



# Holy Innocents'

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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PALM SUNDAY · MARCH 29, 2026 · 10:15 AM

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## 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.

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## 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

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8:45 AM · POTLUCK BRUNCH · Bishop Common

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10:15 AM · WORSHIP · Nave

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1:00 PM · SPANISH-SPEAKING WORSHIP · Nave

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6:00 PM · CELTIC-STYLE WORSHIP · Christ Chapel

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## 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 gather  
outside the main  
entrance.*

*The people's  
responses are in bold.*

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## *The* LITURGY *of the* PALMS

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord

**Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Let us pray. Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *The* GOSPEL • MATTHEW 21:1-11

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble, and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we

who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Let us go forth in peace.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**HYMN 154 • All Glory, Laud, & Honor • VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN**

*The people follow the choir into the church.*

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King!  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing thee on high;  
3 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
4 To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;  
5 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Repeat Refrain*

1 who in the Lord's Name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
2 and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re - ply.  
3 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
4 to thee, now high ex - al - ted, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
5 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.

## *The* COLLECT of the DAY

The Lord be with you.

### **And also with you.**

Let us pray. Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people  
are seated.*

*After the anthem,  
children ages Pre-K  
through fifth grade  
are invited to follow  
the small wooden  
cross to attend  
Children's Chapel.*

*The children will  
return during  
the peace.*

## CHILDREN'S ANTHEM • *Into Jerusalem*

A. STEVEN TARANTO • NATALIE BOEHNLEIN, DIRECTOR

Into Jerusalem Jesus came, those around him shouted his name;  
Humbly he rode on a donkey colt to fulfill the promise of long ago.

### *Refrain*

Hosanna, hosanna,  
blessed is he who reigns forever the King of kings!  
Hosanna, hosanna,  
blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Crowds of people gathered 'round,  
spreading cloaks upon the ground;  
Waving the palm branches that were near,  
and praising their King with songs of cheer.      *Refrain*

## *The* FIRST LESSON • ISAIAH 50:4-9A

The LORD God has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.  
The LORD God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.  
I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.  
The LORD God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
It is the LORD God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

MUSIC • *A Festive Intrada* • C. DOBRINSKI • THE BELL CHOIR

*The* SECOND LESSON • PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death--  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The people  
stand as able.*

## HYMN 436 • *Lift Up Your Heads* • TRURO

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the  
2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the  
3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is  
2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and  
3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.  
2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!  
3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.

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

*The people  
are seated.*

## PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

Simon from Cyrene was forced to carry the cross for your Son. Give us grace to lift heavy loads off those we meet and to put ourselves with those condemned to die.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Your Son watched the soldiers gamble to share his clothes. Look with your forgiveness on those who make a profit from their victims, and on those whose hearts hardened by their work.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

The thief looked for a part in the coming of your kingdom, and received your Son's words of hope and comfort. Give hope and reconciliation, healing and peace to all who are in need.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

In Mary and John your Son created a new family at the cross. Fill our relationships, and those of new families today, with mutual care and responsibility. We give thanks for Jane Elizabeth and Julia Foster who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. Give us a secure hope for the future.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

The centurion was astonished to see your glory in the crucified Messiah. Open the eyes of those who are not yet your people to see in your Son the meaning of life and death.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Joseph of Arimathea came to take your Son's body away. We give thanks for those who have died. Give gentleness, hope and faith to all who minister to the dying and bereaved, and courage to those whose faith is secret.

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Simon and Joseph, Mary and John became part of your Church in Jerusalem. May your Church today be filled with such different people, united by the cross, and celebrating our unity in your Son with all your saints in glory.

Lord, of the Church, hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**God of all mercy,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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

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# The HOLY COMMUNION

## The OFFERTORY

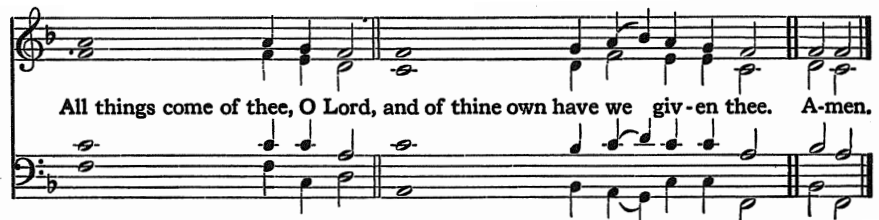
*At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give. An offering is received to support Holy Innocents' ministry of sharing God's love. All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed or online with QR code on page one.*

## ANTHEM • Hosanna! • C. GREGOR

NATALIE BOEHNLEIN, RHONDA HILLS, TARA JEAN-LOUIS

*The people  
stand as able.*

## At the PRESENTATION



All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we giv-en thee. A-men.

## The GREAT THANKSGIVING • EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; who by his suffering and death became the author of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

## SANCTUS + S 114 • WILLAN

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -  
ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

**AMEN.**

And now as our Savior Christ hath 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. Then is sung,*

# AGNUS DEI • S 158 • WILLAN

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
on us. O Lamb of God, that  
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
world, grant us thy peace.

## *The* PRAYER of HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

## 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 • *Largo* • G. F. HANDEL • THE BELL CHOIR

ANTHEM • *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* • GILBERT MARTIN

## 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

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we most heartily thank thee  
for that thou dost feed us,  
in these holy mysteries,  
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood  
of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us;  
and that we are very members incorporate  
in the mystical body of thy Son,  
the blessed company of all faithful people;  
and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.  
And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father,  
so to assist us with thy grace,  
that we may continue in that holy fellowship,  
and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

*The people are seated  
until the verse which  
mentions the arrival  
at Golgotha.*

## THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

*The people read the lines in bold.*

Matthew Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,  
Pilate Are you the King of the Jews?  
Matthew Jesus said,  
Jesus You say so.  
Matthew But when he was accused by the chief priest and elders, he did not  
answer. Then Pilate said to him,  
Pilate Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?  
Matthew But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the  
governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was  
accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they  
wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus  
Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,  
Pilate Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus  
who is called the Messiah?  
Matthew For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.  
While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,  
Pilate's wife Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have  
suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.  
Matthew Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for  
Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,  
Pilate Which of the two do you want me to release for you?  
Matthew And they said,  
Congregation **Barabbas.**  
Matthew Pilate said to them,  
Pilate Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?  
Matthew All of them said,  
Congregation **Let him be crucified!**  
Matthew Then he asked,  
Pilate Why, what evil has he done?

Matthew But they shouted all the more

Congregation **Let him be crucified!**

Matthew So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

Pilate I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.

Matthew Then the people as a whole answered,

Congregation **His blood be on us and on our children!**

Matthew So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

Congregation **Hail, King of the Jews!**

Matthew They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

*The people stand.*

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Congregation **You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.**

Matthew In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

Congregation **He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'**

Matthew The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

Jesus *Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*

Matthew That is,

My God, my God why have you forsaken me?

When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Congregation **This man is calling for Elijah.**

Matthew At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

Congregation **Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.**

Matthew Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

Centurion Truly this man was God's Son!

Matthew Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

Congregation

**"Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first."**

Matthew

Pilate said to them,

Pilate

You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.

Matthew

So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

*The people depart in silence.*

# Holy Week and Easter

## HOLY MONDAY + *March 30*

### CHRIST CHAPEL, 6:00 PM

After the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Jesus visited the home of Lazarus and his sisters, Mary and Martha. In the Gospel of John, Mary anoints Jesus' feet with a costly ointment.

## HOLY TUESDAY + *March 31*

### WOMEN OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS, 6:00 PM

In a conversation with some Greeks or Gentiles recorded in the Gospel of John, Jesus predicts his crucifixion. We mark this night by walking the way of the cross through the eyes of women. This service concludes with communion in Christ Chapel.

## HOLY WEDNESDAY + *April 1*

### VENTULETT GALLERY, 6:00 PM

This new contemplative experience is a prayerful way of engaging with artwork. Rather than asking whether we like a piece of art, we listen for how it moves or challenges us, trusting that the Holy Spirit works through what we see and feel. We will gather with the exhibit by artist Vitoria Phillips for guided prayer using art as our sacred text for a Stations of the Cross meditation ending with Holy Eucharist.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY + *April 2*

### AGAPE FAMILY DINNER, 6:00 PM

This special evening invites all ages to gather around the table for food, fellowship, and reflection. A catered Mediterranean dinner will be served. \$10 per adult; children and youth eat free.

We will share stories, scripture, and prayers to mark the institution of the Last Supper and reflect on Jesus' commandment to love one another. Following dinner, our children will help lead us in a solemn and meaningful time of the Stripping of the Altar.

Middle and high school students are invited to stay for an overnight Lock-in, continuing in community as we keep watch in the spirit of Maundy Thursday. We remember Jesus asking his disciples to stay awake and pray with him in the Garden of Gethsemane.

## VIGIL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT + *April 2*

### ALL NIGHT UNTIL APRIL 3, 10:00 AM

The reserve sacrament is taken to Christ Chapel, which is decorated as a garden. Come and watch with the Lord and spend time in prayer anytime through the night until the vigil ends with a brief service of Morning Prayer at 10:00 am in Christ Chapel.

## GOOD FRIDAY + *April 3*

### LITURGY AND LOVEFEAST IN THE NAVE, 12:00 PM

We cannot celebrate Easter without first walking through the Passion of Christ. We will gather in the Nave for a service of word and music in the Moravian tradition known as a Lovefeast. Through scripture, choral music with a guest string quartet, and a simple sharing of sweet rolls and beverages, we will reflect prayerfully on the sacrifice and love of Christ in a spirit of reverence and contemplation.

## EASTER VIGIL + *April 4*

### NAVE, 8:00 PM

Perhaps the most triumphant and joyful service of the year, this service marks the moment when Jesus was raised from the dead to bring new life to the world. The Vigil begins in the Memorial Garden in darkness with a kindling of the new Paschal fire and moves into the Nave. With choir, organ, chanting, incense, readings, and Holy Eucharist, we celebrate the defeat of death and the promise of new life.

## EASTER DAY + *April 5*

### 8:00 AM + HOLY EUCHARIST + CHRIST CHAPEL

### 9:30 AM + EASTER EGG HUNT + PLAYGROUND

### 10:15 AM + HOLY EUCHARIST + NAVE

### 11:30 AM + YOUTH EGG HUNT + PLAYGROUND

### 1:00 PM + SPANISH SERVICE + NAVE

### 6:00 PM + CELTIC SERVICE + CHRIST CHAPEL

The Church celebrates Christ's joyful resurrection as a community at our regularly scheduled services with singing, prayers, preaching, and praise. We celebrate with organ, choir, brass, and timpani, and a beautifully decorated church. The 10:15 AM service will be live-streamed.

The palms are given to the glory of God and in memory of  
*Jim Spencer* by Maidee Spencer.

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## GROUPS

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### Prayer Shawl

APRIL 7, 7:00-8:30 PM

Join us in the Parlor as we knit and crochet shawls for those in need; but bring any project – needlepoint, cross-stitch, even mending – and enjoy fellowship while you work. **Contact:** Cammie Ives ([cammieives@gmail.com](mailto:cammieives@gmail.com))

### Men's Third Friday Breakfast

APRIL 17, 7:30-8:30 AM

Enjoy warm hospitality, engaging discussions, and a fresh breakfast in the Frost Youth Center. Come for the conversation and stay for the fellowship.

**Contact:** Charles Crosby ([charles@corepm.net](mailto:charles@corepm.net))

### Women of HI: Spring Dinner

APRIL 23, 6:00 PM

We are honored to welcome Peggy Whitlow Ratcliffe, Founder and Executive Director of Live Thrive, as our guest speaker. Peggy's story is an entrepreneurial journey—she saw a need in our community and quite literally filled it in tons. She founded Live Thrive and launched CHaRM (Center for Hard to Recycle Materials), which has since diverted millions of pounds of waste from landfills and waterways. Her work beautifully connects with the spirit of Earth Day, reminding us of our shared calling to care for and steward our environment.

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## BOOK CLUBS

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### Bucket List Book Club

APRIL 7, 1:00 PM

This co-ed group is reading *Three Men In A Boat* by Jerome K Jerome. We'll meet at 1:00 pm in the Parlor room. **Contact:** Audrey Sumner ([audreysum4833@gmail.com](mailto:audreysum4833@gmail.com))

### Reading Connections

APRIL 13, 6:00 PM • INGLETT HALL C

This month's book is *March* by Geraldine Brooks. The meeting begins with light refreshments and the book discussion begins at 6:30 PM. **Contact:** Michelle Driscoll ([dris1296@yahoo.com](mailto:dris1296@yahoo.com))

### Men's Dinner and a Book

MARCH 10, 6:30 PM

The book is *Mattering: The Secret to a Life of Deep Connection and Purpose* by Jennifer Wallace. Kevin Nuffer is hosting. **Contact:** Jeremy Webber ([jhwwebber@gmail.com](mailto:jhwwebber@gmail.com))

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## CHILDREN & YOUTH

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### Easter Egg Hunt

APRIL 5, 9:30 AM

The hunt is on! Children are invited to bring a basket and gather near the entrance to the playground behind the church. Kids will hunt for eggs in age-specific groups. After the hunt, everyone is welcome to head inside for

refreshments, and children can gather to open their eggs together before worship begins at 10:15 AM.

## Youth Easter Egg Hunt

APRIL 5, 11:30 AM

Easter isn't just for the little kids! All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for a Youth Easter Egg Hunt immediately after worship on Easter Sunday. We will meet on the playground to find some prizes like gift cards, squishes, and more. This hunt won't take long, but will help make Easter extra special for our older students.

## Youth Group

APRIL 12, 4:00-6:00 PM

All 6th-12th graders are invited to Paint War Night on April 12 from 4:00-6:00 PM. We'll head outside for an epic battle full of color, chaos, and fun you won't forget. Wear clothes you don't mind getting paint on, and bring a friend! Let's make it a night to remember!

**Contact:** Megan Atkinson ([matkinson@holynnocents.org](mailto:matkinson@holynnocents.org))

## Egg Hiders Needed

APRIL 5, 8:30 AM

Come be involved in one of our most treasured traditions. If you are available Easter morning to help hide eggs on the playground, please **contact:** Renee Stephens ([rstephens@holynnocents.org](mailto:rstephens@holynnocents.org))

## Children's Service Opportunity

APRIL 15

Holy Innocents' Children's Ministry will be providing and serving dinner for 130 students at Agape which is a local Youth & Family Center that empowers children from under-served families. Agape provides after-school academic support, development programs, and dinner for

approximately 200 children every school night throughout the year. We are pleased to be able to join in that effort and allow this great opportunity for children to experience the joy of giving back to our community. Volunteer spots are limited and open to children 3rd- 5th grade and their families.

## GLOW

MAY 6, 6:00-7:00 PM

We will celebrate Easter with a fun scavenger hunt, sweet treats and a special craft. This is our last meeting before summer break so mark your calendars and join us for a fun evening! For kids ages PreK-5th grade.

All ages are invited to gather for dinner at 5:30 PM. After dinner, kids will head to GLOW while parents are welcome to stay for wine and conversation. Friends are always welcome!

**Contact:** Renee Stephens ([rstephens@holynnocents.org](mailto:rstephens@holynnocents.org))

## VBS 2026: Knights of the North Castle

JUNE 1-5, 9:00 AM-12:15 PM

Join us for an unforgettable week at VBS! Children will step into a world of courage, faith, and fun as they learn what it means to "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power" (Ephesians 6:10). Through exciting Bible stories, music, crafts, games, and fellowship, campers will discover the Armor of Faith and how God equips us to stand strong in every season of life. Optional aftercare is available until 3:30 PM for families who need a longer day of fun and supervision.

The week will conclude with campers sharing their VBS song during the 10:15 AM service on Sunday, June 7. Families are warmly invited to stay after the service for a picnic lunch as we celebrate a wonderful week together!

Cost: \$85 per camper, \$85 additional for aftercare.

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