



HOLY INNOCENTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE NINTH SUNDAY IN PENTECOST
BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS
AUGUST 10, 2025 | 10:15 AM

Today

8:00 AM: WORSHIP CHRIST CHAPEL
9:00 AM: FORMATION INGLETT HALL
10:15 AM: WORSHIP NAVE
11:15 AM: PARISH PICNIC INGLETT HALL
11:30 AM: FOAM PARTY FRONT PARKING LOT
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 | Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier J. S. BACH (BWV 731)

Hymn 365 | Come, Thou Almighty King MOSCOW

Opening Acclamation | BCP 355

Gloria | S280 ROBERT POWELL

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. 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. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. 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. Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 | Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

The people are seated.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord,
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!

What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the Lord;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more;
bringing offerings is futile;
incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation--
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

Your new moons and your appointed festivals
my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me,
I am weary of bearing them.

When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;

even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.
Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your doings
from before my eyes;
cease to do evil,
learn to do good;
seek justice,
rescue the oppressed,
defend the orphan,
plead for the widow.
Come now, let us argue it out,
says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be like snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.
If you are willing and obedient,
you shall eat the good of the land;
but if you refuse and rebel,
you shall be devoured by the sword;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 50:1-8, 23-24 | *said responsively by half verse.*

The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken;
**he has called the earth from the rising of the sun
to its setting.**

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
God reveals himself in glory.

Our God will come and will not keep silence;
**before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.**

He calls the heavens and the earth from above
to witness the judgment of his people.

"Gather before me my loyal followers,
**those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice.**"

Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause;
for God himself is judge.

Hear, O my people, and I will speak:

"O Israel, I will bear witness against you;

for I am God, your God.

I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;

your offerings are always before me.

Consider this well, you who forget God,

lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me;

but to those who keep in my way will

I show the salvation of God."

The Second Lesson | Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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 people are seated.

The people stand as able.

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

The people are seated.

Hymn 293 | I Sing a Song of the Saints GRAND ISLE

VS. 1-2 BEFORE, VV. 3 AFTER

The Gospel | Luke 12:13-21

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon | The Rev. T. Stewart Lucas VICAR

The Nicene Creed | BCP 358

The Prayers of the People & Confession | BCP 392, FORM VI

The Peace | BCP 360

Blessing of Students & Teachers

The people stand as able.

Students are invited to join the Chaplain at the baptismal font with their backpacks.

Teachers and school employees are invited to join the Vicar at the altar rail.

The Vicar prays

Gracious God, your Son was once himself a child learning and teaching in the temple, bless our schools to be safe and lively centers for sound learning and new discovery. We give thanks for all who teach and labor in our schools, especially those at our own Holy Innocents' Episcopal School. We praise you for those who have volunteered to teach Sunday School and lead our Youth Programs. Give them joy and patience in their various ministries, and may they know of our respect and gratitude for their dedication, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Chaplain prays

God of Wisdom, we thank you for new beginnings. We thank you for sharpened pencils, pointy crayons, and crisp blank pages waiting to be filled. We thank you for the gift of making mistakes and trying again. We thank you for these young people, and we ask you to bless them with curiosity, understanding and respect. May their backpacks be a sign to them that they have everything they need to learn and grow this year. May they always be guided by your love. All this we ask in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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.

The people stand as able.

Offertory Anthem | Hallelujah, Amen HANDEL

Hallelujah, Amen.
O Judah, rejoice, in songs divine,
With Cherubim and Seraphim harmonious join.

Presentation Hymn 511 | OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving | BCP 367 EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

Sanctus | LAND OF REST

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might:
heav'n 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

Communion Anthem | Ave, Verum Corpus MOZART

Hymn 314 | Humbly I Adore Thee ADORO DEVOTE

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 Postcommunion Prayer | BCP 365

The people stand as able.

The Blessing

Hymn 397 | Now Thank We All Our God NUN DUNKET ALLE GOTT

The Dismissal

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

Postlude | Finale from Organ Concerto No. 5 HANDEL





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featuring

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