



HOLY INNOCENTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ADVENT 1
NOVEMBER 30, 2025 | 10:15 AM

Today

8:00 AM: WORSHIP CHRIST CHAPEL
9:00 AM: ADVENT WREATH MAKING & BREAKFAST
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 | "Pastoral Symphony" from Messiah G.F. HANDEL

Hymn 66 | Come Thou Long Expected Jesus STUTTGART

Opening Acclamation | BCP 355

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

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

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.**

Trisagion | S100 HURD

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy
up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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 | Isaiah 2:1-5

The people are seated.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122 | *said responsively by half verse.*

I was glad when they said to me,

"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Now our feet are standing

within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city

that is at unity with itself;

To which the tribes go up,

the tribes of the Lord,

the assembly of Israel,

to praise the Name of the Lord.

For there are the thrones of judgment,

the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

"May they prosper who love you.

Peace be within your walls

and quietness within your towers.

For my brethren and companions' sake,

I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the Lord our God,

I will seek to do you good."

The Second Lesson | Romans 13:11-14

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 58 | Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending ST. THOMAS

VV.1-2 BEFORE; VV. 3-4 AFTER

The people stand as able.

The Gospel | Matthew 24:36-44

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

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon | The Rev. Ruth Pattison ASSOCIATE RECTOR

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

*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, spo-
ken with our lips and loved
in our hearts.*

The people are seated.

The people stand as able.

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

People of God, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord. Let us pray to the Lord saying, "Teach us your ways, O God, that we may walk in your paths."

Wake from sleep, O God, your Church. Let us lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us live honorably as salvation draws ever nearer.

Teach us your ways, O God,

That we may walk in your paths.

Wake from sleep, O God, this nation. May we beat our swords into plowshares, and our spears into pruning hooks. May we learn war no more.

Teach us your ways, O God,

That we may walk in your paths.

Wake from sleep, O God, your creation. May the mountains rise to meet you and the crops of the fields burst forth in praise.

Teach us your ways, O God,

That we may walk in your paths.

Wake from sleep, O God, this city. May there be peace and prosperity within our walls. Make clear our paths that we may walk in your light.

Teach us your ways, O God,

That we may walk in your paths.

Wake from sleep, O God, those in pain and sadness. Deliver them from their darkness that they may rejoice in your light. May all those waiting for healing find your salvation is near.

Teach us your ways, O God,

That we may walk in your paths.

Wake all your people from sleep, O God. Prepare your saints for that day when the Son of Man will return, with the saints at rest, to reign with us forever and ever.

Teach us your ways, O God,

That we may walk in your paths.

Hasten, O Father, the coming of you kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **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 Peace | BCP 360

Welcome and Announcements

*The people kneel or
remain standing.*

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

The people are seated.

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 | Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence G. HOLST

Presentation Hymn | OLD 100TH

The people stand as able.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all
creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving | EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 2, ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP

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.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus | Missa Guadalupe MARTINSON

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and

might, hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the

high-est. San - to, san - to, san - to es el Se -

ñor. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en el

cie - lo. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na en el cie - lo.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Joseph, the Holy Innocents, all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.
AMEN.

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread or share in the Body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Agnus Dei | S161 HURD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins 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.

Music | In the Bleak Midwinter ARR. INNES; P. ASBERRY

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 people stand as able.

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 12 (LEVAS) | Marching to Zion ROBERT S. LOWRY

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The Dismissal

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

Postlude | In Dulci Jubilo J.S. BACH



1. Come, we that love— the Lord, And let our joys— be known;— Join
2. Let those re - fuse— to sing Who nev - er knew— our God;— But
3. The hill of Zi - on yields A thou-sand sa - cred sweets— Be -
4. Then let our songs— a - bound, And ev - 'ry tear— be dry;— We're



1. in a song with sweet ac - cord, Join in a song with sweet ac -
2. chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly
3. fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly
4. march-ing through Im - man - uel's ground, We're march-ing thro' Im - man - uel's



1. cord, And thus sur - round the throne, And thus sur - round the throne.—
2. King, May speak their joys a - broad, May speak their joys a - broad.—
3. fields, Or walk the gold - en streets, Or walk the gold - en streets.—
4. ground, To fair - er worlds on high, To fair - er worlds on high.—



We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful



We're march - ing on to Zi - on,



Zi - on; We're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on,



Zi - on, Zi - on,



The beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.



ADVENT AT HOLY INNOCENTS

Come in from the Noise

A SEASON OF QUIET, CANDLELIGHT, BEAUTY, AND HOPE.

In a world overwhelmed by conflict, chaos, and constant noise, Advent invites us to pause: to breathe, to listen, and to wait with expectation. At Holy Innocents, we enter this holy season with vintage warmth, Episcopal beauty, and a gentle hospitality that welcomes newcomers and longtime members alike. Join us as we step out of the hurry and step into the quiet where God meets us.

Sundays in Advent

ADVENT II • DECEMBER 7

REJOICING WITH MARY: OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

We celebrate with a joyful Bilingual Eucharist at 10:15 AM. Our Rector Bill preaches with a beautiful reminder that God's tenderness breaks through every barrier, and that belonging is at the heart of the Incarnation. Bring a favorite dish to share for our festive lunch. Kids wear your pajamas and leave your shoes out for a treat from St. Nicholas!

ADVENT III • DECEMBER 14

JOY IN THE WILDERNESS

Advent whispers that new life is already stirring beneath the surface. Isaiah promises "A branch shall grow out of his roots..." John the Baptist urges us to prepare the way, even as God quietly brings joy and peace from unexpected places. The Children's Choir sings at 10:15 AM, then delight fills our afternoon with a Women's Cookie Swap, Kid's Christmas Party and the Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus returns to Holy Innocents at 4:30 PM. Their music brings light, sparkle, and deep comfort to the heart of Advent. This is a free concert, open to all, and a gift to our community.

ADVENT IV • DECEMBER 21

LISTEN TO THE ANGELS SING

As we move toward Christmas, our Festival of Lessons & Carols at the 10:15 AM service fills the Nave with soaring music from our choir and the timeless words that have steadied generations. Angels sing. Mary says yes. Hope takes on flesh. And just before the dawn breaks, the light we've been waiting for grows warm and bright among us.

CHRISTMAS AT HOLY INNOCENTS

The Weary World Rejoices

This Christmas we celebrate the astonishing news that God comes to us in tenderness and glory, meets us in our weariness, and fills our world with unquenchable light. Joy and light break into every shadow.

10:00 AM • DECEMBER 24 • CHAPEL

QUIET CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST

Begin Christmas Eve in peace before the busyness begins. A simple, beautiful service in Christ Chapel with communion, prayer, and organ.

3:00 PM • DECEMBER 24 • NAVE

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Our beloved, family-friendly pageant. Children may come 30 minutes early to dress as angels, shepherds, or animals and participate in the telling of the Christmas story. Holy Eucharist to follow.

6:00 PM • DECEMBER 24 • NAVE

FESTIVAL EUCHARIST WITH CHOIR & STRINGS

A joyful and elegant Christmas celebration with full choir, organ, strings, carols, and communion. A favorite for families no longer in the pageant years.

9:00 PM • DECEMBER 24 • NAVE

CANDLELIGHT & INCENSE FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

A stunning, traditional Christmas liturgy with choir, strings, incense, carols, communion, and the beauty of candlelit worship.

10:00 AM • DECEMBER 25 • CHAPEL

CHRISTMAS DAY EUCHARIST

A peaceful, reflective Christmas morning service in Christ Chapel with communion and the story of Christ's birth.

You Belong Here

Whether this is your first Christmas with us or your fiftieth, Holy Innocents opens its doors with warmth, beauty, and deep joy. Bring your family, your neighbors, and your longing for peace. There is room for you here.

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