

Today

8:00 AM: WORSHIP CHRIST CHAPEL

8:45 AM: BREAKFAST PROVIDED BY THE VESTRY 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 place to gather as a faith community, where we sing and celebrate, think and talk, laugh and cry, and pray. Together we discover that 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, alive and active in every person and in the world. Join us as we gather to 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.

Giving

Jesus understood the power of gratitude and sharing all that God has gifted to us. Your generosity enables us to continue our programs to follow the way of Jesus and to love God by serving our neighbors. Use this QR code to give.



Childcare

We love children of all ages in worship. You may prefer to let our attentive professional Nursery staff care for your young ones under four years old. The nursery is available from 8:00 AM through 10:15 AM worship.

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

The liturgy is found in the red Book of Common Prayer.

Prelude | An Wasserflussen Babylon JOHANN PACHELBEL

Hymn 372 | Praise to the Living God! LEONI

Opening Acclamation | BCP 355

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

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.

Amen.

Gloria | S280 ROBERT POWELL

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The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

The people are seated.

The First Lesson | Jeremiah 31:27-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say:

"The parents have eaten sour grapes,

and the children's teeth are set on edge."

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.



It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sung by the choir.

Psalm 119:97-104 | CHANT BY WILLIAM CROTCH

Oh, how I love your law! all the day long it is in my mind.

Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, and it is always with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my study.

I am wiser than the elders.

because I observe your commandments.

I restrain my feet from every evil way,

that I may keep your word.

I do not shrink from your judgments,

because you yourself have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste!

they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

Through your commandments I gain understanding; therefore I hate every lying way.

The Second Lesson | 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

WLP 797 | It's Me, O Lord NEGRO SPIRITUAL SEE NEXT PAGE. VV.1-2 BEFORE; VV.3-4 AFTER

The Gospel | Luke 18:1-8

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon | The Rev. Dr. Bill Murray RECTOR

The Nicene Creed | BCP 358

The people stand as able.

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.

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

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.



The Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For your holy Church throughout the world; that we may be faithful stewards of your gifts and bold witnesses of your love. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For our parish — for our clergy, lay leaders, and all who give of themselves in service; for those who have pledged their time, talent, and treasure; and for those still discerning how to share their gifts— that we may build your Kingdom in this place. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For our neighbors and this community of Sandy Springs; for all places where compassion is needed and hope is scarce; that our generosity may overflow beyond these walls to bring light, comfort, and renewal. Together. For Good.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

For the beauty and bounty of your creation, and for hearts that are thankful in all things. Make us mindful of what we have received and eager to share it freely with others.

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

For those who are sick, grieving, or in need, and for all who carry burdens unseen; that your healing Spirit may surround and sustain them.

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for the blessings of this life — and the gift of belonging, for friendships that strengthen us, for generosity that changes lives.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We remember before you those who have died, and all the saints who have taught us to love and to give. May we follow their example of faith and joy.

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and all our gifts, to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Gracious God, giver of every perfect gift, receive and bless the offerings of your people. Make us faithful in what we have promised, joyful in what we have given, and united in purpose and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** The people kneel or remain standing.

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 | BCP 360

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

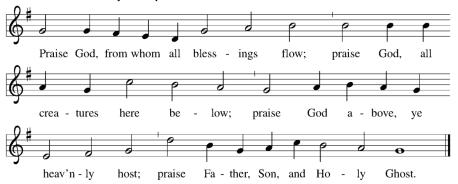
The Offertory

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.

Offertory Anthem | Ain'-A That Good News! william dawson

The people stand as able.





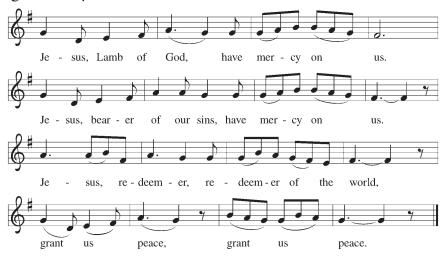
The Great Thanksgiving | BCP 367 EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B



The Breaking of the Bread

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

Agnus Dei | Jesus, Lamb of God FRANZ SCHUBERT



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.

Anthem | O Sacred Feast WILLAN

O Sacred Feast, wherein Christ is received, the memory of his Passion is renewed in us, our souls are filled with grace, and the pledge of everlasting glory is given to us. Alleluia.

O sacrum convivium, Thomas Aquinas (c. 1225-1274)

Hymn 488 | Be Thou My Vision SLANE

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 Postcommunion Prayer | BCP 365

The people stand as able.

The Blessing

Hymn 397 | Now Thank We All Our God NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

The Dismissal

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

Postlude | Nun Danket Alle Gott KARG-ELERT

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*

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