



Holy Innocents'

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • OCTOBER 18, 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 Youth Parents

9:00 AM • FORMATION • Inglett Hall

10:15 AM • WORSHIP • Nave

1:00 PM • SPANISH-SPEAKING WORSHIP • Nave

6:00 PM • CONTEMPLATIVE SERVICE • 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.

CONGREGATIONAL REHEARSAL • *Jesus, Our Mighty Lord* • MONK'S GATE

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

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

The people's responses are in bold.

HYMN 408 • *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* MIT FREUDEN ZART

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

See next page.

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 • ISAIAH 45:1-7

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him--
and the gates shall not be closed:
I will go before you and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,

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.

I will give you the treasures of darkness
 and riches hidden in secret places,
 so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
 the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
 For the sake of my servant Jacob,
 and Israel my chosen,
 I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.
 I am the LORD, and there is no other;
 besides me there is no god.
 I arm you, though you do not know me,
 so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
 and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
 I am the LORD, and there is no other.
 I form light and create darkness,
 I make weal and create woe;
 I the LORD do all these things.
 The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sung by all.

PSALM 96:1-9 • CANTATE DOMINO

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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- 1 Sing to the LORD a new / song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole / earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his / Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to / day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the / nations *
and his wonders among all / peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be / praised; *
he is more to be feared than all / gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but / idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the / heavens.

- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his / presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his / sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the / peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and / power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his / Name; *
bring offerings and come into his / courts.

2nd half of chant

- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of / holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble be- / fore him.

The SECOND LESSON • 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*The people
stand as able.*

HYMN 478 • *Jesus, Our Mighty Lord* • MONK'S GATE

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 22:15-22

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

Glorify to you, Lord Christ.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*The people
are seated.*

The SERMON • *Angela Waddy-Bell* • SEMINARIAN

*The people
stand as able.*

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
 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 & CONFESSION *of* SIN

Let us pray for the Church and the world.

We pray for your Church, our bishops and clergy, and the people of Holy Innocents. Draw us together in Christ to serve you and share your love.

God of unity, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the leaders of the nations. Give them wisdom and courage to pursue peace, protect the vulnerable, and seek the common good.

God of wisdom, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the earth entrusted to our care. Help us cherish its beauty and use its resources wisely for generations to come.

God of creation, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our neighbors, especially those who hunger, lack shelter, or seek work. Open our hearts to their needs and gifts, that all may find welcome among us.

God of justice, **hear our prayer.**

*The people kneel or
remain standing.*

We give thanks for our time, talents, and resources. As we consider our pledges, guide us to give with gratitude and trust, sustaining the work you call us to do together.

God of abundance, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are sick, lonely, grieving, or afraid, and for those who care for them, especially those we now name either silently or aloud.

Silence.

Bring them comfort and healing, and help us bear one another's burdens.

God of comfort, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for friendship, forgiveness, and every joy that strengthens our life together.

God of joy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember those who have died, especially those we now name either silently or aloud.

Silence.

Receive them into your everlasting joy and comfort those who mourn.

God of everlasting life, **hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes:

Loving God, receive our prayers and the offerings of our lives. Make the gifts of each a blessing for all, and lead us together, for good; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.**

The Priest, stands and says

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

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.

ANTHEM • O For a Closer Walk with God

CHARLES VILLIERS STANFORD

O for a closer walk with God,
A calm and heavenly frame;
A light to shine upon the road
That leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy dove, return,
Sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,
Calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road
That leads me to the Lamb.

PRESENTATION HYMN • Doxology • OLD 100TH

*The people
stand as able.*



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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him 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 Lord 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 he 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 Lord 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 to your Son and his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

HYMN 689 • I Sought the Lord, and Afterward I Knew • FAITH

WLP 763 • *As We Gather at Your Table* • RAQUEL

1. As we gath - er at your
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to

Ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your Word, help us
wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life; send us

know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be
forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is

stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we
strife. Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for -

claim it as our own; teach us through this ho - ly
give as you for - gave; may we still be - hold your

ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
im - age in the world you died to save.

3. Gra - cious Spi - rit, help us

sum - mon oth - er guests to share that Feast where tri -

um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and

least. There no more will en - vy blind us nor will

pride our peace des - troy, as we join with saints and

an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

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.

BLESSING

HYMN • *Together For Good* • NETTLETON

See next page.

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 • *Trumpet Voluntary* • JOHN BENNETT

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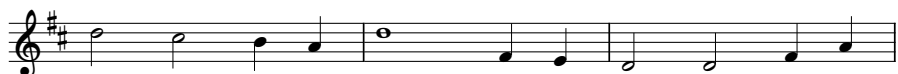
1. God, who spoke and light a - wak - ened, Who from dust made life a -
 2. Christ pre-pares the feast be - fore us, Bread once bro - ken, cup out -
 3. Spi - rit send us where com-pas - sion Waits be - side an - oth - er's
 4. Take the gifts your love has nur - tured, Shape them for your king-dom's



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*

Joe Alterman Jazz Trio



October 24 • 7:00–8:30 PM
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