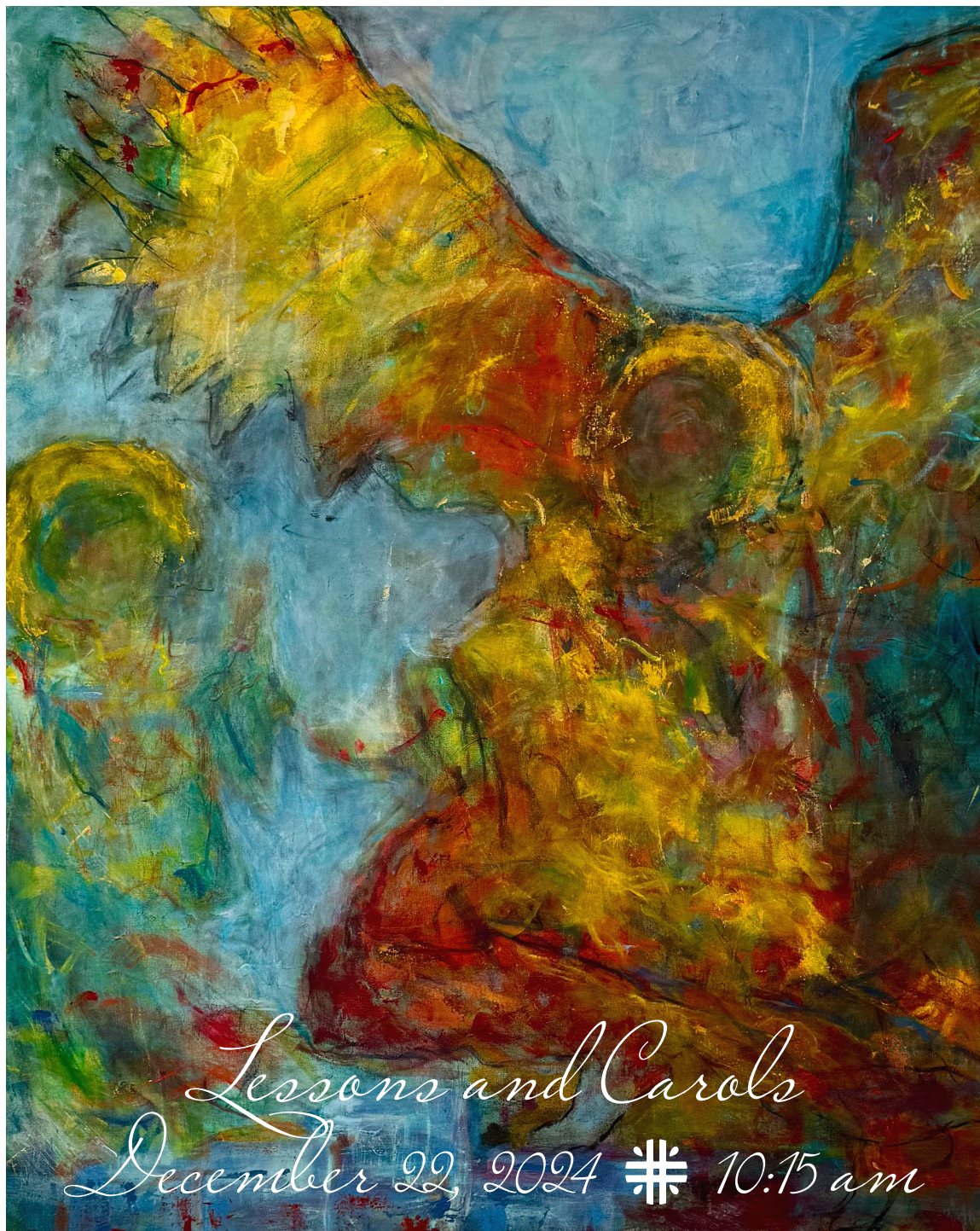




Lessons and Carols
December 22, 2024 ✨ *10:15 am*



HOLY INNOCENTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LESSONS AND CAROLS
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Today

8:00 AM: WORSHIP CHRIST CHAPEL

8:45 AM: BREAKFAST BY THE FELLOWSHIP TEAM BISHOP COMMONS

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

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.

*Cover art by the Rev. Ruth Pattison, Associate Rector.
This work and others are displayed in the Ventulett Gallery's Angels Among Us exhibit.*

Prelude | Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence ARR. AMY VOGT
HIEC HANDBELL CHOIR

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

Hymn 56, vs. 5-8 | O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VENI, VENI EMMANUEL

Our music is in the blue hymnal.

Bidding Prayer

The peoples' responses are in bold.

Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

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

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Child Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city. And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens above, may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Carol | Emmanuel Will Come BECKI SLAGLE MAYO
HIEC CHILDREN'S CHOIR | ALEXIS LUNDY, DIRECTOR

We wait, we hope, we long for the Messiah!
We wait, we hope, we long for the King.

Open the gates to the city, prepare a way for the Lord.
Emmanuel will save us! Emmanuel will come!

We wait, we hope, we long for the Messiah!
We wait, we hope, we long for the King.

Lift up your heart, for the Light will come.
Lift up your heart to the Lord.

Emmanuel will save us! Emmanuel will come.

Waiting, hoping, longing for the King.
Waiting, hoping, longing for the King.

Make a path in the wilderness, make a way for the Lord.
Emmanuel will save us! Emmanuel will come.

We wait, we hope, we long for the Messiah!
We wait, we hope, we long for the King.
We long for the King.
We long for the King.

The First Lesson | Genesis 3:1-15

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"

The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Carol | 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 clerkès finden Written in their book.

Nè had the apple taken been, The apple taken been,
Ne had never our lady Abeen heavenè queen.

Blessèd be the time That apple taken was,
Therefore we moun singen, Deo gracias!

Anonymous, 15th century

The Second Lesson | Zephaniah 3:14-20

The prophet describes a new creation filled with joy and abundance.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!
The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.
The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the Lord.
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Thanks be to God.

Hymn 72, vs 1-3 | Hark! The Glad Sound! RICHMOND

The Third Lesson | Micah 5:2-5a

The prophet proclaims that God will come and save us.

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

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Thanks be to God.

Hymn 66 | Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus STUTTGART

The Fourth Lesson | Luke 1:39-55

Gabriel announces to Mary that she will bear the Son of God.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town
in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and
greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb.
And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud
cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your
womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord
comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the
child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that
there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Carol | Before The Marvel Of This Night MATTHEW CULLOTON
MOSE MURRAY, VIOLIN

Before the marvel of this night,
adoring, fold your wings and bow;
then tear the sky apart with light
and with your news the world endow.
Proclaim the birth of Christ and peace,
that fear and death and sorrow cease:
sing peace; sing peace; sing gift of peace;
sing peace; sing gift of peace!

Awake the sleeping world with song:
this is the day the Lord has made.
Assemble here, celestial throng,
in royal splendor come arrayed.
Give earth a glimpse of heavenly bliss,
a teasing taste of what they miss:
sing bliss; sing bliss; sing endless bliss;
sing bliss; sing endless bliss!

The love that we have always known,
our constant joy and endless light,
now to the loveless world be shown,
now break upon its deathly night.
Into one song compress the love
that rules our universe above:
sing love; sing love; sing God is love;
sing love; sing God is love!

[Hymn by Jaroslav J. Valda (1919-2008)]

The Fifth Lesson | Matthew 1:18-25

The angel of the Lord appears to Joseph.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel',
which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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Thanks be to God.

Carol | Now May We Singen CECILIA MCDOWALL

[REFRAIN] And thus it is *forsooth ywis**, (in truth indeed)
He asketh nought but that is His.
Now may we singen as it is.
Quod puer natus est nobis. (Because a boy is born to us)

This babe to us that now is born,
Wonderful works He hath ywrought* (made)
He would not loss what was forlorn,
But boldly again it bought. [REFRAIN]

This bargain lovèd He right well,
The price was high and bought full dear.
Who would suffer and for us feel
as did that Prince withouten peer? [REFRAIN]

His ranson for us hath ypaid
Good reason have we to be His.
Be mercy asked and He be prayed,
Who may deserve the heavenly bliss. [REFRAIN]

To some purpose God made man;
I trust well to salvation.
What was His blood that from Him ran
but fence against damnation?

[REFRAIN]

Almighty God in Trinity,
Thy mercy we pray with whole heart,
Thy mercy may all woe make fell
and dangerous derailed from us to start.

[REFRAIN]

Homily | The Rev. Dr. Bill Murray RECTOR

The Prayers of the People

Our souls proclaim the greatness of you, O Lord, and we rejoice; for you have looked with favor on us, your servants; and you hear our prayers.

We rejoice for the church, and for all your ministers; for you always come to our help, and you always remember your promise of mercy. The Almighty has done great things for us,
and holy is his Name.

We rejoice for our nation, and for all the nations of the earth; for you fill the hungry with good things and lift up the lowly. Guide our leaders and bring your peace. The Almighty has done great things for us,
and holy is his Name.

We pray for the sick and the suffering, and we pray for the fearful and the poor, that you would show the strength of your arm and scatter every bond which hold your people down. The Almighty has done great things for us,
and holy is his Name.

We rejoice for those who have been granted the fullness of the promise you have made to our forebears, and who now dwell with you in your heavenly kingdom, especially Linda Faucette, Pat Schneider, and Chris Lemley. The Almighty has done great things for us,
and holy is his Name.

We rejoice as the celebration of Jesus' birth draws near, and like our sister Mary our hearts are filled with glad tidings and joy. The Almighty has done great things for us,
and holy is his Name.

O Lord, you do great things for your us; you hear our prayers, you bring us your salvation, you give us the gift of your son, and holy is your Name now and forevermore. **Amen.**

The prayers are based on the Song of Mary by the Rev. Rick Morley.

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.

The people are seated.

Welcome and Announcements

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 | Once As I Remember CHARLES WOOD

At the time of Yule,
After mid December,
When it bloweth cool,
I o'erheard a Mother
Was a-singing, 'Sweet Jesu,
La-lullay-lu, La-lullay-lu.'

Near as man was able,
On my knee fell I,
in the Bethlem stable
Where the Babe did lie,
And the Virgin-mother
Was a-singing, 'Sweet Jesu,
La-lullay-lu, La-lullay-lu.'

Herdmen from the prairie
Came and piped for glee
For the Babe and Mary:
King of Glory he.
Then the Virgin Mother
Fell a-singing, 'Sweet Jesu,
La-lullay-lu, La-lullay-lu.'

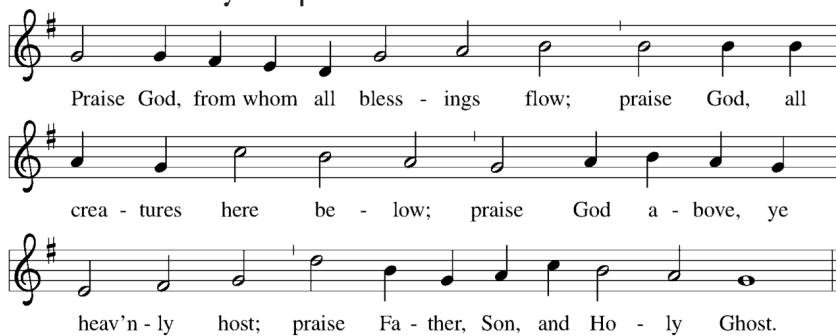
Ox and ass around him,
Courtier-like, did stand:
Fair white linen bound him,
Spun by Mary's hand.
While the Virgin-mother
Was a-singing, 'Sweet Jesu,
La-lullay-lu, La-lullay-lu.'

To this Lord, contented
To endure the cold,
Easterlings presented
Incense, myrrh and gold:
Then the Virgin-mother
Fell a-singing, 'Sweet Jesu,
La-lullay-lu, La-lullay-lu.'

Ever among and o'er us
Angel-quire gan sing
Antiphons in chorus
To the new-born King.
Then the Virgin-mother
Fell a-singing, 'Sweet Jesu,
La-lullay-lu, La-lullay-lu.'

*[Corona di sacre canzoni o laude spirituali (1689);
edited and harmonized by George Ratcliffe Woodward (1920)]*

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.

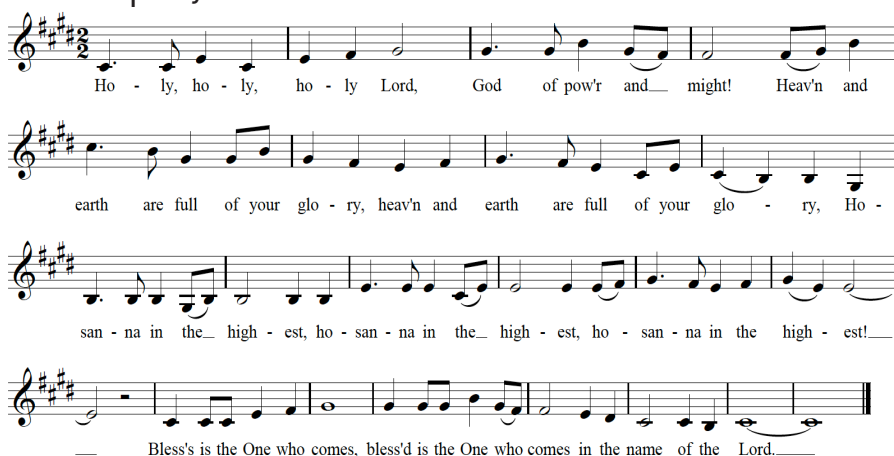
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 | Holy Innocents' Mass 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.

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 112 | In the Bleak Midwinter CRANHAM

Communion Music | A Christmas Blessing PHILIP STOPFORD

May the joy of the angels
The gladness of the shepherds
The worship of the wise men
And the peace of the Christ Child be yours
Be yours this Christmas

May the joy of the angels
The gladness of the cherubs
The worship of the wise men
And the peace of the Christ Child be yours
Be yours this Christmas

May Christ, who by his incarnation
Gathered into one all things earthly
All things heavenly
And fill you with joy
Fill you with joy and peace
And the blessing of God
The Father and the Son
And the Holy Spirit
Be with you and remain with you always
With you always, and remain with you always
Amen, amen.

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.

The 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**

The peoples stand as able.

**to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Hymn 100 | Joy to the World ANTIOCH

The Dismissal

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

Postlude | Organ Flourish on “Joy to the World” MICHAEL G. DELL

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

Christmas at Holy Innocents

December 24

Eucharist in the Chapel 10:00 AM
Our Lady of Guadalupe Eucharist 12:00 PM
Christmas Pageant and Eucharist 3:00 PM
Eucharist with Carols 6:00 PM
Eucharist, Carols & Incense 9:00 PM

December 25

Eucharist in the Chapel 10:15 AM

10:00 AM, December 24 - This service is designed to be meaningful celebration of Christmas in the chapel before the parking lots are packed and the chaos of Christmas Eve takes over. Patterned after the 8 am Sunday service, we will break bread together, hear the good news of Christ among us, and pray for peace.

12:00 PM, December 24 - This service will be for Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe (Our Lady of Guadalupe), our Spanish speaking community. They will sing, pray, celebrate, break bread, and rejoice together for the birth of Emmanuel – God With Us. Todo en español.

3:00 PM, December 24 - This service is our beloved and annual Christmas Pageant. All children are welcome to come 30 minutes before the start to dress as an angel, a shepherd, or an animal and participate in our re-telling of the nativity. We will celebrate our families, share communion, and ponder anew the ways God draws near.

6:00 PM, December 24 – This service features the full choir, strings, communion, and the celebration of the nativity of our Lord. Many of our families who have aged out of the pageant love to come and reconnect at this service and celebrate Christmas together.

9:00 PM, December 24 – This service features all the bells and whistles possible for celebrating Christmas. We will sing carols with the choir and strings, hear the story of our faith, share communion, and use incense as a visible reminder of our prayers before God. This service is a beautiful way to welcome Christmas together.

10:00 AM, December 25 – This Christmas morning service is in the chapel, has plenty of parking, and is a quiet and meaningful celebration of the birth of our Lord. We will hear the story of Christ's birth, break bread together, and peacefully reflect on the miracle of God drawing near.

Upcoming Opportunities

Learn more | holynnocents.org/calendar

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JANUARY

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Family Epiphany Party 5:00-7:00 PM

JANUARY 8

GLOW 6:00-7:00 PM

JANUARY 9

Women of HI: Vision Board 6:00-8:00 PM

JANUARY 12

Youth Group 4:00-6:00 PM

JANUARY 13

Reading Connections 6:00 PM

JANUARY 14

Men's Dinner and a Book

JANUARY 16

Gallery Opening 6:00-7:30 PM

JANUARY 17

Men of HI: Third Friday 7:30 AM

JANUARY 19

CCG: Sandwich Build 11:15 AM

JANUARY 26

Annual Meeting 9:00 AM

Children's Choir



Women of HI: Vision Board | January 9, 6:00-8:00 PM

Create a Vision Board for 2025, a visual to hold all the possibilities for the year ahead using cut-out images. Dana is a therapist and Expressive Arts Facilitator. No artistic experience is necessary, just an open heart!

Contact The Rev. Ruth Pattison | rpattison@holynnocents.org

Reading Connections | January 13, 6:00 PM

Join us for our first meeting in 2025. We meet in the small conference room by the chapel. If you'd like to curl up by the fire with the January selection, pick up a copy of *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver.

Contact Michelle Driscoll | dris1296@yahoo.com

Men's Dinner and a Book | January 14, 6:30 PM

The next Men's Dinner and a Book is Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30 pm and the book is *The Demon of Unrest* by Erik Larson. Rolf Meinhold is hosting. If you would like to attend, please contact for Jeremy for details. All men at Holy Innocents are included and invited.

Contact Jeremy Webber | jhwwebber@gmail.com

Church of the Common Ground | January 19, 11:30 AM

HI will be packing 80+ lunches for our unhoused brothers and sisters who attend Church of the Common Ground in Woodruff Park in downtown Atlanta. Please join us in Parish Hall after the 10:15 AM service to help make sandwiches and assemble lunch bags. An additional part of our outreach is to worship with the men and women of CCG at their 1:00 PM service in Woodruff Park.

Contact Robin Hickey | hickeys5040@gmail.com | churchofthecommonground.org.

Annual Meeting | January 26, 9:00 AM

Join us in Inglett Hall for a special time of fellowship as we review our ministry's finances, reflect on 2024's accomplishments, and embrace the vision for the year ahead. Let's step forward together in faith and community!

Recharge, Connect, and Inspire: Kanuga Parish Retreat | February 14-16

Join us for a cherished Holy Innocents tradition—a weekend retreat filled with fellowship, games, singing, and meaningful connection for all ages.

This year's theme, "*Encourage One Another and Build Each Other Up*" (1 Thessalonians 5:11), invites us to envision our church's future as a welcoming, supportive, and faith-filled community. Enjoy deep conversations, shared meals, laughter, and even a local service project.

Our retreat leader, **The Rev. Daniel P. Strandlund**, brings expertise, humor, and a love for storytelling. Currently rector at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in NC, he combines academic theology with a passion for community building. Use this QR code to register.



CHILDREN & YOUTH

Family Epiphany Party | January 5, 6:00 PM

Join Holy Innocents' Families Sunday, January 5th, for a festive Epiphany Party at 6:00 PM! Families of all ages are invited to enjoy dinner and cozy up by the fire as we celebrate Twelfth Night and Epiphany. These traditional days of feasting and joy will feature delicious tacos, s'mores, and a fun movie for the kids! Please RSVP so we can plan for dinner. We look forward to celebrating together!

Contact Renee Stephens | rstephens@holynnocents.org

Youth Group | January 12, 4:00-6:00 PM

We have youth group on Sunday, January 12th from 4:00-6:00 PM for all our 6th-12th graders. Join us for some dinner, small group time, and games! This event is free and friends are always welcome!

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