



Holy Innocents'

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • OCTOBER 25, 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 • DONUTS • Bishop Commons
Provided by the Church

9:00 AM • FORMATION • Inglett Hall

10:15 AM • WORSHIP • Nave

11:30 AM • FALL FESTIVAL

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.

VOLUNTARY • *Little Prelude, F Major*

JOHANN ALBRECHTSBERGER

*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 • *Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness*

TON-Y-BOTEL

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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 • LEVITICUS 19:1-2,15-18

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

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.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sung by all.

PSALM 1 • BEATUS VIR QUI NON ABIIT

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the / wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the / scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the / LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and / night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not / wither; *
everything they do shall / prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the / wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows a- / way.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when / judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the / righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the / righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is / doomed.

The SECOND LESSON • 1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel,

even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 538 • *God of Mercy, God of Grace* • LUCERNA LAUDONIAE

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 people
stand as able.*

The GOSPEL • MATTHEW 22:34-46

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"?'"

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

*The people
are seated.*

*The people
stand as able.*

The SERMON • *The* Reverend Dr. Bill Murray • 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
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

*The people kneel or
remain standing.*

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.**

We give thanks for our time, talents, and resources. As we offer 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 people greet
one another in the
name of the Lord.*

The PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

*The people
are seated.*

WELCOME & 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.

ANTHEM • *Ubi caritas* • DOCK ANDERSON

Text

*Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exultemus, et in ipso iucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.*

Translation

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart

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

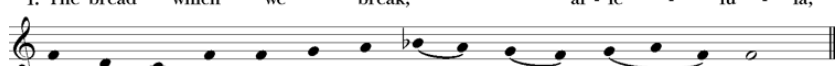


The dis-ci-ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

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 • Together For Good • NETTLETON



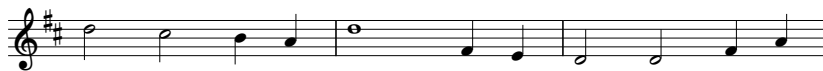
1. God, who spoke and light a - wak - ened, Who from dust made life a -
 2. Christ pre-pares the feast be - fore us, Bread once bro - ken, cup out -
 3. Spi - rit send us where compas - sion Waits be - side an - oth - er's
 4. Take the gifts your love has nur - tured, Shape them for your king-dom's



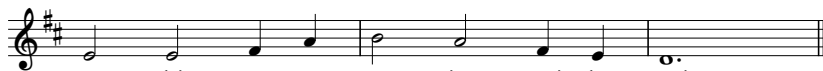
rise, Still you gath - er ev - ery peo - ple Un - der wide and wel - coming
 poured; At one ta - ble stran - gers, neigh - bors Find their wel - come in the
 pain; Teach us first to walk in kind - ness, Bear - ing loss and shar - ing
 reign; Make our com - mon life a wit - ness That your mer - cy lives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

WLP 750 • *So the Day Dawn for Me*

WILDRIDGE AND ST. CHARLES, QUEENSBOROUGH TERRACE

1. So the day dawn for me, so the day break,
2. Be the day shine for me, be the day bright,

Christ watch - ing o - ver me, Christ as I wake,
Christ my com - pan - ion be, Christ be my light. *to vs. 3*

3. Be the day day dark to me, be the day day drear,
4. Be the day day swift to me, be the day day long,

Christ shall my com - fort be, Christ be my cheer,
Christ my con - tent - ment be, Christ be my song. *to vs. 5*

5. So the day close for me, so the night fall,

Christ watch - ing o - ver me, Christ be my all.

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 610 • *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

BLAENHAFREN

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 • *Toccata* • DOCK ANDERSON

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Fall Festival

October 25 • 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

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