



Holy Innocents'

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER · APRIL 26, 2026 · 10:15 AM

WELCOME

Holy Innocents is a place to gather as a faith community, where we sing and pray, think and talk, laugh and cry. We believe 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, active in every person and in the world. Join us as we 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.

TODAY

8:00 AM · WORSHIP · Christ Chapel

8:45 AM · DONUTS · Bishop Commons

10:15 AM · WORSHIP · Nave

1:00 PM · SPANISH-SPEAKING WORSHIP · Nave

6:00 PM · CELTIC-STYLE WORSHIP · Christ Chapel

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.

The people's responses are in bold.

PRELUDE • *Aria in F Major* • G. F. HANDEL

HYMN 441 • *In the Cross of Christ* • RATHBUN

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 • S 278 • 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. O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by

name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The WORD of GOD

The FIRST LESSON • ACTS 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

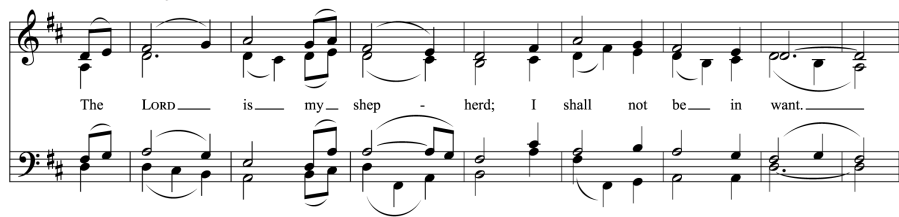
Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the LORD added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*The people
are seated.*

PSALM 23 • CARL P. DAW & KEVIN HACKETT



The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

Antiphon
1x choir,
2x all;
thereafter, all

The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

Antiphon

He revives my soul

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Antiphon

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Antiphon

The SECOND LESSON • 1 PETER 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*The people
stand as able.*

HYMN 708 • Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us • SICILIAN MARINERS
VERSE 1 BEFORE, VERSE 2 AFTER

Children are invited to follow the small cross to attend Children's Chapel for a story and prayers during the procession and will return during the Peace. We stand to hear the Gospel, as sign of our call to carry the good news into the world. Some may trace the sign of the cross on their forehead, lips, and heart, praying that the Gospel may shape our thoughts, words, and lives.

The GOSPEL • JOHN 10:1-10

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The SERMON • *The Reverend T. Stewart Lucas* • VICAR

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.**

*The people
are seated.*

*The people
stand as able.*

**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

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb! The good shepherd is faithful and true; therefore, let us pray with confidence together.

Good Shepherd, you know your sheep: give us the ears to hear you call our names and the strength to follow where you lead.

God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

For those killed, injured, or traumatized because of senseless violence, we pray: God, wipe away every tear from their eyes. We pray again for an end to the violence. We pray again for peace.

God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, by the victory of your Son, turn the valleys of death into green pastures where living waters flow. Bless and renew your creation.

God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, we pray for those who work for justice and peace in our community. Flood this city with goodness and mercy. Extinguish from our region the fear of evil.

God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty God, we look for the day when hunger is no more, and thirst is no more. We look for the day when the souls of the downcast are revived, and the displaced find a home in your shelter. In this Easter season, we pray in faith for all those in need.

God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, bring relief to bodies weary with pain or sickness. Give mercy to those in need, especially those on our parish prayer list and those we name now, either silently or aloud.

God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

Good Shepherd, your gift is eternal life; those who belong to you never perish. Bring us, and those who have died, into your heavenly home where we may worship you forever and ever.

God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **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 & 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.

ANTHEM • *How Firm a Foundation* • DALE WOOD

PRESENTATION HYMN • LASST 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 people stand as able.

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 • S 128 • 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 FRACTION INVITATION

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.

AGNUS DEI • S 164 • PROULX

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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 304 • *I Come' with Joy to Meet my Lord* • LAND OF REST

HYMN 341 • *For the Bread Which You Have Broken* • OMNI DIE

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 as able.*

BLESSING

HYMN 655 • *O Jesus, I Have Promised to Serve Thee* • NYLAND

The DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE • *Trumpets and Flourishes* • DAVID MAXWELL

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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