

HOLY INNOCENTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN PENTECOST JULY 6, 2025

Today

8:00 AM: WORSHIP CHRIST CHAPEL 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.

The liturgy is found in the red Book of Common Prayer.

Prelude | Chorale JONGEN

Hymn 719 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies MATERNA

Opening Acclamation | BCP 355

Gloria | S280 ROBERT POWELL



The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

The First Lesson | 2 Kings 5:1-14

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for

The people are seated.

me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 30 | said responsively by half verse.

I will exalt you, O Lord,

because you have lifted me up

and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

O Lord my God, I cried out to you,

and you restored me to health.

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead;

you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

Sing to the Lord, you servants of his;

give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,

his favor for a lifetime.

Weeping may spend the night,

but joy comes in the morning.

While I felt secure, I said,

"I shall never be disturbed.

You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

Then you hid your face,

and I was filled with fear.

I cried to you, O Lord;

I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit?

will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me;

O Lord, be my helper."

You have turned my wailing into dancing;

you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;

O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

The Second Lesson | Galatians 6:7-16

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised-- only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 522 | Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken AUSTRIA VS. 1-2 BEFORE. VS. 3-4 AFTER

The Gospel | Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag,

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.

no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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 | BCP 358

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for our nation, our church, and the world, saying, "Lord, in your mercy," hear our prayer.

Almighty God, giver of all good things:

We thank you for the majesty and beauty of this land.

Restore what we have damaged.

We thank you for this nation's abundant resources.

Forgive us when we exploit rather than steward them.

We thank you for those who have made this country strong. Inspire us by their courage and service.

We thank you for the torch of liberty that draws people from every land. Shine your light in and through us.

We thank you for the faith we have inherited in its rich diversity. Renew us when we falter and forget.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of compassion, be near to all who are in need: Comfort the sick, the lonely, and the forgotten, especially Ruth and those on our parish prayer list and those we name now, either silently or aloud. Strengthen caregivers and all who walk with others through pain or uncertainty.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God of eternal love, receive into your care all who have died, especially Nancy Hoffman. Keep us firm in faith and confident in your promise of resurrection.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Help us, O Lord, to finish the good work begun in this land. Deliver us from ignorance, prejudice, and fear. Hasten the day when all your children are free to live in dignity, with justice and peace.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Look with pity, O God, on those who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as daily companions. Strengthen our military and civic leaders who work for equity, freedom, and equal opportunity for all. Grant that each of us may enjoy a fair share of this land's blessings.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

O God, who made all peoples in your image, deepen our love for those different from ourselves. Expand our circles of fellowship and reveal your presence in every human face, until we reflect your love for all your children.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and one another, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

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

The people are seated.

The Peace | BCP 360

Welcome and Announcements

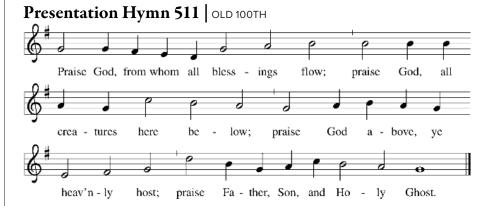
The Holy Communion

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 online with QR code on page one.

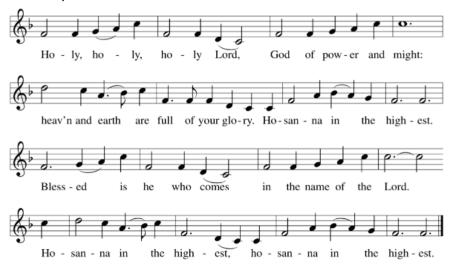
Offertory Anthem | I Know That My Redeemer Liveth HANDEL SUNG BY JENNA GOULD

The people stand as able.



The Great Thanksgiving | BCP 367 EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

Sanctus | LAND OF REST



The Breaking of the Bread

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. 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, rather than the Eucharist, 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 318 | Here, O My Lord NYACK

Sending forth of Holy Communion

In the name of this congregation, 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 people stand as able.

The Postcommunion Prayer | BCP 366

The Blessing

Hymn 539 | O Zion, Haste TIDINGS

The Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, Rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude | Postlude in D-flat Major JOHNSON

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*





WELCOME BACK FROM SABBATICAL

BILL MURRAY!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16 6:00-8:00 PM

LOWCOUNTRY BOIL, CHICKEN, BRISKET, BEER & WINE AND MUSIC BY HIES GRAD

HOLY INNOCENTS' CHURCH PARISH HALL

ADULTS ONLY

BRING A CAKE OR PIE
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