



Episcopal Schools Sunday
September 13, 2026 • 10:15 AM





Holy Innocents'

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EPISCOPAL SCHOOLS SUNDAY · SEPTEMBER 13, 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 · BREAKFAST · Bishop Commons
Provided by Holy Innocents' Episcopal School

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 • *Chant de Paix (Song of Peace)* • JEAN LANGLAIS

HYMN 494 • *Crown Him with Many Crowns* • DIADEMATA

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. God of knowledge and wisdom, we pray to you for all the schools across this country, which are part of the Episcopal Church. We remember them in their variety, in their differences, and in what they share. Give us open doors, open minds, and open hearts that we might accept, learn, and love everything and everyone whom you have given us. Help us to share our lives and what we have, and to learn from all those who are in school with us. We pray in the name of Jesus who opened his arms to all, young and old. **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.

The WORD of GOD

The FIRST LESSON • 1 KINGS 19:11-12

He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*The people
are seated.*

PSALM 46 • DEUS NOSTER REFUGIUM

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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Sung by all.

God is our refuge and / strength, *
a very present help in / trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be / moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the
depths of the / sea;

Though its waters rage and / foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its / tumult.

The LORD of hosts is / with us; *
the God of Jacob is our / stronghold.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of / God, *
the holy habitation of the Most / High.

God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be over- / thrown; *
God shall help her at the break of / day.

The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are / shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt a- / way.

The LORD of hosts is / with us; *
the God of Jacob is our / stronghold.

Come now and look upon the works of the / LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on / earth.

It is he who makes war to cease in all the / world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with / fire.

"Be still, then, and know that I am / God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the / earth."

The LORD of hosts is / with us; *
the God of Jacob is our / stronghold.

The SECOND LESSON • PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*The people
stand as able.*

HYMN • *Help Us, O God, Each Day to Know* • MALCOLM

See next page. 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.



1. Help us, O God, each day to know your pres-ence through cre - a - ted things
2. In ev - ery per-son may we learn to rec - og - nize some spe - cial worth
3. En-lar-ge our sense of what can be: in - spire each mind and fire each heart
4. So teach us how to love the truth that we may seek it all our days:



when crick-ets chirp, or soft winds blow in fresh - cut grass where sweet dew clings.
to lay a - side the world's con-cern with looks or wealth or place of birth.
to set i - mag - in - a - tion free, raisestrength to skill, and nour - ish art:
sus-tain the eag - er - ness of youth with wis-dom's strength through life's long maze.



but most of all your love we find in peo-ple hon-est, true, and kind.
to move be - yond what may seem odd and find with-in a child of God.
yet may all gifts be un - der - stood as val - ued for the com-mongood.
And when our search, O God, is done, show us that you and truth are one.

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)
Music: Malcolm, Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953), desc. Dock Anderson, b. 1966

Commissioned by Holy Innocents Episcopal School in Atlanta to honor retiring headmaster Alice L. Malcolm, this hymn features a tune by Alfred V. Fedak. Its four stanzas move from simple sensory experiences to abstract ideas, reflecting students' growth from kindergarten through twelfth grade. Their opening letters form an acrostic of the school's initials.

The GOSPEL • MATTHEW 11:25-30

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

Glory 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 SERMON • *The Reverend* Trey Davis
LOWER SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

*The people
are seated.*

*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 people kneel or
remain standing.*

*Written by Sophia
and Juliet Toledo.*

The PRAYERS of *the* PEOPLE

Let us now pray for the life of the world.

We pray for those we love and hold in our hearts, and for all students of Holy Innocents and others. Help us remember the needs of everyone, throughout the semester and school year. Unite us in your love and move us to act for those in and outside our school community.

God of love, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who teach us at school, at church, and at home. Help us listen with patience and learn from you and from one another.

God our teacher, hear our prayer.

We pray for the leaders in our nation, communities, and homes. Grant them wisdom to serve people of all ages with love and peace. Give us all the words and want to share your love in the world.

God our leader, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who do not have enough. Provide for them access to nutritious food, safe housing, caring relationships, and all that helps people thrive.

God of the lowly, hear our prayer.

We give thanks to you Lord for play, for music, and for all our blessings. Inspire us to listen to others and respond to the needs of our neighbors as you have taught.

God our friend, hear our prayer.

Lord, thank you for always being with us. Open and transform our hearts so we may connect deeply with others and share your love in the world. Give us courage as we learn, share, and serve. **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 people
are seated.*

The PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

WELCOME & 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.

ANTHEM • *For Everyone' Born* • BY BRIAN MANN

ARR. TOM TRENNEY • WITH UPPER SCHOOL CHOIR

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,

Refrain:

And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong,

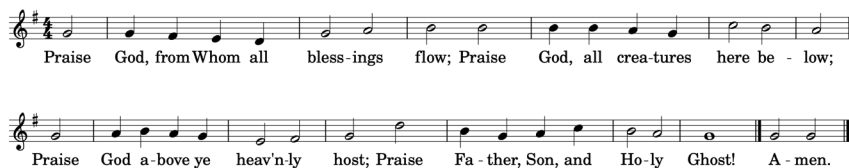
Refrain

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free,

Refrain

PRESENTATION HYMN • *Doxology* • OLD 100TH

*The people
stand as able.*



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



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.

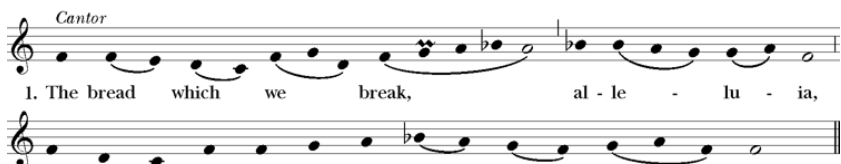
AGNUS DEI • S 167 • MARTENS

Antiphon
Cantor; then All



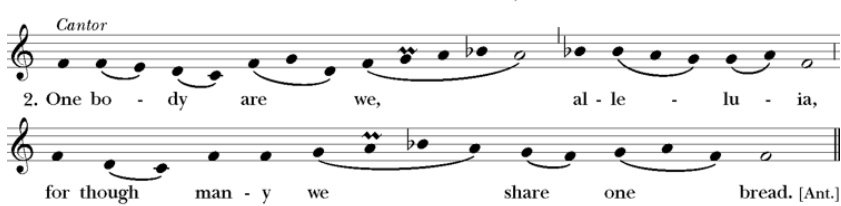
The dis-ci-ples knew the Lord Je-sus in the break-ing of the bread.

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.]

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 593 • Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace

DICKINSON COLLEGE

ANTHEM • The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee • JEAN BERGER WITH UPPER SCHOOL CHOIR

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 people
stand as able.*

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.

BLESSING

HYMN 390 • *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* • LOBE DEN HERREN

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 • *Lobe den Herren*

ARR. HANS FRIEDRICH MICHEELSEN

The front cover is an interpretation of Psalm 46:10, "Be still, and know that I am God." Created by Blake Bawcom '34 and Fielding "Fie Fie" Ambler '34 at Holy Innocents' Episcopal School.

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