



HOLY INNOCENTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST
AUGUST 31, 2025 | 10:15 AM

Today

8:00 AM: WORSHIP CHRIST CHAPEL

8:45 AM: DONUTS PROVIDED BY THE WOMEN 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

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 flowers in the Nave are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the baptism of Liam James Atkinson by the Holy Innocents' Church Staff.

*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 | Toccata in F JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

Hymn 680 | O God, Our Help, in Ages Past ST. ANNE

Baptismal Acclamation

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

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

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Lord of all power and might, the author and giver
of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name;
increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and
bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 people are seated.

The First Lesson | Jeremiah 2:4-13

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families
of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me

that they went far from me,

and went after worthless things, and became worthless
themselves?

They did not say, "Where is the Lord

who brought us up from the land of Egypt,

who led us in the wilderness,

in a land of deserts and pits,

in a land of drought and deep darkness,

in a land that no one passes through,

where no one lives?"

I brought you into a plentiful land
to eat its fruits and its good things.
But when you entered you defiled my land,
and made my heritage an abomination.
The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?"
Those who handle the law did not know me;
the rulers transgressed against me;
the prophets prophesied by Baal,
and went after things that do not profit.
Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord,
and I accuse your children's children.
Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,
send to Kedar and examine with care;
see if there has ever been such a thing.
Has a nation changed its gods,
even though they are no gods?
But my people have changed their glory
for something that does not profit.
Be appalled, O heavens, at this,
be shocked, be utterly desolate,
says the Lord,
for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me,
the fountain of living water,
and dug out cisterns for themselves,
cracked cisterns
that can hold no water.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalms 81:1, 10-16 | HIGHMORE SKEATS

Sung by the choir.

Sing with joy to God our strength
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt
and said,
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."
And yet my people did not hear my voice,
and Israel would not obey me.

So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts,
to follow their own devices.

Oh, that my people would listen to me!
that Israel would walk in my ways!

I should soon subdue their enemies
and turn my hand against their foes.

Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him,
and their punishment would last forever.

But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

The Second Lesson | Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.
What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn 477 | All Praise to Thee ENGELBERG

VS. 1-3 BEFORE, VS. 4-5 AFTER

The Gospel | Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

The Sermon | The Rev. T. Stewart Lucas VICAR

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.

Holy Baptism

Liam James Atkinson

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Celebrant

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present Liam James to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the younger child.

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
I do.

The congregation stands. The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this child in his life in Christ?

We will.

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

The Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.

I will, with God's help.

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

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
I will, with God's help.

The Prayers for the Candidate

The Celebrant then says to the congregation,

Let us now pray for Liam.

Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open his hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send him into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Thanksgiving over the Water

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of

promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Liam, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Liam, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Baptismal Response | SHAWN KIRCHNER

Let the Lov-ing Guide_ be your guide, let the Ten-der One lead you by the_hand. Let the

Lov-ing Guide_ be your guide, let the Ten-der One lead you by the_hand. So man-y

roads_ in_ this wide world; let the Lov-ing Guide_ be_your guide, So man-y_

roads_ in_ this wide world; let the Ten-der One lead you by the_hand. Let the

Lov-ing Guide_ be your guide, let the Ten-der One lead you by the_hand.

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

The Peace | BCP 360

A Liturgy of Farewell and Godspeed

Dear friends in Christ, today we give thanks for the ministry of Sean Vogt who has served among us as Director of Music for six years. He now leaves Holy Innocents to begin a new chapter of ministry in Tennessee. We mark this transition with gratitude for what has been, and with trust in God's grace for what will yet be.

For Sean's ministry among us, for the gifts of music, worship, and leadership he has shared:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For the times of challenge and change, for lessons learned, and for God's mercy in our life together:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

As Sean departs from this parish, do you release him from the responsibilities of this ministry?

We do, with the help of God.

Will you continue to pray for him in the work that lies ahead?

We will, with the help of God.

Let us pray. Eternal God, whose steadfast love never ceases: we give you thanks for the ministry we have shared with Sean in this place. Surround him with your Holy Spirit; keep him steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and rooted in your love. Bless the work now before him, and bless us as we look to the future you prepare for this parish, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Go forth in peace, Sean, in the name of Christ who calls us all into new life and service. **Go in peace. May the Lord bless and keep you. Thanks be to God.**

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 online with QR code on page one.

Offertory Anthem | Sweet Rivers SHAWN KIRCHNER

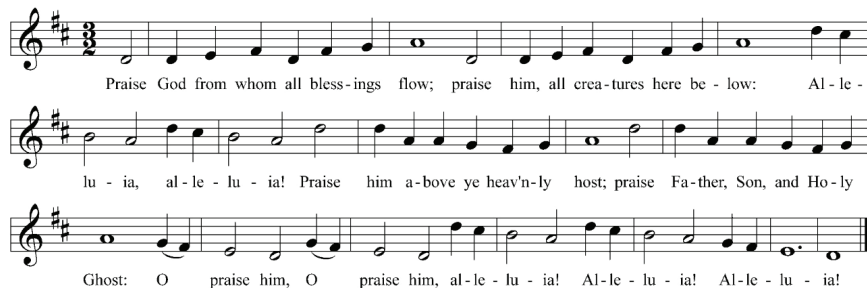
Sweet rivers of redeeming love lie just before mine eyes;
Had I the pinions of a dove, I'd to those rivers fly.
I'd rise superior to my pain, with joy outstrip the wind;
I'd cross o'er Jordan's stormy waves and leave the world behind.

A few more days, or years at most, my troubles will be o'er;
I hope to join the heavenly host on Canaan's happy shore.
My rapt'rous soul shall drink and feast in love's unbounded sea,
The glorious hope of endless rest is ravishing to me.

O! Come, my Savior, come away, and bear me through the sky,
Nor let thy chariot wheels delay, but quickly draw thou nigh.
Then I shall join the angel throng and circle 'round thy throne;
I'll sing through the age song, and joy to be thine own.

[John Adam Granade (1804) in
"Original and Select Hymns" (Boston, 1820)]

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 | BCP 367 EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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.

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 662 | Abide with Me EVENTIDE

Antthem | O Love ELAINE HAGENBERG

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thy ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Joy that seeks me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

[George Matheson, 1882]

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 657 | Love Divine, All Loves Excelling HYFRYDOL

The Dismissal

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

Postlude | Toccata Brevis DANIEL GAWTHROP

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

PLAY MAHJONG



with the
Women of Holy Innocents

Friday, September 5th
6:30-9:00 PM

Lessons not available.





EARLY BIRD



 **FRIENDS of
MUSIC and
ARTS**

October 5, 4:30 PM



SAVE THE DATE

*Parish Retreat
at Kanuga!*

Feb. 13 -15, 2026



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