



# Holy Innocents'

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • SEPTEMBER 6, 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

8:45 AM • DONUTS • Bishop Commons

*Provided by the Men of HI*

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

## 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.

*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.*

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## VOLUNTARY • *Lasst uns erfreuen* • ARR. WILBUR HELD

*The people  
stand as able.*

### HYMN 518 • *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* WESTMINSTER ABBEY

## 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 278 • MATHIAS

*See next page.*

## *The* COLLECT of *the* DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 • EZEKIEL 33:7-11

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the LORD God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Sung by all.*

## PSALM 119:33-40 • LEGEM PONE



Teach me, O LORD, the way of your / statutes, \*  
and I shall keep it to the / end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep your / law; \*  
I shall keep it with all my / heart.

Make me go in the path of your com- / mandments, \*  
for that is my de- / sire.

Incline my heart to your de- / crees \*  
and not to unjust / gain.

Turn my eyes from watching what is / worthless; \*  
give me life in your / ways.

Fulfill your promise to your / servant, \*  
which you make to those who / fear you.

Turn away the reproach which I / dread, \*  
because your judgments are / good.

Behold, I long for your com- / mandments; \*  
in your righteousness preserve my / life.

## *The* SECOND LESSON • ROMANS 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN 554 • *Tis the Gift to Be Simple* • SIMPLE GIFTS

*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.*

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*The* GOSPEL • MATTHEW 18:15-20

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

**Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people  
are seated.*

*The* SERMON • *The Reverend John Porter* • ASSISTING PRIEST

*The people  
stand as able.*

*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.  
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

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers,  
confident that God hears us.

Proclaiming God, empower your church throughout the world to  
announce the words you give us. Open us to receive your word in  
unexpected ways.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Forming God, renew the cycles of your creation that provide for the needs  
of all. Protect grasslands, marshes, swamps, and all places of transition. Heal  
communities crying out after disaster especially those in Nepal and China.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Governing God, turn all who create, enforce, or interpret legislation away  
from selfish gain and toward your promise of good for all, especially the  
good of all who labor.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Attending God, wake us up to any around us who are in need. Restore  
broken relationships, failing health, frayed emotions, and the hurts we  
carry with us.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Gathering God, resolve conflicts in our homes and around the world  
through your righteousness and grace. Watch over all who serve in our  
armed forces at home and abroad; protect them, sustain their families,  
and guide them in the ways of justice and peace. Reconcile us to one  
another, making your good news known even through our imperfections.  
Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*The people kneel or  
remain standing.*

Loving God, all who die in faith have life with you. We give you thanks for the nearness of your salvation for all who have gone before us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION *of* SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

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

## *The* PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The people  
are seated.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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# 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 • *If Ye Love Me* • PHILIP WILBY

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,  
and he shall give you another Comforter,  
that he may abide with you forever — e'en the Spirit of Truth.  
And ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.  
I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

*The people  
stand as able.*

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



## The GREAT THANKSGIVING • *Eucharistic Prayer B*

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 • MATHIAS

Ho - ly, 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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into 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 disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
**We remember his death,**  
**We proclaim his resurrection,**  
**We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, 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 167 • MARTENS

*Antiphon*  
*Cantor; then All*

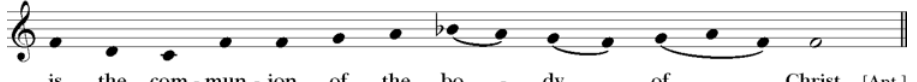


The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

*Cantor*



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

*Cantor*



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

*The people  
are seated.*

## 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 617 • *Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round* • SONG 1

## HYMN 593 • *Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace*

DICKINSON COLLEGE

## 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

In gratitude for this moment,  
this place, those around us,  
Christ among us,  
we give ourselves to you our God.  
Take us out to live as changed people  
because we have met the risen Christ  
and cannot be the same.  
Ask much of us,  
expect much from us.  
enable much by us,  
encourage many through us.  
So may we live to your glory both as inhabitants of earth  
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

*The people  
stand as able.*

## BLESSING

HYMN 400 • *All Creatures of Our God and King*  
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Omit \* verses.*

## *The* DISMISSAL

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

VOLUNTARY • *Voluntary in G* • HENRY HERON

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# DINNER *Party*

Hosted by the  
Clergy, Vestry & Newcomers Team

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**TUESDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 29, 2026**

**6:00 - 8:00 PM**

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Monday - Thursday: 9 AM - 5 PM

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*Our clergy typically reserve Friday as their Sabbath and may not return email or voicemail messages unless it is a pastoral emergency.*

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