



Holy Innocents'

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • OCTOBER 4, 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 the Vestry

9:00 AM • FORMATION • Inglett Hall

10:15 AM • WORSHIP • Nave

1:00 PM • SPANISH-SPEAKING WORSHIP • Nave

6:00 PM • BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS • Parish Hall

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.



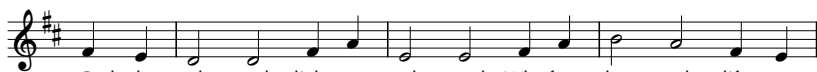
CHILDCARE

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.

VOLUNTARY • *Wer nur den lieben Gott* • GEORG BÖHM

*The people
stand as able.*

HYMN • *Together For Good* • NETTLETON



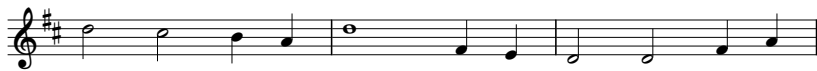
1. God, who spoke and light a - wak - ened, Who from dust made life a -
2. Christ pre-pares the feast be - fore us, Bread once bro - ken, cup out -
3. Spi - rit send us where compas - sion Waits be - side an - oth - er's
4. Take the gifts your love has nur - tured, Shape them for your king-dom's



rise, Still you gath - er ev - ery peo - ple Un - der wide and wel-coming
poured; At one ta - ble stran-gers, neigh-bors Find their wel - come in the
pain; Teach us first to walk in kind - ness, Bear-ing loss and shar - ing
reign; Make our com - mon life a wit - ness That your mer - cy lives a -



skies. When our voi - ces blend in wor - ship, Praise is
Lord. Fed by grace, we feed each oth - er, Shar - ing
gain. Hope takes root where love is prac - ticed, Grow - ing
gain. Till the whole cre - a - tion prais - es Christ, whose



shared as one voice should: Keep us faith - ful, keep us
more than dai - ly food: Keep us faith - ful, keep us
strong like liv - ing wood: Keep us faith - ful, keep us
cross made all things good, Keep us faith - ful, keep us



joy - ful: Sing to - ge - ther, God, for good.
joy - ful: Feast to - ge - ther, God, for good.
joy - ful: Walk to - ge - ther, God, for good.
joy - ful: Live to - ge - ther, God, for good.

Words: Dock Anderson, b. 1966

Music: Nettleton, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II, 1813*

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

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 COLLECT *of the* DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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 • ISAIAH 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.
What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?
And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,

and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;
 I will also command the clouds
 that they rain no rain upon it.
 For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
 is the house of Israel,
 and the people of Judah
 are his pleasant planting;
 he expected justice,
 but saw bloodshed;
 righteousness,
 but heard a cry!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80:7-14 • QUI REGIS ISRAEL

Robert Knox Kennedy
 (b. 1945)

Sung by all.



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- 7 Restore us, O God of / hosts; *
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be / saved.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of / Egypt; *
 you cast out the nations and / planted it.
- 9 You prepared the / ground for it; *
 it took root and filled the / land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its / shadow *
 and the towering cedar trees by its / boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the / Sea *
 and its branches to the / River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its / wall, *
 so that all who pass by pluck off its / grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has / ravaged it, *
 and the beasts of the field have / grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
 behold and tend this / vine; *
 preserve what your right hand has / planted.

The SECOND LESSON • PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*The people
stand as able.*

HYMN 635 • *If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee*

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

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.

The GOSPEL • MATTHEW 21:33-46

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the

first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The SERMON • *The Reverend* T. Stewart Lucas • VICAR

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**

*The people
are seated.*

*The people
stand as able.*

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.*

The PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE & CONFESSION *of* SIN

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church:

That we all may be one.

Strengthen your Church in every place. Give us courage and joy to truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all ministers and pastoral caregivers; for our musicians, volunteers, vestry, and staff; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Guide the leaders of all nations in wisdom, humility, and compassion. Give them courage to protect the vulnerable and to seek the common good.

Shelter all who live amid war and all who flee their homes. Strengthen peacemakers, heal our divisions, and turn our hearts from violence;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to care for the earth you have entrusted to us. Help us protect its waters, restore its lands, and cherish every living thing. Guide us in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on the sick, the lonely, the anxious, the addicted, and all who lack food, shelter, or work. Sustain caregivers and those who bring aid in times of disaster, and uphold all who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Comfort all who mourn. Give us hope in the promise of resurrection. Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Give us grace to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to follow the good examples of all your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence is kept.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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.*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The people
are seated.*

The HOLY COMMUNION

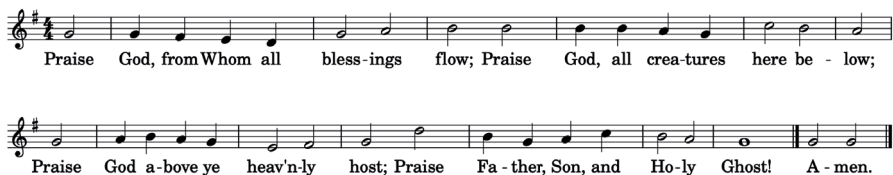
The OFFERTORY

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.

HYMN 324 • *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* • PICARDY

*The people
stand as able.*

PRESENTATION HYMN • *Doxology* • OLD 100TH



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 Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your children, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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 the Holy Innocents and 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

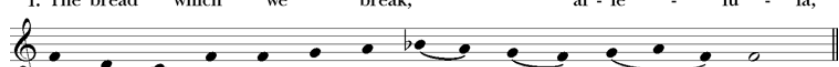


The dis-ci-ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

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.

ANTHEM • *Since 'By Man Came' Death* • GEORG FRIDERIC HANDEL

Since by man came death,
by man came also the resurrection of the dead
For as in Adam all die,
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

HYMN 325 • *Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees*

LET US BREAK BREAD

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 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.

*The people
stand as able.*

BLESSING

HYMN 598 • *Lord Christ, When First Thou Cam'st to Earth*

MIT FREUDEN ZART

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 • *Psalms 19* • BENEDETTO MARCELLO

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FRIENDS
of MUSIC

Joe Alterman *Jazz Trio*

October 24

7:00–8:30 PM

Bishop Commons



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If you have a pastoral emergency, please call the office and follow the prompts. You will be connected to the clergy person on-call.

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