



# Holy Innocents'

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • JULY 26, 2026 • 10:15 AM

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### 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

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8:45 AM • DONUTS • Bishop Commons  
*Provided by the Men of HI*

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9:00 AM • FORMATION • Inglett Hall

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10:15 AM • WORSHIP • Nave

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1:00 PM • SPANISH-SPEAKING WORSHIP • Nave

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

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### 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 memory of  
*Russell Kent Paul, Jr. by his family.*

*Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted.*

*The people's responses are in bold. This type of note, offering directions about the service is called a "rubric," which comes from the Latin word rubrics (red)—referring to a time when these instructional notes were always written in red.*

*When the service is accompanied by music, it often begins with an instrumental piece of music, during which the congregation can prepare for worship.*

*This morning we welcome the Rev. Marycelis Otero as our Celebrant. Marycelis served as our intern during her time at Candler School of Theology at Emory. She was ordained last June. She serves as part-time associate for Hispanic/Latino ministries at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Athens.*

♦ ♦ ♦

*The people  
stand as able.*

## VOLUNTARY • *Voluntary in G* • HENRY HERON

HYMN 580 • *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*  
HOLY MANNA

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

**And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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 280 • POWELL • SEE NEXT PAGE.

## *The* COLLECT of the DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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.

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# The WORD of GOD

*The people  
are seated.*

## *The* FIRST LESSON • 1 KINGS 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the LORD that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 119:129-136

Your decrees are wonderful;  
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

**When your word goes forth it gives light;  
it gives understanding to the simple.**

I open my mouth and pant;  
I long for your commandments.

**Turn to me in mercy,  
as you always do to those who love your Name.**

Steady my footsteps in your word;  
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

**Rescue me from those who oppress me,  
and I will keep your commandments.**

Let your countenance shine upon your servant  
and teach me your statutes.

**My eyes shed streams of tears,  
because people do not keep your law.**

## *The* SECOND LESSON • ROMANS 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN 513 • *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song* • BRIDEGROOM**  
VERSES 1-2 BEFORE, VERSE 3 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 people  
stand as able.*

## *The* GOSPEL • MATTHEW 13:31-33,44-52

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

### **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

The Gospel of the Lord.

### **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people  
are seated.*

*The* SERMON • *The Reverend Dr. Bill Murray* • RECTOR

## *The* NICENE CREED

*The people  
stand as able.*

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 people kneel or  
remain standing.*

## *The* PRAYERS of *the* PEOPLE & CONFESSION of SIN

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church:

**That we all may be one.**

Strengthen your Church in every place. Give us courage and joy to truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all lay ministers and pastoral caregivers; for musicians, teachers, vestries, staff; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Guide our leaders away from cruelty, pride, and fear. Give them wisdom for the common good and courage to protect the vulnerable. Heal our divisions, restrain violence, and turn us toward truth, mercy, and dignity in all the nations of the world.

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on the sick, the lonely, the anxious, the addicted, the unemployed, the homeless, the hungry, and those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Comfort all who mourn. Give us hope in the promise of resurrection. We give thanks for the life of Rust Paul. Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Give us grace to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to follow the good examples of all your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence is kept.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;**

**in your compassion forgive us our sins,**

**known and unknown,**

**things done and left undone;**

**and so uphold us by your Spirit**

**that we may live and serve you in newness of life,**

**to the honor and glory of your Name;**

**through Jesus Christ our 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.*

### SOLO • *To God Be the Glory* • ARR. MARK HAYES

*Allison Nance, Mezzo-soprano,*

### PRESENTATION HYMN • *Doxology* • OLD 100TH



*The people  
stand as able.*

## The GREAT THANKSGIVING

ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP, EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I

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 our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

## SANCTUS • S 125 • PROULX

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

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; we violated your creation and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with the Holy Innocents, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

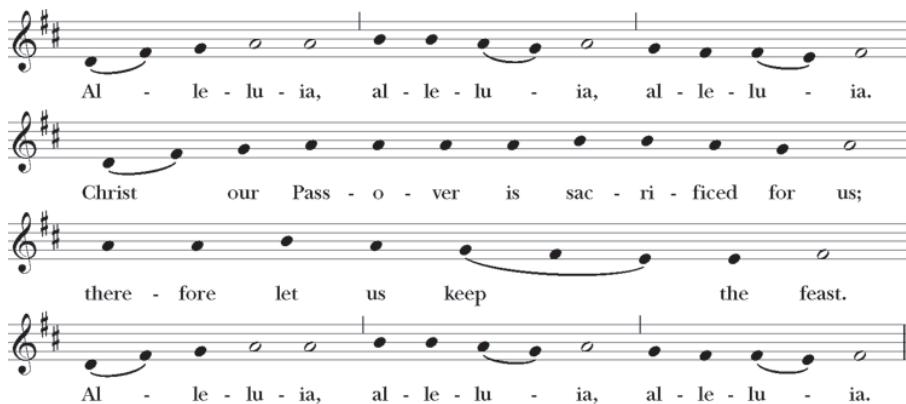
And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**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.*

## AGNUS DEI • S 154 • HURD



## 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 711 • *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God* • SEEK YE FIRST

## HYMN 488 • *Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of My Heart* • SLANE

## 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. **Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

HYMN 594 • *God of Grace, and God of Glory* • CWM RHONDDA

## *The* DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY • *Voluntary on Cwm Rhondda* • DOCK ANDERSON

## 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 or Stewart, who take turns being on-call. 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](mailto:CoH@holyinnocents.org)

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# BACK TO SCHOOL *Bash!*

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SUNDAY  
AUGUST 9

FOLLOWING THE  
10:15AM SERVICE

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Celebrate the new  
school year with us!

BACKPACK BLESSING,  
FAMILY PICNIC, *and*  
FOAM PALOOZA.



Holy Innocents'  
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WOMEN OF HI:  
Corks, Colas, &  
Conversation



Wednesday  
August 12  
5:30–7:00 PM  
Bishop Commons



An evening of  
conversation,  
connection,  
and *community*.

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