lord,
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson | Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 583 | O Holy City MORNING SONG

VS. 1-2 BEFORE, VS. 3-4 AFTER

The Gospel | John 13:31-35

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people stand.

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.

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

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.

The Nicene Creed

**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

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer
for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Fill the church with the spirit of your redeeming love. Make us steadfast in our proclamation of your grace for all people without exceptions, especially those often overlooked in our communities.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Awaken joy in the beauty and abundance of your creation. Show us the wonder of your presence from the smallest flower to the tallest tree. Recommit us to preservation of wild places.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Instruct all world leaders to protect the most vulnerable among us. Guide those in power toward equitable and just economic policies, so that all might have sufficient resources to live safely and with dignity.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Pour out your love on all in need of care: those mourning losses, enduring trauma, experiencing broken relationships, yearning for companionship, or facing illness. Wipe away every tear.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Abide with all who are victims of racism, especially people who are doubly marginalized because of gender, sexuality, or ability. Destroy all forms of systemic oppression and renew our commitment to healing the wounds of our collective body in this community and beyond.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We give thanks for all the saints whose lives bear witness to your redeeming love. Guide us by their example, until we join them in your eternal home.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

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

Welcome and Announcements

The people are seated.

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 | Behold, the Tabernacle of God WILLIAM H. HARRIS

Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and the Spirit, the Spirit of God dwelleth within you, for the temple of God is holy.

Which temple ye are, for the love of whom ye do this day celebrate the joys of the temple with a season of festivity. Alleluia.

(Revelation 21:3-4)

The people stand.

Presentation Hymn | LABT UNS ERFREUEN



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low: Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly
Ghost: O praise him, O praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Great Thanksgiving | EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the

sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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 | S128 WILLIAM MATHIAS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 for ever. **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 Breaking of the Bread

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation to Holy Communion

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Communion. Please move to the altar rail at the direction of the ushers. 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 crossing your hands across your chest. Those who wish to have Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.

Hymn 577 | Here in Christ We Gather UBI CARITAS

Anthem | Create in Me MUELLER

Sending forth of Holy Communion

I send you forth bearing these holy gifts to our friends, that they may share with us in the sacrament of our Savior Jesus Christ.

We who are many are One Body, because we all share one Bread, and one Cup.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray. **Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

The people stand.

Blessing

Hymn 618 | Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones LASST UNS ERFREUEN

The Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude | Nachspiel BRUCKNER

We are here for you.

If you have a pastoral emergency at any time, please call the church office and follow the prompts. You will immediately be connected to Bill, Stewart or Ruth, who take turns being on-call. The word “pastor” is the Latin word for shepherd. The Community of Hope at Holy Innocents is a community of lay persons in the parish who have been deeply and thoroughly trained in the care and practice of being a pastor. If you would like to talk or pray with a lay pastoral caregiver, please email CoH@holyinnocents.org

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