



HOLY INNOCENTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 1, 2024 | 10:15 AM

Today

8:00 AM: WORSHIP CHRIST CHAPEL

8:45 AM: YOUTH BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER BISHOP COMMONS

9:00 AM: ADVENT WREATH FUNDRAISER PARISH 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 community where we nurture our faith and cultivate community. We come together to worship, sing, celebrate, reflect, and connect on a deeper level. We laugh, cry, and pray, recognizing that we are all beloved children of God. With open minds and full hearts, we grow closer to God and to each other. We embrace the mystery of the Holy Spirit, active in every person and in the world around us. Join us as we worship God and serve our neighbors.

Newcomers

If you're visiting us for the first time, we'd love to get to know you! Please fill out a newcomer card and put it in the offering plate or fill it out online. Regardless of your age, gender, orientation, political views, or favorite sports team, you are welcome at communion. Our clergy are always available to answer any questions you might have. We're delighted to have you here.

Giving

Jesus taught us the power of gratitude and sharing our blessings. Your generosity helps us continue our mission to follow Jesus and love God by serving our neighbors. Use this QR code to give.



Childcare

We welcome children of all ages in our worship services. For parents who prefer, our professional Nursery staff can care for young children under four years old. The nursery is available from 8:00 AM through the 10:15 AM worship service.

The people stand as they are able at the sound of the bell.

The peoples' responses are in bold.

Our service is taken from the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) in the pew rack.

Our music is in the blue hymnal.

We keep silence before the service during the season of Advent as we quiet our hearts, preparing for the birth of Christ into our hearts. On the third Sunday of Advent, a prelude and postlude return for Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday when we get a glimpse of what is soon to come.

Hymn 72 | Hark! The Glad Sound! RICHMOND

Baptismal Acclamation

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
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.

Kyrie | SHAWN KIRCHNER

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy,
Sun - light from heav - en, sun - light from heav - en,
Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,
Light from heav - en, Rain in due sea - son,
Christ, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,
rain in due sea - son,
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy,
All in mer - cy giv - en, all in mer - cy giv - en,
in mer - cy giv - en.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

The First Lesson | Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people may be seated.

Psalm 25 | ST. NOËL CHABANEL



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;
teach me your paths,
Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my savior.

[ANTIPHON]

Good and upright is the LORD;
thus he shows sinners the way.
He guides the humble to justice,
and teaches the humble his way.

[ANTIPHON]

All the paths of the LORD are kindness and constancy
toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees.
The friendship of the LORD is with those who fear him,
and his covenant, for their instruction.

[ANTIPHON]

The Second Lesson | 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 67 | Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People PSALM 42

VV. 1-2 BEFORE; VS. 3 AFTER

The Gospel | Luke 21:25-36

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon | The Rev. Ruth Pattison ASSOCIATE RECTOR

The people stand as able.

The Gospel Procession reminds us that it is our responsibility to carry the Good News of Jesus Christ into all the world.

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.

We stand, as we are able, to listen to this reading. Some will trace a cross with their thumb over their forehead, lips, and heart. This "enacted prayer" asks that the Gospel be inscribed in our minds, spoken with our lips and loved in our hearts.

The people are seated.

The people stand as able.

Holy Baptism

Nora Virginia Johnson

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Celebrant

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present *N.* 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 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 now stands, and the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their 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 this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open her heart to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send her into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring her 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 him 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

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

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

Let us pray. 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 her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her 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.**

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.

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.

The Peace

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

Welcome and Announcements

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

The people are seated.

The Holy Communion

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. All are invited to make a gift to support our ministry as the plate is passed or online with the QR code on page 1.

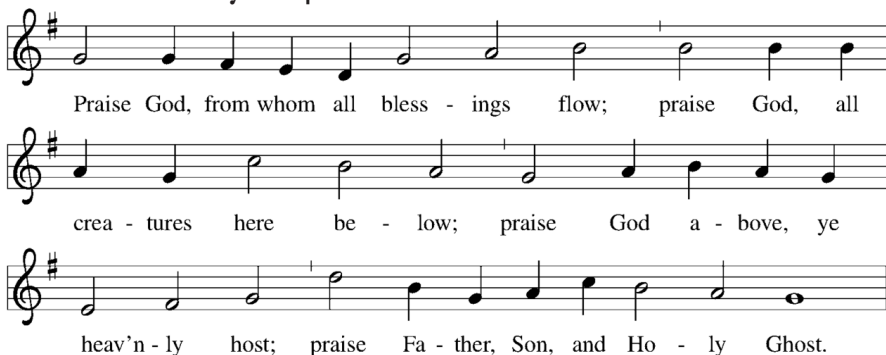
Offertory Anthem | Adam Lay Ybounden PHILIP STOPFORD

Adam lay ybounden, Bounden in a bond;
Four thousand winter, Thought he not too long.
And all was for an apple, An apple that he took.
As clerkes finden, Written in their book.
Ne had the apple taken been, The apple taken been,
Ne had never our ladie, Abeen heavené queen.
Blessed be the time That apple taken was,
Therefore we moun singen, “Deo gracias!”

[anonymous, 15th century]

The people stand as able.

Presentation Hymn | OLD 100TH



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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 you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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 | SHAWN KIRCHNER

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might! Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless's is the One who comes, bless'd is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

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 Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's 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 Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Agnus Dei | Holy Innocents' Mass KIRCHNER

Je - sus, Lamb of God have mer - cy, Je - sus,
bear-er of our sin, have mer - cy, Je - sus, Re-deem-er
of the world, grant us peace. A men,
*2nd time
a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men,

*Please move to the altar
rail at the direction
of the ushers.*

After receiving communion feel free to light a candle for someone you love or seek prayer from one of our healing ministers.

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.

Communion Hymn 53 | Once He Came in Blessing GOTTES SOHN IST KOMMEN

Communion Anthem | E'en So Lord Jesus, Quickly Come PAUL MANZ

Peace be to you and grace from him
Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed his blood
That we might saved be.

Sing holy, holy to our Lord,
The Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come;
Sing holy, holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming, is coming soon,
For Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,
And night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,
For Christ will be their All!

[Revelation 22, adapted by Ruth Manz]

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.

Post Communion 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.**

The Blessing

Hymn 59 | Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding MERTON

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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